

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska                      Monday                      February 15, 2016**

**Twenty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:02 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

Senators Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Huggins, MacKinnon, Micciche, Olson, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski, Meyer were present for the technical session. Senator Hoffman was excused from a call of the Senate.

Senator Huggins led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Communications**

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

Department of Administration  
Division of Personnel and Labor Relations  
Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action in Alaska  
State Government  
2016 Progress Report  
in accordance with AS 39.28.020

Department of Revenue  
Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority  
Reserve Fund Report  
in accordance with AS 44.85.270

Department of Revenue  
Education Tax Credits Claimed and Contributions Reported  
Calendar Year 2015  
in accordance with AS 43.05.010

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Special Orders**

**Memorial for Representative Max Gruenberg**

Senator Wielechowski requested that the Senate take a moment to reflect on the passing of Representative Max Gruenberg. The Senate observed a moment of silence.

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., February 17, 2016. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:16 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 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Feb 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ SB 174 REG. OF FIREARMS/KNIVES BY UNIV. OF AK

**Feb 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+= SB 174 REG. OF FIREARMS/KNIVES BY UNIV. OF AK

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**FINANCE**

**Feb 15 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
+ Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management & Budget  
+= SB 167 APPROP: SUPP/CAP/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	AKLNG Appropriations & Expenditures		
+	Alaska Gasline Development Corporation		
+	Department of Revenue		
+	Department of Natural Resources		
+	Department of Law		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Alaska's Health Insurance Market		
+	Presentation by Division of Insurance/DCCED		
<b>Feb 19</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**JUDICIARY**

<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Consideration of Chief Justice's Nomination		
+	Select Committee on Legislative Ethics		
	Bill Gordon		
+=	HB 83	REPEAL COLLECTION OF CIVIL LITIG. INFO	
+	SB 174	REG. OF FIREARMS/KNIVES BY UNIV. OF AK	
	<Pending Referral>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Public Testimony --		

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Feb 19      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 16      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 131 ELECTRONIC TAX RETURNS & ALCOHOL TAX  
 + SB 133 ELECTRN C TAX RETURNS; TOBACCO & E-CIGS TAX  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Feb 16      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              6:00 PM**  
 += SB 131 ELECTRONIC TAX RETURNS & ALCOHOL TAX  
 += SB 133 ELECTRN C TAX RETURNS; TOBACCO & E-CIGS TAX  
 Initial Statewide Public Testimony  
 -- Public Testimony <Limited to 2 Minutes> --  
 Please Sign-in at Your Local LIO  
 Limited Number of Off-Net Phone Lines Available  
 Must be Arranged Through Chair's Office Prior  
 to Hearing  
 Contact by Phone: 907-465-4968  
 or Submit Written Testimony by Email:  
 Senate.Labor.and.Commerce@akleg.gov  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Feb 18      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 136 ELCTRNC TAX RETURNS; VESSEL PASSENGER TAX  
 + SB 134 INDIV. INCOME TAX: CREDITS; RETURNS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Feb 18      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              6:00 PM**  
 += SB 136 ELCTRNC TAX RETURNS; VESSEL PASSENGER TAX  
 += SB 134 INDIV. INCOME TAX: CREDITS; RETURNS  
 Initial Statewide Public Testimony  
 -- Public Testimony <Limited to 2 Minutes> --  
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**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

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

**Feb 19 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
-- Public Testimony --

**RESOURCES**

**Feb 15 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ Confirmation of Governor's Appointees:  
Board of Game, Guy Trimmingham  
-- Public Testimony on Appointee --  
+ SB 163 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM**  
-- Location Change --  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+ Overview / Update on John Sturgeon Supreme Court  
Case: John Sturgeon, Petitioner  
Department of Law, Safari Club International

**Feb 19 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
+= SB 114 PERM FUND: EARNINGS, DEPOSITS, ACCOUNTS  
+ Continuing Presentation & Discussion  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+= SB 127 INSURER'S USE OF CREDIT HISTORY/SCORES  
+= SB 123 USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES WHILE DRIVING

