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**Monday**

**February 8, 2016**

**Twenty-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tom Matthews, Douglas Island Bible Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord:

In thinking about this prayer today and how I was going to lift these legislators up before You, my mind was brought to the words of Isaac Watts, as he penned the words to a hymn so many years ago:

*Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come.  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.*

Thank you that You have been our help in ages past. That You have blessed the nation whose God is the Lord...that You have answered the prayers of those who call out to You for help.

Today I am calling out to You, for Your help in the stormy blast of challenges that are going to hit these legislators this session. It is a hard job that they have

to do. I pray that You would help them to represent our state's interests well in the decisions that need to be made.

We are told that in Your word (James 3:17), that the *"wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."*

These legislators are going to need that kind of wisdom God, in the many decisions that need to be made this session.

Thank you that You hear my prayer and that I can have confidence in Your work on my behalf.

I lift this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ... Amen.

Senator Costello led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Certification**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the eighteenth through twentieth 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:

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Alaska Energy Authority  
Annual Capital Project Status Reports  
Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project and Alaska Intertie Project  
in accordance with AS 44.83.950

Alaska Court System  
Travel and Compensation Report  
Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges  
and Administrative Director  
Calendar Year 2015  
in accordance with AS 22.20.037

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 55**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to the practice of optometry." Signing do pass: Senator Stedman, Chair; Senators Stoltze, Giessel. Signing no recommendation: Senator Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community and  
Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

#### **SB 125**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act adding legislative nonvoting members to the board of directors of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Giessel, Meyer, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community  
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

**SB 148**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 148 "An Act relating to reporting of workplace injuries to the division of labor standards and safety" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 148(L&C) "An Act relating to the reporting of workplace injuries to the division of labor standards and safety; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Giessel, Meyer, Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 12**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 12(L&C) "An Act relating to mortgage lending, mortgage loan originators, and depository institutions; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 12(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Giessel, Meyer, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 162**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 162 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act relating to the appointment of guardians ad litem for parents; relating to petitions and proceedings for termination of parental rights; and amending Rules 1 and 6, Alaska Adoption Rules."

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

**SB 173**

SENATE BILL NO. 173 was not introduced.

**SB 174**

SENATE BILL NO. 174 BY SENATOR KELLY, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Judiciary Committees.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring - The Homer High School 'Mariners' Wrestling Team 2015  
Class 1-2-3A 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) Seaton

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

Honoring - Rebecca Carrillo  
Representative(s) Munoz, Kito  
Senator(s) Egan, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Ellis,  
Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire,  
Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Honoring - Little Italy Restaurant  
Representative(s) Millett  
Senator(s) Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis,  
Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire,  
Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, 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 - Ratification**

Senator Coghill moved that H. Conner Thomas be ratified as a Public  
Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall H. Conner Thomas be ratified as a Public  
Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was  
taken with the following result:

Shall the Senate Ratify H. Conner Thomas  
as a Public Member to the  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

and so, H. Conner Thomas was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Senator Coghill moved that Gary J. Turner be ratified as a Public Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Gary J. Turner be ratified as a Public Member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall the Senate Ratify Gary J. Turner  
as a Public Member to the  
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

and so, Gary J. Turner was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**SB 121**

Senators Costello, Wielechowski, McGuire, Gardner, Egan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 121 "An Act relating to a security freeze on the consumer credit report of a minor." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 174**

Senators Dunleavy, McGuire, Giessel, Stoltze moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 174 "An Act relating to the regulation of firearms and knives by the University of Alaska." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 12 through evening plane time, February 14. Without objection, Senator Huggins 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 10:30 a.m., February 10, 2016. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:36 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**

<b>Feb 09</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Joint with House Education Committee State Board of Education & Early Development Annual Report to the Alaska Legislature Chairman James Fields	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>

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**FINANCE**

<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
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**FINANCE (continued)**

**Feb 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation  
 Angela Rodell, Chief Executive Office, APFC

**Feb 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management  
 and Budget  
 += SB 138 BUDGET: CAPITAL  
 + SB 167 APPROP: SUPP/CAP/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

**Feb 12 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 08 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 12 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 08 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 121 SECURITY FREEZE ON MINOR'S CREDIT REPORT  
 + HB 8 POWERS OF ATTORNEY  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION  
 += SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Feb 10            Wednesday                    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 +            Consideration of Governor's Appointments  
              Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar:  
              Adam Trombley - Anchorage  
              Commission on Judicial Conduct:  
              Amy Gurton-Mead - Juneau  
              Robert Sheldon - Anchorage  
              Karla Taylor-Welch - Fairbanks  
              Alaska Judicial Council:  
              Loretta Bullard - Nome  
              Regulatory Commission of Alaska:  
              Rebecca Pauli - Anchorage  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
              -- Public Testimony --

