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Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Hoffman was excused from a call of the Senate today. Senator Olson was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Gordon Blue, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Eternal God, Fountain of Wisdom,
it has pleased you to provide abundantly for us
from this Great Land.

It has pleased you to make us to be many peoples,
But of one blood,
You have given us the strength of many cultures.

Spirit of justice, creator Spirit;
help this Senate to preserve our many cultures,
and bring us also to be of one mind.

We give you thanks and praise
for this Great Land, and for what has been achieved
by past Legislatures.

Have mercy, "Let your loving-kindness,
O Lord, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you."
(Psalm 33:22)

God, you know better than we
the temptations that will bring us down. Protect us
and guide our feet into the way of peace.

May you be with these Senators, who have been
called by the people. Give them strength to bear their
own and one another's burdens. Bless them so that
they may bring blessings upon the future generations
of Alaska. Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Olson be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eleventh through thirteen legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Court System
Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
Annual Report to the Alaska State Legislature
February 1, 2016
in accordance with AS 44.19.647

Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Water
Alaska Drinking Water and Alaska Clean Water
Annual Loan Funds Report 2015
in accordance with AS 37.05.035

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 114**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 114 BY
SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, the earnings of the Alaska permanent fund, and the earnings reserve account; relating to the mental health trust fund; relating to deposits into the dividend fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 165

SENATE BILL NO. 165 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the presence of minors in the licensed premises of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to the offense of minor consuming; relating to revocation of a driver's license for a minor consuming offense; relating to the effect of the revocation of a driver's license for a minor consuming offense on a motor vehicle liability insurance policy; and amending Rule 17, Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

SB 166

SENATE BILL NO. 166 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to the controlled substance prescription database; relating to the Board of Dental Examiners; relating to the State Medical Board; relating to the Board of Nursing; relating to the Board of Examiners in Optometry; relating to the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Patrick M. Coullahan

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

Honoring - The Alaska Trappers Association

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

Honoring - Dr. Lawson W. Brigham 2015 Recipient Honorary Member Polar Medal

Representative(s) Herron

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

Honoring - Barbara Nore

Representative(s) Wilson

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

In Memoriam - William Jonathan Lyon

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

In Memoriam - Thorvold L. Olsen

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 Ellen Simeonoff

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 - Charles "Bud" Cassidy

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

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

Senator MacKinnon moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 19 through morning plane time, February 22; and from afternoon plane time, February 26 through evening plane time February 28. Without objection, Senator MacKinnon was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that President Meyer be excused from a call of the Senate from 1:50 p.m. plane time, February 5 through 9:33 p.m. plane time, February 7. Without objection, Senator Meyer 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 3, 2016. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

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|---------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Feb 02 | Tuesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

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| Feb 04 | Thursday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

EDUCATION

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| Feb 02 | Tuesday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

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| Feb 04 | Thursday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

FINANCE

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|---------------|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| Feb 01 | Monday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: FY16 Unallocated and Position Reductions | | |
| | Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget | | |

FINANCE (continued)

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| Feb 02 | Tuesday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: New Sustainable Alaska Plan | | |
| | Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget | | |
| | Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner, Department of Revenue | | |
| + | SB 138 | BUDGET: CAPITAL | |
| + | SB 139 | APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS | |
| += | SB 140 | APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET | |
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| Feb 03 | Wednesday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: New Sustainable Alaska Plan | | |
| | Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget | | |
| | Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner, Department of Revenue | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
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| Feb 04 | Thursday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: State Debt and Credit Rating | | |
| | Deven Mitchell, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
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| Feb 05 | Friday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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|---------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Feb 01 | Monday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
| + | SB 124 | EXTEND SUNSET ON AK COMMISSION ON AGING | |
| + | SB 151 | DHSS CENT. REGISTRY; LICNSE;BCKGROUND CHK | |
| += | SB 72 | DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS FOR PATIENTS | |
| += | SB 145 | DAY CARE ASSISTANCE & CHILD CARE GRANTS | |
| += | SB 147 | SENIOR BENEFITS PROG. ELIGIBILITY | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| += | SB 98 | PRESCRIPTION WITHOUT PHYS. EXAM. | |
| += | SB 55 | OPTOMETRY & OPTOMETRISTS | |

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 03 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 05 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 01 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Cathleen McLaughlin, Director, Partners for
 Progress Reentry Center
 Overview: No-Cost and Cost-Bending Ways to
 Improve Community Reentry and Reduce Recidivism

+ SB 157 AMUSEMENT DEVICES & GAMBLING DEFINITION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ = SB 41 PSYCHOLOGIST & ASSOC CRIM HISTORY CHECKS
 -- Testimony <Invited & Public> --

Feb 03 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Chief Justice Nominations:
 Public Members to the Select Committee on
 Legislative Ethics

