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Forty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 10:53 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Wielechowski was absent. The seat from District E was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Gordon Krueger, Senate Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Today, I am filled with gratitude, Gratitude for the beauty that surrounds this small town. When I stare at these majestic mountains, they bring me a sense of security and peace.

When my problems begin to consume my mind, these mountains bring me back down to size. These mountains are much greater than my problems. They teach me to listen, because life speaks through nature - the changing of the seasons, salmon swimming back up the river, bears emerging in spring, the Northern Lights, and the many other acts in nature are all worthy of immense gratitude. I ask that we all take the time to stop and truly appreciate the landscape surrounding us. We are all truly blessed and may we all be grateful for the giants in our back yard.

Senator MacKinnon led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the thirty-eighth through forty-first legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 16 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 23 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 298**

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the number of superior court judges in the first judicial district; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports**SB 130**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to a vote of the people before a broad-based individual income tax or statewide sales tax takes effect" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 130(STA) "An Act requiring advisory votes on legislative enactment of an individual income tax and a statewide sales tax."

Signing do pass: Senator Meyer, Chair; Senator Wilson. Signing do not pass: Senator Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senators Giessel, Egan.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 165

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 165 "An Act relating to the Alaska comprehensive health insurance fund; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Stevens, Micciche, Meyer, Gardner.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 195

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 195 "An Act relating to insurer actions based on credit history and insurance scores at insurance policy renewal; and providing for insurer consideration of consumer requests for exceptions of credit history or insurance scores." Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, MacKinnon, Cochairs; Senators Bishop, von Imhof, Stevens, Micciche. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

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.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Prudhoe Bay Oil Field Discovery 50th Anniversary
Senator(s) Giessel, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson
Representative(s) Lincoln

In Memoriam - Myra Heaps

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

In Memoriam - Paul Leroy Newcomer

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

In Memoriam - Ruth L. Nelson

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

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business**In Memoriam - James D. Balamaci**

Representative(s) Millet

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

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

Recess

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:03 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 11:13 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

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 Stutes, Acting Majority Leader, 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 Seaton and Senator Costello to escort Senator Sullivan to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced the Honorable Dan Sullivan's entrance to the House Chamber.

Senator Sullivan was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Kelly.

The Honorable Dan Sullivan delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 17.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Sullivan received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Costello and Representative Seaton.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Kelly adjourned the Joint Session at 12:09 p.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

President Kelly appointed Senator Hughes and Senator Wilson to escort Mike Shower to the chamber.

President Kelly administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Shower who was appointed by the Governor (page 2076) and confirmed by the Senate Republicans (page 2097) to fill the vacancy in Senate District E.

Oath of Office

I, Mike Shower, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska, and that I will faithfully discharge my duties as Senator to the best of my ability.

President Kelly officially welcomed Senator Shower as a member of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature.

Unfinished Business

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Wielechowski be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

SJR 14

Senators Hughes, Micciche, MacKinnon, Meyer, Wilson, Coghill, Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to notice and consent before termination of a minor's pregnancy. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 4. Without objection, Senator Gardner was excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 4. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 4. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 28, 2018. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 01 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 02 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **8:00 AM**
No Meeting Scheduled

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FINANCE

Feb 26	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ =	HB 195	INSURER'S USE OF CREDIT HISTORY/SCORES	
+	HB 120	DEPT OF LAW: ADVOCACY BEFORE FERC	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 27	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 105	MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY LIC. & SERVICES	
+	SB 108	MEDICAL CARE/LICENSING/MEDICAL BOARD	
+	SB 165	COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 28	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	HB 321	APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL OP.; FUND; AMENDING <Pending Referral>	
+ =	SB 104	EDUCATION CURRICULUM	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 01	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 92	VESSELS: REGISTRATION/TITLES; DERELICTS	
+	SB 128	MARIJUANA EDU/TREATMENT FUND/PROGRAM	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 02	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 26	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+		Presentation: DHSS Office of Children's Services	
		Citizen Review Panel	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+	SB 122	OCS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL	
		-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --	
Feb 28	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+		Presentation: DHSS Office of Children's Services	
		Response to Citizen Review Panel	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
		<Above Item Removed from Agenda>	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:	
+ =	SB 122	OCS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL	
		-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --	

