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Sixty-fifth Day

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Stevens was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Pat Casey, 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.

Gracious God we come before you this day seeking your Blessing on this body in this chamber, as they deliberate the issues of this great state, we ask that we be mindful of all of the needs of its people and to assist those who are in need especially the homeless who are suffering because of the winter weather. We give you thanks for the men and women who come here to serve the people of Alaska. Amen.

Senator Meyer led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor**SB 91**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on March 21 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 91(HSS) "An Act relating to the opioid epidemic; authorizing the chief medical officer of the Department of Health and Social Services to issue a standing order for the prescription of an opioid overdose drug; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 1, SLA 2017
Effective Date: See Chapter

Messages from the House

Message dated March 20 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 59**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 16 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Alaska Police Standards Council

Luis Nieves – Dillingham

Ronda Wallace – Kodiak

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Egan, Coghill, Giessel, Wilson.

SB 6

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act relating to industrial hemp; and relating to controlled substances" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(JUD) "An Act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp; relating to industrial hemp pilot programs; providing that industrial hemp is not included in the definition of 'marijuana'; and clarifying that adding industrial hemp to food does not create an adulterated food product."

Signing do pass: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senators Kelly, Meyer, Costello, Wielechowski.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 9, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 55

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to sentencing; relating to the period of probation; relating to revocation, termination, suspension, cancellation, or restoration of a driver's license; relating to parole; relating to the duties of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(JUD) "An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to sentencing; relating to protective orders; relating to restitution; relating to the period of probation; relating to revocation, termination, suspension, cancellation, or restoration of a driver's license; relating to parole; relating to the duties of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Costello, Meyer, Kelly.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Public Safety
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Corrections
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 71

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 71 "An Act relating to limitations on certain commercial fishing loans made by the Department of Commerce, Community, and

Economic Development." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senator Gardner. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hughes, Meyer.

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 Finance Committee.

SB 77

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 77 "An Act relating to service areas in second class boroughs; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators MacKinnon, Gardner, Hoffman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman.

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 State Affairs Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 14

SENATE BILL NO. 14 "An Act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers" was read the second time.

Senator MacKinnon, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 448. Senator Gardner objected, then withdrew her objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 14(FIN) "An Act relating to transportation network companies and transportation network company drivers; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Kelly stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 14(FIN) will advance to third reading on the March 23 calendar.

Citations

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

Honoring - Chief Master Sergeant George "Bernie" Kale
Representative(s) Tilton
Senator(s) Hughes, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Honoring - Delaina Rachelle Pugh
Representative(s) Tilton
Senator(s) Hughes, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, 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

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 23 and 24. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 24 through evening plane time, March 26. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

President Kelly made the following appointments:

Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review Committee
Senator MacKinnon

Native Language Preservation Advisory Council
Senator Olson

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 23, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:21 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

Mar 23 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + SB 87 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION ENERGY EFFICIENCY STD
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 96 EDUCATION:SCHOOLS/TEACHERS/FUNDING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 23 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 24 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + SB 78 PERM FUND DIVIDEND CONTRIBUTIONS/LOTTERY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 96 EDUCATION:SCHOOLS/TEACHERS/FUNDING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

-- MEETING CANCELED --

- + SB 22 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
- + SB 24 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + HB 57 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
- + HB 59 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 23 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 31 NO ST. EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE FOR 2 YRS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- + HB 57 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
- + HB 59 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Mar 24 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 66 ST. COUNCIL ON THE ARTS: PUBLIC CORP.
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- + Presentation: Departmental Overview, Office of
Children's Services
- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 24 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 22 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 69 MISCONDUCT INVOLVING WEAPONS 5TH DEGREE
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
- + SB 60 FISH & GAME: OFFENSES;LICENSES;PENALTIES
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 24 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + HB 24 LIST U-47700 AS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 23 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Governor's Appointees to State Boards and Commissions:
 Alaska Labor Relations Agency
 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 Marijuana Control Board
 Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
 Board of Examiners in Optometry
 Board of Nursing
 <Above Items Removed from Agenda>
 + SB 80 TELECOMMUNICATIONS: DISABLED SUBSCRIBERS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 85 AK WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD;FUNDS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 79 OPIOIDS;PRESCRIPTIONS;DATABASE;LICENSES
 -- Public Testimony --

RESOURCES

Mar 22 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Game
 - Karen Linnell
 - Tom Lamall
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --
 + SB 88 AK MENTAL HEALTH TRUST LAND EXCHANGE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 58 DEPT OF LAW: ADVOCACY BEFORE FERC

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 24 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Overview: Alaska's Seafood Industry
 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
 Development
 Department of Fish & Game
 Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
 Presentation from Private Sector Stakeholders
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += HB 3 NATL GUARD LEAVE/REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 8 PFD CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS
 Bill Hearing Postponed to 3/28/17
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + HB 78 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
 Bill Hearing Postponed to 3/28/17
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mar 23 Thursday Senate Finance 532 11:30 AM
 + Briefings by:
 Lieutenant General Kenneth S. Wilsbach
 - Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace
 Command Region
 - Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command
 - Commander, Eleventh Air Force
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ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE (continued)**(continued from previous page)**

Major General Bryan R. Owens
 - Commanding General, U.S. Army AK
 Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister
 - Commander, Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard District
 Major General Laurel J. Hummel
 - The Adjutant General, AK National Guard
 - Commissioner, AK Dept. of Military & Veterans'
 Affairs

OTHER MEETINGS**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

Mar 22	Wednesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Alaska Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Sponsored by Senator Hoffman		
Mar 28	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Lunch & Learn: Presentation by Coastal Mayors on "Importance of the Alaska Marine Highway System" Sponsored by Senator Stevens		