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Feb 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 6:00 PM**

+ SB 114 PERM FUND: EARNINGS, DEPOSITS, ACCOUNTS

-- Public Testimony --

Statewide Public Testimony

-- Public Testimony Limited to 2 Minutes --

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or by Fax: 907-465-4928

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM**

+ SB 171 DOA PAYMENTS; REPEAL OTHER DOA DUTIES

+ Presentation by Sponsor's Representative

Department of Administration

-- Public Testimony --

+ SB 91 OMNIBUS CRIM LAW & PROCEDURE; CORRECTIONS

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Presentations:

Office of Victims' Rights

Alaska Court System - Implementation & Fiscal

Impacts

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**

-- Public Testimony --

+ SB 132 ELECTRONIC TAX RETURNS & MOTOR FUEL TAX

**Feb 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**CORRECTIONS**

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

-- MEETING CANCELED --

Changes and Revisions

**CORRECTIONS (continued)**

**Mar 01      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Final Closeout  
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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Feb 16      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              4:30 PM**  
 + Department of Education FY17 Operating Budget  
 + Heidi Teshner, Administrative Services, Director  
 + Alaska Student Loan Corporation  
 + Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
 + Dianne Barrans, Executive Director  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Feb 18      Thursday                      House Finance 519              11:30 AM**  
 + Joint with the House  
 + Budget Overview / Fee Discussion  
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**FISH & GAME**

**Feb 15      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:15 PM**  
 + Department of Fish and Game FY17 Operating Budget  
 Sam Cotten, Commissioner  
 + Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission  
 Bruce Twomley, Chairman/Commissioner  
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 19      Friday                      Butrovich 205              11:00 AM**  
 Department of Health & Social Services  
 Division of Public Health  
 Division of Senior & Disabilities Services

**Feb 26      Friday                      Butrovich 205              11:00 AM**  
 Department of Health & Social Services  
 Alaska Pioneer Homes  
 Office of Children's Services

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

**Mar 04      Friday                      Butrovich 205      11:00 AM**  
Department of Health & Social Services  
Budget Closeout

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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

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

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**MEDICAID REFORM**

**Feb 15      Monday                      Senate Finance 532      1:30 PM**  
+ SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
+ SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
+ Topic: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
Prescriptions, & Opioids

**Feb 17      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532      9:30 AM**  
-- Time Change --  
+ SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
+ SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
+ Topic: Fraud

**Feb 17      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532      1:30 PM**  
+ SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
+ SB 78 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE; REFORM  
+ Topic: Eligibility Verification & Data Analytics  
and Primary Care

**Feb 19      Friday                      Senate Finance 532      1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

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

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

**Feb 22      Monday                      Anch Lio Auditorium                      3:30 PM**  
 -- Public Testimony <Limited to 3 Minutes> --  
 Performance Reviews:  
 + Department of Education and Early Development  
 + Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education  
 + Alaska Student Loan Corporation  
 \*\* Meeting is in Anchorage with Teleconferences  
 for Fairbanks & Statewide \*\*  
 \*\*Streaming Available in JNU in  
 Beltz Room 105\*\*  
 <Public Testimony for JNU is 2/26/2016>

**Feb 26      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      8:30 AM**  
 -- Public Testimony <Limited to 3 Minutes> --  
 Performance Reviews:  
 + Department of Education and Early Development  
 + Alaska Commission on Post-Secondary Education  
 + Alaska Student Loan Corporation  
 \*\* Meeting in JNU with a Teleconference for  
 Fairbanks & Statewide \*\*

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn: "The Economic Effects of Commercial Fishing Mining, and Tourism to the State of Alaska" Presenter: Bob Loeffler, Professor, Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska, Anchorage Sponsored by Senator Giessel and Representative Pruitt		