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

JUDICIARY

Feb 26 **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
+= HB 208 TRUSTS; COMM PROP TRUSTS; POWERS OF APPT
+ SB 148 BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR POLICE & TRAINING
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 28 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 173 LIABILITY: PESTICIDES & UTILITY POLES
+ HB 43 NEW DRUGS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 02	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointee: Dennis "Skip" Cook, Select Committee on Legislative Ethics		
+	SJR 14 CONST. AM: PARENTAL CONSENT TO ABORTION		
+	HB 312 CRIMES AGAINST MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**

+ SB 205 TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATION/EXEMPTIONS
 -- Public Testimony --

+ SJR 7 CONST. AM: VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW TAXES

+ SB 119 HEALTH CARE COSTS: DISCLOSURE;INSURERS;
 -- Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:00 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
-- Please Note Time --
+= SB 119 HEALTH CARE COSTS: DISCLOSURE;INSURERS;
-- Public Testimony --

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 01 Thursday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 110 TOURISM MARKETING:BOARD;ASSESSMENT;FUND
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 26 Monday **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees
Big Game Commercial Services Board:
- Ms. Michelle Heun, Palmer
- Mr. Cash Joyce, Wasilla
- Mr. Robert Beans, Palmer
-- Public Testimony on Appointees --
+ SB 202 NATIVE CORP. LIABILITY FOR CONTAMINATION
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 28 Wednesday **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+ Alaska Minerals Commission
Overview of Annual Report
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Update on the Alaska LNG Project
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 02 Friday **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 27 Tuesday **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+ SCR 17 APRIL 2018:SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
-- Public Testimony --
+ SB 204 DISABLED VET PLATES:CHIROPRACTORS CERTIFY
-- Public Testimony --
+ SB 192 VOTING: ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY; FEES
-- Public Testimony --
+ SB 207 TRANSFER DUTIES FROM DCED
-- Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 212 PEACE OFFICER/FIREFIGHTER RETIRE BENEFITS
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Southcoast Region Overview and Project Update

Mar 01 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 163 DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES
+ HB 204 OVERTAKING/PASSING ROAD WORK VEHICLES
+ HB 82 OFF HWY DRIVER'S LIC.;REGISTRATION;INSUR.

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Behavioral Health, Public Health
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 06 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Office of Children's Services, Juvenile Justice
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 08 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Pioneer Homes, Seniors and Disabilities Service
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 13 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Closeout
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 27	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
+	Brief Agency Overview		
	Highlights of Major Budget Changes		
	Governor's Amendments, If Any		
	House Changes		
Mar 06	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
+	Budget Subcommittee Close-Out		

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 27	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Brief Agency Overview		
	Highlights of Major Budget Changes		
	Governor's Amendments, If Any		
	House Changes		
Mar 01	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority		
	Committee Questions		
Mar 08	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Budget Subcommittee Close-Out		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 28	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:00 AM
+	FY19 Budget Proposal Overview		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only>		

REVENUE

Feb 28	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	FY19 Budget Highlights		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 01	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
+	Brief Agency Overview Highlights of Major Budget Changes Governor's Amendments, If Any House Changes		
Mar 06	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Alaska Marine Highway System Committee Questions		
Mar 08	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
	Budget Subcommittee Close-Out		

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Feb 27	Tuesday	Gruenberg 120	7:00 AM
+	Sexual & Other Workplace Harassment Subcommittee Agenda: Policy		

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 08	Thursday	Capitol 106	9:30 AM
+	Senate Subcommittee Public Comment EXECUTIVE SESSION Public Session		
Mar 08	Thursday	Capitol 106	10:30 AM
+	Approval of January Minutes Public Comment Chair/Staff Report a. Outside Counsel Contract b. Private Investigator Contract c. Personnel EXECUTIVE SESSION Public Session Other Business		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 26	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Annual Address by the Honorable			
Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator			

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 08	Thursday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
Lunch & Learn:			
Ethics in Action in the Alaska Legislature			
Presenter:			
Dr. Charla Brown, Assistant Professor of Human			
Resource Management, University of Alaska			
Southeast			
Sponsored by Representative Kito			