**Feb 12            Friday                            Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 09            Tuesday                        Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 161    EXEMPTION; LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS  
 +    SB 108    AK SECURITIES ACT; PENALTIES; CRT. RULES  
              Presentation: Strategy & Economic Development  
              Dr. Christian Ketels  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
              -- Public Testimony --

**Feb 11            Thursday                        Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 126    SMALL SECURITY OFFERINGS  
 +    SB 165    ALCO. BEV. CONT. BOARD; MINORS; ALCOHOL  
              Presentation: Crowdfunding and Economic  
              Development in Alaska - Michael Shuman  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
              -- Public Testimony --

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**RESOURCES**

- Feb 08 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 135 ELECTRONIC TAX RETURNS & FISHERIES TAXES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Overview: State of Alaska and Endangered  
 Species Act Listings  
 Commissioner of Fish & Game Sam Cotten; Attorney  
 General Craig Richards  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 12 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

- Feb 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 114 PERM FUND: EARNINGS, DEPOSITS, ACCOUNTS  
 Presentation by Sponsor  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 128 PERM. FUND:DEPOSITS;DIVIDEND;EARNINGS  
 + SB 127 INSURER'S USE OF CREDIT HISTORY/SCORES  
 Presentation by Sponsor  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 13 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM**  
 + SB 123 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING  
 Presentation by Sponsor  
 -- Public Testimony --  
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- + SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS  
Presentation by Sponsor  
-- Public Testimony -- Statewide Public Testimony  
-- Public Testimony Limited to 2 Minutes --  
Limited Number of Off-Net Phone Lines Available  
Public Testimony can be Submitted in Writing by  
Email: senate.state.affairs@akleg.gov  
or by Fax: 907-465-4928
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 += SB 132 ELECTRONIC TAX RETURNS & MOTOR FUEL TAX  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Feb 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Feb 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 7:30 AM**  
 + Shared Services Effort  
 Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner  
 Everett Ross, Consultant

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**CORRECTIONS**

**Feb 09 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Budget Overview

**Feb 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Changes and Revisions

**Mar 01 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM**  
 Final Closeout

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 12      Friday                      Butrovich 205      11:00 AM**  
 Department of Health and Social Services  
 Division of Juvenile Justice  
 Division of Behavioral Health  
 Alaska Pioneer Homes

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Feb 16      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      5:00 PM**  
 Changes and Revisions

**Feb 25      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      5:00 PM**  
 Final Closeout

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**MEDICAID REFORM**

**Feb 08      Monday                      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 + SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Topic: Fraud, False Claims, and Penalties

**Feb 08      Monday                      Senate Finance 532      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 + SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Topic: Emergency Room and Hospital  
 Super-Utilization

**Feb 10      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 + SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Topic: Managed Care & Accountable Care  
 Organizations, Payment Reform

**Feb 10      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 + SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Topic: Federal Overview: Policies and Waivers

**MEDICAID REFORM (continued)**

**Feb 12**      **Friday**                      **Senate Finance 532**      **9:00 AM**  
 +              SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 +              SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Topic: Telemedicine and Assistive Technology

**Feb 12**      **Friday**                      **Senate Finance 532**      **1:30 PM**  
 +              SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
 +              SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
 Topic: Behavioral Health

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

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

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Feb 11**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**      **11:00 AM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
 Highways & Airports Maintenance & Operations

**Feb 18**      **Thursday**                      **Fahrenkamp 203**      **11:00 AM**  
 Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
 Alaska Marine Highway System

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**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 11      Thursday                      House Finance 519                      11:15 AM**

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Executive Session - Procurement  
 Oil and Gas Consultants  
 Other Committee Business

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Feb 11      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532                      5:00 PM**

+ Legislative Council  
 Agenda: Forthcoming

**TASK FORCE ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS**

**Feb 09      Tuesday                      Capitol 120                      3:30 PM**

-- Continuation of 1/26/16 Meeting --  
 + Draft Legislation Review & Discussion  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

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| <b>Feb 10</b><br>+ | <b>Wednesday</b><br>State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable<br>Craig Stowers, Chief Justice | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Feb 17</b><br>+ | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Annual Address by the Honorable<br>Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator                 | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Feb 29</b><br>+ | <b>Monday</b><br>Annual Address by the Honorable<br>Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator                      | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

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| <b>Feb 09</b> | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Lunch & Learn:<br>"Working Forests for Working Alaskans:<br>The Evolving Forest Products Industry"<br>Sponsored by Senator Giessel and<br>Representative Gattis<br>Hosts: Resource Development Council<br>Presenter: Brian Klenhenz, Natural Resources<br>Manager and Corporate Forester, Sealaska<br>Corporation | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
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