

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**April 28, 2015**

**First Day**

Pursuant to the April 27 Proclamation of the Governor calling for the convening of the First Special Session of the Twenty-Ninth Alaska Legislature, the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:08 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Romo Marasigan. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,

Please bless us today. Give us a glimpse of your infinite wisdom. Watch over us and our families and keep us safe. Amen.

Senator McGuire led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Messages from the Governor**

Executive Proclamation

Under the authority of Article II, Section 9, and Article III, Section 17, of the Alaska Constitution, and in the public interest, I call the Twenty-Ninth Legislature of the State of Alaska into its first special session at Juneau, Alaska, in the legislative chambers, on April 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. to consider the passage of bills on the following subjects:

1. House Bill 44 - Sexual Abuse/Sexual Assault Prevention Programs, previously under consideration by the Senate and the House of Representatives during the first regular session;
2. House Bill 148 - Medicaid Assistance Coverage; Reform, previously under consideration by the Senate and the House of Representatives during the first regular session;
3. An act making and amending appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of State government, and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, making capital appropriations, and making appropriations under Article IX, Section 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve sufficient to address the financial needs of the State for the remainder of fiscal year 2015 and for fiscal year 2016.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2015. Time: 8:12 p.m.

/s/

Bill Walker  
Governor

#### **Recess**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:11 a.m.

#### **After Recess**

The Senate reconvened at 5:21 p.m.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate return to certification of the journal. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

#### **Certification**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the ninety-eighth legislative day of the First Session be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the House****HB 105**

Message dated April 27 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) "An Act relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; relating to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; amending and repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of the Sweetheart Lake hydroelectric project; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of rebuilding transmission between the Hope substation and Portage, rebuilding transmission between Powerline Pass to Indian, and the Eklutna hydroelectric transmission system upgrade project; relating to legislative approval for loans from the power project fund to the City of King Cove; and providing for an effective date" thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 105(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the programs  
and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and  
Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial  
Development and Export Authority sustainable  
energy transmission and supply development fund;  
repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska  
Industrial Development and Export Authority;  
amending the definition of 'qualified energy  
development'; relating to the financing authorization  
through the Alaska Industrial Development and  
Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas  
production plant and natural gas energy projects and

distribution systems in the state; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; and providing for an effective date." (Title Change SCR 18)

**SCR 18**

Message dated April 27 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 105, relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund; requiring the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to deliver to the legislature reports relating to the Interior energy project; relating to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; amending and repealing bond authorizations granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of the Sweetheart Lake hydroelectric project; authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds to finance the infrastructure and construction costs of rebuilding transmission between the Hope substation and Portage, rebuilding transmission between Powerline Pass to Indian, and the Eklutna hydroelectric transmission system upgrade project; and relating to legislative approval for loans from the power project fund to the City of King Cove.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 1001**

SENATE BILL NO. 1001 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, making reappropriations, making capital appropriations, and making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated April 28:

Dear President Meyer:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the first special session 2016 operating budget and constitutional budget reserve appropriations.

Like many Alaskans, I was disappointed that the Legislature adjourned yesterday with a spending plan that runs out of money partway through the year and fails to provide adequate funding for education and health care coverage for 42,000 Alaskans. Therefore, I am introducing a bill to fully fund State government. In short, the Legislature needs to reconsider the operating budget and pass a bill to address critical needs and fund those needs for a full year.

My administration is focused on healthy Alaskans and a healthy economy. A partially funded budget that runs out of money mid-year does not provide for the health of Alaskans, and creates uncertainty for businesses, school districts, and families.

My budget bill does this by accepting nearly all of the legislative actions throughout the session, but addresses areas where the cuts were too damaging. My bill would reduce State spending – \$388 million in operating reductions and \$486 million in capital spending. This bill adds \$55 million in operating spending and a total of \$94 million in added State funding, a 1.4 percent increase from the unfunded budget. My bill also restores funding for the education K-12 formula, partially restores crippling cuts to the Alaska Marine Highway System, Health and Social Services, and the University; honors union contracts; includes Medicaid expansion and the associated State savings, \$6.6 million of State general fund savings in fiscal year 2016; includes funding for North Slope gas commercialization; partially restores Trooper aircraft reductions; and restores the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault program funding.

With this bill, we can continue to move the State forward in a responsible manner. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bill Walker  
Governor

#### **Announcements**

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

#### **Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 1:00 p.m., April 29, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

- + indicates teleconference
- = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

**Apr 29      Wednesday      Senate Finance 532      1:30 PM**  
 + SB1001 APPROP: OPER. BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS/AM APPRO  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**May 08      Friday      Anch Lio Conf Rm      10:00 AM**  
 Special Audit Requests  
 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Preliminary Audits & Follow  
 Up Review  
 Other Committee Business  
 Subcommittee Executive Session - Dept. of  
 Education & Early Development Performance Review  
 Scope (Will Convene Immediately Following  
 Adjournment of the Regular Meeting)

**May 13      Wednesday      Anch Lio Conf Rm      3:00 PM**  
 + Dept. of Health & Social Services Performance  
 Review - Public Input  
 -- Anchorage and Statewide Testimony --  
 Public Comment on the Performance of the Dept.  
 of Health & Social Services in the Delivery of  
 Its Behavioral Health & Long-Term Care Services  
 & on the Department's Overall Organizational &  
 Administrative Structure  
 -- Testimony <Time Limited to 3 min> --

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT (continued)**

**May 14**      **Thursday**                      **Fbx Lio Conf Rm**              **10:00 AM**  
+              Dept. of Health & Social Services Performance  
                 Review - Public Input  
                 -- Fairbanks Testimony --  
                 Public Comment on the Performance of the Dept.  
                 of Health & Social Services in the Delivery of  
                 Its Behavioral Health & Long-Term Care Services  
                 & on the Department's Overall Organizational &  
                 Administrative Structure  
                 -- Testimony <Time Limited to 3 min> --