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Juneau, Alaska Wednesday February 8, 2017
Twenty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 10:46 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Sister Marie Lucek, Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; announce his salvation day after day. O God, I begin this day in praise of you. A day with sunshine and beauty is energizing and a gift from you.

O God, I ask that you give each person here the ability to keep their focus on the big picture. Give each of them an unquenchable desire to make a difference for good. Sometimes this means frustrating moments and difficult negotiations. When those times come, I ask you, O God, to guide them so their words will be effective in reaching good decisions together that will benefit the residents of Alaska. O God, I know that with your grace all things are possible. I ask that you hear this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, redeemer and brother. Amen.

Senator Meyer led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the twenty-first and twenty-second legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated January 17 was received stating the monetary terms of the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018 collective bargaining agreement reached with the Alaska Public Employees Association - Supervisory Unit in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Kelly referred the report to the Finance Committee.

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

Alaska Court System
2016 Travel and Compensation Report
Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges
and Administrative Director
in accordance with AS 22.20.037

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program
Fiscal Year 2016 Report
in accordance with AS 23.15.835

Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC)
2016 Annual Report

Recess

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:53 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Kelly, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:05 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Craig Stowers, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Kelly appointed Representative Fansler and Senator Costello to escort Chief Justice Stowers to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced Chief Justice Stowers' entrance to the House Chamber.

Chief Justice Stowers was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Kelly.

Chief Justice Stowers delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 3.

Following his address, the Chief Justice received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Costello and Representative Fansler.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Kelly adjourned the Joint Session at 11:36 a.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 3**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 3 "An Act relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from small commercial passenger vessels in state waters; relating to art requirements for certain public facilities; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Stedman, Meyer.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Hughes, Coghill, von Imhof.
Signing amend: Senator Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental
Conservation

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Transportation and Public
Facilities

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 28

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 28 "An Act relating to the general grant land entitlement for the Petersburg Borough; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gardner, Stedman.
Signing no recommendation: Senator MacKinnon.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 30

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 30 "An Act approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Petro Star Inc.; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, MacKinnon, Cochairs; Senators Bishop, von Imhof. Signing no recommendation: Senators Dunleavy, Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HJR 6

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am Expressing the Alaska State Legislature's support and appreciation for legislation introduced by the state's congressional delegation that would allow for the construction of a single-lane gravel road through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, connecting the community of King Cove with the Cold Bay Airport; and urging the United States Congress to pass the legislation.

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Hughes, Coghill, von Imhof, Stedman, Meyer.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY SENATOR MEYER,

Proclaiming April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Health and Social Services Committees.

SJR 5

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 BY SENATOR DUNLEAVY,

Urging the Trump Administration to reverse federal government restrictions that adversely affect the ability to access and develop hydrocarbon- and mineral-rich portions of the outer continental shelf and to support responsible resource development of the outer continental shelf, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska; urging the United States Congress to assist in the development of the outer continental shelf adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska and to share the revenue generated from federal land; and stating the intention to use part of the revenue from federal land to build the necessary infrastructure to support the development and preserve the environmental integrity of the federal land in the outer continental shelf adjacent to the state.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 51**

SENATE BILL NO. 51 BY SENATOR VON IMHOF, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 52

SENATE BILL NO. 52 BY SENATOR EGAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to new defined benefit tiers in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

In Memoriam - Marlene Lynn
Senator(s) Meyer, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy,
Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Micciche,
Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson
Representative(s) Millett

In Memoriam - Lowell Thomas Jr.

Representative(s) Gara, Johnston

Senator(s) Begich, Giessel, Kelly, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Senator Micciche 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

SJR 5

Senators Giessel, Meyer, Coghill, Hughes, Micciche, Stevens, von Imhof, Bishop, Costello, MacKinnon, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 Urging the Trump Administration to reverse federal government restrictions that adversely affect the ability to access and develop hydrocarbon- and mineral-rich portions of the outer continental shelf and to support responsible resource development of the outer continental shelf, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska; urging the United States Congress to assist in the development of the outer continental shelf adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska and to share the revenue generated from federal land; and stating the intention to use part of the revenue from federal land to build the necessary infrastructure to support the development and preserve the environmental integrity of the federal land in the outer continental shelf adjacent to the state. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SCR 1

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to voting procedure and abstention from voting. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 10, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:53 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 09 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + University of Alaska Overview
 President Jim Johnsen
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 10 Friday Capitol 106 8:00 AM
 + Virtual Education in Alaska
 Department of Education and Early Development
 Joint Hearing with House Education
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE

Feb 08 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 30 APPROVAL: ROYALTY OIL SALE TO PETRO STAR
 += SB 39 MUNI ENERGY IMPROVEMNT ASSESSMNTS/BONDS
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 09 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Negotiated Contracts
 Commissioner Sheldon Fisher, Department of
 Administration
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 08 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 20 LIST U-47700 AS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 -- Public Testimony --

Feb 10 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 32 PRESCRIPTIONS FOR BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 08 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 10 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 09 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + Presentation: Administrative Order 281 Report
 - Boston Consulting Group
 - Alaska Industrial Development & Export
 Authority
 - Alaska Energy Authority
 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Public Testimony --

RESOURCES

Feb 08 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + Overview on Mapping in Alaska
 United States Geologic Survey
 Alaska Department of Transportation & Public
 Facilities
 Alaska Department of Natural Resources
 + SB 6 **INDUSTRIAL HEMP PRODUCTION**
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 10 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 09 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 += SB 5 **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS/PROHIBITION**
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SJR 1 **CONST AM: GUARANTEE PERM FUND DIVIDEND**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 09 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 25 **MOTOR FUEL TAX;TRANSPORTATION MAINT. FUND**

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

Feb 16 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:15 PM**
 + Governor's FY18 Budget Overview

JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE

Feb 14 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **8:00 AM**
 + Governor's FY18 Budget Overview

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 16 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:15 AM**
 + Governor's FY18 Budget Overview

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 09 **Thursday** **House Finance 519** **7:00 AM**
 Ratification of Charitable Events
 - Catholic Community Services Formal Gala
 - 17th Annual Thanksgiving in March
 Contract Approvals
 - Ketchikan Office Space Lease Extension
 Other Committee Business
 - FY 16 Legislature Audit
 - FY 18 Legislative Council Proposed Budget

TASK FORCE ON CIVICS EDUCATION

Feb 08 **Wednesday** **Capitol 106** **1:00 PM**
 + Sue Hull, AK State Board of Education and Early
 Development
 Review of Preliminary Report
 - Roundtable Discussion
 -- Public Testimony Begins at 3:00 pm --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 09 **Thursday** **Capitol 106** **9:00 AM**
 + Continued Review of Preliminary Report
 - Roundtable Discussion
 -- Invited Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 08 +	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Craig Stowers, Chief Justice	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 22 +	Wednesday Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 24 +	Friday Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	10:30 AM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

Feb 09	Thursday Overview of Mapping Alaska: United States Geological Survey; Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT) Presenters: Nick Mastrodicasa, Large Project Manager, DOT Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner, DNR Kevin Gallager, Associate Director, USGS - Core Science Sponsored by Senator Giessel	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Mar 22	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Alaska Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Sponsored by Senator Hoffman	Capitol 106	12:00 PM