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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**February 20, 2015**

**Thirty-second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:04 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Stevens was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, Reverend Bobby Lewis, The New Light Baptist Church of Greater New York. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"God Bless America"

God bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam.  
God bless America, my home sweet home.  
(Irving Berlin)

Amen.

Senator Micciche led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirtieth and thirty-first legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated February 19 was read stating in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution, and Alaska Statute 31.25.020, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment as set out below:

**Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board of Directors**

Richard Halford – Eagle River

Appointed: 2/19/2015                      Term Expires: 9/13/2016

Joseph Paskvan – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/19/2015                      Term Expires: 9/13/2015

Hugh Short – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/19/2015                      Term Expires: 9/13/2016

The appointments were referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

**Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Film Office Annual Report  
from Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner  
Department of Revenue  
in accordance with AS 44.25.105(a)

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 5**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 5 "An Act relating to loss of income and valuing property for orders of restitution." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Stevens, Giessel, Meyer, Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Law

President Meyer added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary, then Finance Committees.

#### **SJR 7**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Supporting the construction by American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., of an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in the nation's capital. Signing do pass: Senator Stoltze, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Coghill, Huggins, McGuire.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 57**

SENATE BILL NO. 57 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the development of state emission standards in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy and the Resources Committee.

#### **SB 58**

SENATE BILL NO. 58 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to workers' compensation and transportation network companies; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and State Affairs Committee.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Honoring - Kodiak High School Boys Cross Country Team 2014 State Champions

Senator(s) Stevens, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Patricia Williams

Senator(s) Giessel, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Renn Tolman

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Juanita Agnes (Perez) Stanley

Representative(s) Ortiz

Senator(s) Stedman, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stevens, Wielechowski

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Unfinished Business****Select Committee on Legislative Ethics - Confirmation**

Senator Coghill moved that Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr. be confirmed as public members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics (page 103).

The question being: "Shall Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr. be confirmed as Public Members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:  
#AKS00024 02-20-2015 10:15:54

Shall Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr.  
be Confirmed as Public Members to the  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Excused: Stevens  
#AKS00024 END

and so, Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker, Jr. were confirmed by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 23 through evening plane time, February 25. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 23. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 23, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Feb 24      Tuesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 26      Thursday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**EDUCATION**

**Feb 24      Tuesday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
+    SJR 2    CONST. AM: G.O. BONDS FOR STUDENT LOANS  
+    Presentation: Alaska Performance Scholarship Program  
Alaska Education Grant Program  
Diane Barrans, Director, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Commission

**Feb 26      Thursday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
+    SCR 1    CIVICS EDUCATION TASK FORCE  
+    Presentation: Secondary School Boarding Stipend Program  
Elizabeth Nudelman, Director, School Finance, DEED  
District Operated Residential Schools  
(Variable Length and 180-day Term Programs)  
Various School Districts  
Mt. Edgecumbe High School  
Bill Hutton, Superintendent

**FINANCE**

<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: FY16 Budget Amendments Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 27	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS Departments: Fish and Game, Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Department of Fish and Game <Above Agenda Item Rescheduled to 02/25/14> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 6	ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME		
+ SB 46	MUNI BOND BANK LOANS TO REG HEALTH ORGS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 30	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES <Pending Referral>		
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 27	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS Departments: Corrections, Public Safety, and Law Department of Fish and Game <Above Agenda Item Rescheduled from 02/23/14> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+			
<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Juneau Access and KABATA Administrative Order 271 Commissioner-Designee Marc Luiken, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities		
+	Presentation: Ambler Road Mark Davis, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority - via teleconference Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Meeting Postponed to 2/25/15 -- Medicaid Expansion Presentation given by DHSS Commissioner Valerie Davidson -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Rescheduled from 02/23/15 -- -- Pending Waiver of Uniform Rule 23 -- Medicaid Expansion Presentation given by DHSS Commissioner Valerie Davidson -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>+= SB 30</b>	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES -- Testimony < Invited and Public > --		
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>+</b>	Confirmation of Governor's Appointments: Dr. George Brown - Violent Crimes Compensation Board Kathryn Dodge - State Commission for Human Rights Lester Luncford - State Commission for Human Rights		
<b>+ SB 21</b>	AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO PROSTITUTION -- Invited and Public Testimony --		
<b>+</b>	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>+</b>	CRIME SUMMIT -- Invited and Public Testimony --		

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Feb 27 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 51 UNIFORM INTER.CHILD SUPPORT;PARENTAGE  
 + SB 49 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND  
 -- Invited and Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 24 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Board and Commission Appointees:  
 Alaska Workers' Compensation Board  
 Board of Certified Real Estate Board  
 Board of Massage Therapists  
 State Medical Board  
 Board of Examiners in Optometry  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 15 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUM TAX  
 + SB 47 LIFE INSURANCE/ANNUITY EXEMPTIONS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES**

**Feb 20 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + SJR 13 OCS OIL & GAS EXPLORATION/DEVELOPMENT  
 Exploration and Drilling  
 + Confirmation on Governor's Appointees:  
 Board of Fish: Dr. Roland Maw  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 23 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointees:  
 Board of Game - Kip Fanning, Teresa Sager Albaugh  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --

**RESOURCES (continued)**

<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+	Joint Hearing with House Resources Committee Overview on the Mining Industry in Alaska -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Overview of Extraction Industry in Alaska: Anchorage Economic Development Corporation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearings: Rebecca Hamon, Alaska Police Standards Council Gustaf Sandahl, Alaska Police Standards Council		
+	HJR 13	RETAIN ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA -- Public Testimony -- Bills/Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled	
<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearing: Sheldon Fisher, Department of Administration Commissioner -- Public Testimony -- "Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of Ballot Measure No. 2 (J3PSUM)" Kevin Anselm, Director, Division of Banking & Securities, DCCED Lori Wing-Heier, Director, Division of Insurance DCCED		
+	SB 9	ELECTION PAMPHLETS Bills/Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled	

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Feb 26</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> Dalton Highway - Informational Hearing with the Department of Transportation and Industry Representatives Discussing the Conditions and Needs on the Dalton Highway Additional Departments May be Added to the Agenda -----	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Commerce, Community & Economic Development	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Commerce, Community & Economic Development	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Closeout -----	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>

**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Military & Veterans Affairs	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Closeout -----	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Department of Public Safety	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
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**PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)**

**Mar 19      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Department of Public Safety

**Mar 26      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC**

**Feb 26      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              11:15 AM**  
 + Presentation: "Managing the Arctic Maritime  
 Domain through Available Technology"  
 Ed Page, Executive Director of the Marine  
 Exchange of Alaska  
 -- Invited and Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Feb 26      Thursday                      Barnes 124              3:30 PM**  
 Audits  
 Alaska State Legislature Financial Statements  
 and Audit Report  
 Executive Session  
 Statewide Single Audit FY14 Preliminary  
 Other Committee Business  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 30      Monday                      Barnes 124              7:30 AM**  
 Audits - Executive Session: Statewide Single  
 Audit FY14 Final  
 Other Committee Business  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		