+ HB 93 PROBATION AND PAROLE: WORK, TRAVEL ACCOM.
 + = SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES
 + = SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION
 + = SB 157 AMUSEMENT DEVICES & GAMBLING DEFINITION
 -- Testimony <Invited & Public> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 05 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 02 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 125 LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF AGDC BOARD
 + SB 148 EMPLOYER REPORT OF WORKPLACE INJURY/DEATH
 + Presentation: Department of Labor and
 Workforce Development

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Public Testimony --

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 04 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 104 PERSON W/DISABILITY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
 + SB 141 E-CIGS: SALE TO AND POSSESSION BY MINOR
 + SB 142 INSURANCE FOR ANTI-CANCER MEDICATION
 + SB 158 REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSURE REQS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Public Testimony --

RESOURCES

Feb 01 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Overview on Salmon Genetics
 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, NOAA
 Fisheries
 + Overview: Fiscal Effects of Commercial
 Fishing, Mining and Tourism
 Bob Loeffler, Institute of Social and Economic
 Research, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Feb 03 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HB 115 AK SOVEREIGNTY;US TRANSFER LAND TO ALASKA
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 137 ELCTRNC TAX RETURN;MINING LIC. TAX & FEES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 05 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 02 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 128 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS
 + Continuation of Presentation by Governor's
 Administration
 Commissioner Randall Hoffbeck & Attorney General
 Craig Richards
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Feb 04 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 128 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 114 DEPOSITS INTO THE DIVIDEND FUND
 + Presentation by Sponsor
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 04 Thursday Butrovich 205 5:30 PM
 += SB 128 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS
 -- Public Testimony --
 Initial Statewide Public Testimony
 -- Public Testimony Limited to 2 Minutes --
 Please Go to and Sign-in at Your Local LIO
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 Off-Net Participation Arrangements Must be made
 Through the Chair's Office Prior to Hearing
 Contact Chair's Office by Phone at 907-465-4958
 For Approval
 Public Testimony can be Submitted in Writing by
 Email: senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov
 or by Fax: 907-465-4928
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 02 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 04 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 92 PROHIBIT DAYLIGHT MANDATORY HEADLIGHT USE
 += SB 132 ELECTRONIC TAX RETURNS & MOTOR FUEL TAX

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

Feb 04 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 Budget Overview

CORRECTIONS

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| Feb 09 | Tuesday Budget Overview | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:00 PM |
| Feb 18 | Thursday Changes and Revisions | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:00 PM |
| Mar 01 | Tuesday Final Closeout | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:00 PM |

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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| Feb 05 | Friday Department of Health & Social Services Division of Public Assistance | Butrovich 205 | 11:00 AM |
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LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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| Feb 04 | Thursday Budget Overview | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:00 PM |
| Feb 16 | Tuesday Changes and Revisions | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:00 PM |
| Feb 25 | Thursday Final Closeout | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:00 PM |

MEDICAID REFORM

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| Feb 01 | Monday | Senate Finance 532 | 1:30 PM |
| + | SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES | | |
| + | SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM | | |
| + | Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services | | |

MEDICAID REFORM (continued)

Feb 03 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES
 + SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM
 + Presentation: Assessment of Medicaid Expansion
 and Reform
 Joel Menges, CEO, The Menges Group
 Emily Ricci, Consultant

Feb 05 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES
 + SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM
 + Presentation: Recommended Medicaid Redesign &
 Expansion Strategies for Alaska
 Thea Agnew Bemben, Agnew::Beck
 Nora Leibowitz, Health Management Associates
 Susan Pantely, Milliman, Inc.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 02 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
 Budget Overview

Feb 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
 Changes and Revisions

Feb 23 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
 Final Closeout

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 02 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 Budget Overview

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 04 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM
 Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
 Aviation & Airports

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Feb 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + AGENDA:
 Lieutenant General Russel J. Handy, U.S.
 Air Force; Commander, Alaska Command
 U.S. Northern Command
 Major General Bryan Owens, U.S. Army
 Commanding General, U.S. Army Alaska
 Commissioner Laurie Hummel, Col. (R) U.S. Army
 Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard
 and Commissioner of the Alaska Department of
 Military & Veterans Affairs
 Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel, U.S. Coast Guard
 Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 06 Saturday House Finance 519 10:00 AM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Executive Session - Procurement
 Oil and Gas Consultants
 Other Committee Business

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 10 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 + State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable
 Craig Stowers, Chief Justice

Feb 17 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 + Annual Address by the Honorable
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

Feb 29 Monday House Chamber 11:00 AM
 + Annual Address by the Honorable
 Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

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| Feb 02 | Tuesday | Capitol 106 | 12:00 PM |
| | Lunch & Learn | | |
| | The Heat is On: Managing Declining Throughput Challenges | | |
| | Sponsored by Senator Giessel and Representative Nageak | | |