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Ninety-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 11:03 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, Sydney Krebsbach, Senate Page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, we are meeting today to conduct matters of business. Guide our hearts and our minds in the spirit of fairness, right thought and speech. Impart your supreme wisdom upon our activities so that our affairs may reach a successful conclusion. Thank you for being our source of guidance today. Amen.

Senator Meyer led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor**HB 77**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on April 17 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 77 am "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 3, SLA 2017
Effective Date: See Chapter

Messages from the House**HB 49**

Message dated April 17 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 49(FIN), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 49(L&C) "An Act extending the termination
date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry
Midwives; and providing for an effective date."

HB 80

Message dated April 17 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 80(ENE), thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 80(FIN) "An Act adopting the Municipal
Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; authorizing
municipalities to establish programs to impose
assessments for energy improvements in regions
designated by municipalities; imposing fees; and
providing for an effective date."

HB 137

Message dated April 17 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 137, thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 137(FIN) "An Act redesignating the Alaska State Council on the Arts as a public corporation and governmental instrumentality of the state; defining the powers and duties of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; providing exemptions from certain statutes for the Alaska State Council on the Arts; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 116**

SENATE BILL NO. 116 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 39, 42, 44, 46, 49, 51, 53, and 55, ch. 92, SLA 2010, sec. 14, ch. 7, FSSLA 2011, secs. 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 25, ch. 74, SLA 2012, sec. 49, ch. 14, SLA 2014, secs. 37, 40, 43, and 46, ch. 15, SLA 2014, and secs. 26 and 31, ch. 61, SLA 2014; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 117

SENATE BILL NO. 117 BY SENATOR DUNLEAVY, entitled:

"An Act relating to the collection, use, storage, and disclosure of geolocation information; and establishing an unfair trade practice under the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of House Bills****HB 23**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 23(FIN) "An Act creating a fund in the Department of Public Safety; providing for payment of certain medical insurance premiums for surviving dependents of certain peace officers or firefighters who die in the line of duty; relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the peace officer and firefighter survivors' fund; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Wielechowski offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 9, through page 2, line 15:

Delete all material and insert:

"Sec. 39.60.005. Peace officer and firefighter survivors' medical insurance premiums. The state and the municipalities shall pay medical insurance premiums for the surviving dependents of peace officers and firefighters eligible under this chapter.

Sec. 39.60.010. Peace officer and firefighter survivors' fund established.

(a) The peace officer and firefighter survivors' fund is established in the general fund for the purpose of paying medical insurance premiums for an eligible surviving spouse or dependent child of a peace officer or a firefighter. The department may make premium payments from the fund to the medical insurance provider for the former employer of the deceased peace officer or firefighter.

(b) The fund consists of donations and other money appropriated to the fund.

(c) The legislature may appropriate money to the fund. Money in the fund does not lapse.

(d) Money appropriated to the fund may be spent for purposes of the fund without further appropriation.

(e) Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund."

Page 2, line 23:

Delete "and to pay"

Insert ", 50 percent of medical insurance premiums for a surviving dependent of an employee of a small municipality who is eligible under AS 39.60.040, and"

Page 3, line 6:

Delete "or AS 39.60.060(b)"

Page 3, line 13:

Delete "that has elected to participate under AS 39.60.050,"

Page 4, line 5:

Delete "Subject to AS 39.60.060(b), the"

Insert "The"

Page 4, line 13, following "coverage.":

Insert "Payment of premiums shall be made to the applicable employer-sponsored medical insurance provider as follows:

(1) the commissioner shall pay

(A) 100 percent for an eligible surviving dependent of a deceased state employee;

(B) 50 percent for an eligible surviving dependent of a deceased employee of a small municipality;

(2) a large municipality shall pay 100 percent for an eligible surviving dependent of a deceased employee of that municipality; and

(3) A small municipality shall pay 50 percent for an eligible surviving dependent of a deceased employee of that small municipality."

Page 4, line 16, through page 5, line 16:

Delete all material.

Page 5, following line 27:

Insert a new paragraph to read:

"(7) "large municipality" means a municipality with a population of 10,000 or more according to the latest figures of the United States Bureau of the Census;"

Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

Page 6, following line 22:

Insert a new paragraph to read:

"(9) "small municipality" means a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 according to the latest figures of the United States Bureau of the Census;"

Renumber the following paragraph accordingly.

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1.
Senator Micciche objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 23(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1?

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Olson, Wielechowski

Nays: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Stedman, von Imhof, Wilson

Excused: Stevens

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 23(FIN) was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 23(FIN) "An Act creating a fund in the Department of Public Safety; providing for payment of certain medical insurance premiums for surviving dependents of certain peace officers or firefighters who die in the line of duty; relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the peace officer and firefighter survivors' fund; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 23(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kelly, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Stevens

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 23(FIN) passed the Senate.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

In Memoriam - Albert G. Feller, Sr.

Representative(s) Ortiz

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

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senators Bishop, MacKinnon moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 19 through evening plane time, April 23. Without objection, Senators Bishop, MacKinnon were excused.

SB 116

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 116 "An Act relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 39, 42, 44, 46, 49, 51, 53, and 55, ch. 92, SLA 2010, sec. 14, ch. 7, FSSLA 2011, secs. 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 25, ch. 74, SLA 2012, sec. 49, ch. 14, SLA 2014, secs. 37, 40, 43, and 46, ch. 15, SLA 2014, and secs. 26 and 31, ch. 61, SLA 2014; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 7:00 a.m. plane time, April 20 through evening plane time, April 23. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

SB 117

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 117 "An Act relating to the collection, use, storage, and disclosure of geolocation information; and establishing an unfair trade practice under the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 21 through evening plane time, April 23. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 20 through evening plane time, April 23. Without objection, Senator Micciche was excused.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 19 through morning plane time, April 24. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**HB 23**

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Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 20, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:55 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

Apr 20	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Apr 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Apr 21	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Apr 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: State of Alaska Deferred		
	Maintenance Overview		
	Adam Bryan, Capital Budget Coordinator, Office		
	of Management and Budget		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Apr 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Apr 21	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Apr 21	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Apr 24	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Apr 26	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Apr 28	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Apr 19	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= HB 8	ENFORCEMENT OF FOREIGN PROTECTIVE ORDERS		

Apr 21	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 20	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Apr 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 2:00 PM
 -- Please Note Time --
 + HB 111 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX;PAYMENTS;CREDITS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Apr 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 2:00 PM
 -- Please Note Time --
 + HB 111 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX;PAYMENTS;CREDITS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Apr 21 Friday Butrovich 205 2:00 PM
 -- Please Note Time --
 + HB 111 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX;PAYMENTS;CREDITS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 25 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled