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First Day

Pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the Senate of the State of Alaska assembled in the Senate chamber for the first regular session of the Thirty-First Legislature. The Senate was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by the Honorable Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor.

Colors

The following members of Troop 11 of the Juneau Boy Scouts presented the colors:

Isaac Judy
Orion Swanson
Ferguson Wheeler

Troop 11 of the Juneau Boy Scouts led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

National Anthem

Alyssa Fischer performed "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Alaska Flag Song

"Alaska's Flag" was performed by Abigail Zahasky and Laura Zahasky of the Alaska String Band.

Invocation

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father:

Oh, you who hear prayer, it is to You I come. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

Lord I lift up the senators to You and I ask that You bless them with wisdom and give them strategy for our state as they begin this new legislative session. Let there be a comradery among them as they work together in moving Alaska forward this year.

Bless the incoming senators and grant them an easy transition into the Senate so they would be able to quickly join in with their fellow legislators to tackle the issues set before them.

Bless them with good health throughout the session, Lord. I pray that you watch over their families and keep them safe.

And now, Lord, fill this place with Your spirit and let Your light shine here upon them. Renew their strength and give them a sense of excitement and expectation as they begin anew this year; new vision, new insight, and new beginnings.

Bless them in their comings and goings now, Lord, and be with them as they meet this day. I pray this in Jesus' name,
Amen.

Election Certification

Lieutenant Governor Meyer read the certificate of election:

I, Josie Bahnke, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 6th day of November, 2018, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following are the certified results for the office designated:

Senate District A	Scott Kawasaki	4 year term
Senate District C	Click Bishop	4 year term
Senate District E	Michael K. "Mike" Shower	4 year term
Senate District G	Lora H. Reinbold	4 year term
Senate District I	Elvi Gray-Jackson	4 year term
Senate District K	Mia Costello	4 year term
Senate District M	Chris Birch	4 year term
Senate District O	Peter A. Micciche	4 year term
Senate District Q	Jesse Kiehl	4 year term
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman	4 year term

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 26th day of November, A.D. 2018.

/s/

Josie Bahnke, Director
Division of Elections

Lieutenant Governor Meyer requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District A	Scott Kawasaki
Senate District C	Click Bishop
Senate District E	Michael K. "Mike" Shower
Senate District G	Lora H. Reinbold
Senate District I	Elvi Gray-Jackson

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

Lieutenant Governor Meyer requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District K	Mia Costello
Senate District M	Chris Birch
Senate District O	Peter A. Micciche
Senate District Q	Jesse Kiehl
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

President Pro Tempore

Lieutenant Governor Meyer announced nominations were in order for President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Coghill be nominated. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent nominations for President pro tempore of the Senate be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Coghill be elected President pro tempore. There being no objection, Senator Coghill was elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

Lieutenant Governor Meyer requested Senator Stevens and Senator Wilson escort the President pro tempore to the rostrum.

President pro tempore Coghill requested Senator Stevens and Senator Wilson escort the Lieutenant Governor from the chamber.

President pro tempore Coghill announced that under provisions of law, AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules of the Twelfth Legislature, First Session, as amended in 1985, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2018 will serve as the temporary rules of the current legislature until permanent rules are adopted.

President

President pro tempore Coghill announced nominations for Senate President were open.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Giessel be nominated President of the Senate for the Thirty-First Legislature. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Giessel be elected President of the Senate for the Thirty-First Legislature. Without objection, Senator Giessel was elected Senate President.

President pro tempore Coghill requested Senator Stevens and Senator Wilson escort President Giessel to the podium.

In accordance with Uniform Rule 1(e), President Giessel made the following appointments:

Committee on Committees

Senator Giessel, Chair
Senator Costello
Senator Coghill
Senator von Imhof
Senator Begich

President Giessel appointed Senator Hughes and Senator Shower to inform the Governor the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

President Giessel appointed Senator Reinbold and Senator Birch to inform the House the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Recess

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:38 a.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 12:07 p.m.

Senator Hughes reported the Governor was informed the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Senator Birch reported the House, when convened, will be informed the Senate is organized and ready to do business.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate move down the calendar to Reports of Special Committees. Without objection, the Senate advanced to:

Special Committee Reports**Committee on Committees Report**

January 15, 2019

Madam President:

The Committee on Committees has met and submits to the Senate for its consideration chairs and members of the ten standing committees as approved by the Committee on Committees:

Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Senator Bishop, Chair
Senator Birch, Vice Chair
Senator Costello
Senator Hoffman
Senator Gray-Jackson

Education Committee

Senator Stevens, Chair
Senator Hughes, Vice Chair
Senator Birch
Senator Costello
Senator Begich

Finance Committee

Senator Stedman, Cochair
Senator von Imhof, Cochair
Senator Bishop
Senator Hoffman
Senator Micciche
Senator Shower
Senator Wilson
Senator Olson
Senator Wielechowski

Health and Social Services Committee

Senator Wilson, Chair
Senator Coghill, Vice Chair
Senator Stevens
Senator Bishop
Senator Begich

Judiciary Committee

Senator Hughes, Chair
Senator Reinbold, Vice Chair
Senator Shower
Senator Micciche
Senator Kiehl

Labor and Commerce Committee

Senator Reinbold, Chair
Senator Costello, Vice Chair
Senator Bishop
Senator Birch
Senator Gray-Jackson

Resources Committee

Senator Birch, Chair
Senator Coghill, Vice Chair
Senator Giessel
Senator Reinbold
Senator Bishop
Senator Kawasaki
Senator Kiehl

Rules Committee

Senator Coghill, Chair
Senator Giessel
Senator Costello
Senator von Imhof
Senator Begich

State Affairs Committee

Senator Shower, Chair
Senator Coghill, Vice Chair
Senator Reinbold
Senator Micciche
Senator Kawasaki

Transportation Committee

Senator Hughes, Chair
Senator Shower, Vice Chair
Senator Wilson
Senator Micciche
Senator Kiehl

The report was signed by Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Coghill, von Imhof, Begich.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Committee on Committees Report be adopted. Without objection, the Committee on Committees Report was adopted.

President Giessel announced Senator Costello will serve as Majority Leader for the Thirty-First Legislature.

President Giessel announced the Minority has selected Senator Begich to serve as Minority Leader for the Thirty-First Legislature.

Communications

Memorandum dated January 4, from Gerald P. Luckhaupt, Revisor of Statutes, was received stating:

Chapter 22, SLA 2017, authorized a land exchange between the Alaska mental health land trust and the federal government if certain conditions specified in Section 6(a) of the Act were satisfied. Section 6(b) of that Act provided that the Act only takes effect if the chair of the board of trustees of the Alaska Mental Health Authority "certifies in writing to the lieutenant governor and the revisor of statutes . . . that the conditions in (a) of this section have occurred." Section 7 provides that if the certification is made, the Act will take effect the following day.

Today, I received the required certification from Mary Jane Michael, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Therefore, Chapter 22, SLA 2017, takes effect January 5, 2019, as provided under sec. 7 of that Act.

Letter dated November 14, 2018 from Governor Bill Walker requesting legislative approval of the accompanying initial finance plan was received for the 2018 Susitna River Flood Disaster. The letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency regarding the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough and Kenai Peninsula Borough Earthquake, dated December 2, 2018, with an accompanying letter was received from Governor Bill Walker. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

The following letter dated December 1, 2018 from Senator Kevin Meyer was received stating:

Dear President Kelly,

It has been my honor to serve the constituents of Senate District M for the past eight years in the Alaska State Senate.

The Alaskan voters have entrusted me with a new responsibility - as their next Lieutenant Governor. It is for this reason I am submitting my resignation to the State Senate effective at noon on December 3, 2018.

I am confident that District M will be in good hands with incoming Senator Chris Birch and newly elected Representatives Josh Revak and Laddie Shaw.

I have had the fortune of working with so many excellent public servants and wonderful colleagues over my tenure and for that I am truly thankful. Thank you in particular for your leadership and continued dedication to the future of Alaska.

Sincerely,

/s/

Senator Kevin Meyer

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the introduction and reference of senate resolutions be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the introduction and reference of senate bills be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Unfinished Business**Election of Senate Secretary**

In accordance with AS 24.10.030 and Uniform Rule 3(a), Senator Costello nominated Liz Clark to serve as Senate Secretary for the Thirty-First Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent the nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent Liz Clark be elected Senate Secretary for the Thirty-First Legislature. Without objection, Liz Clark was elected Senate Secretary for the Thirty-First Legislature.

Introduction of Floor Staff

Senator Coghill, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the Senate Secretary's Office staff:

Gina Spartz
Keira Alkema
Kellen Priest
Brian O'Sullivan
Julianna Singh
Andrew Heist

Senator Coghill, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the Chamber Staff of the first session of the thirty-first Legislature as follows:

Sergeant-at-Arms

Grace Ellsworth, Juneau

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

Gordon Krueger, Juneau

Senate Pages

Sydney Krebsbach, Juneau
Samuel Mielke, Big Lake
David Cordero, Palmer
Nels Ure, Kodiak
Jessica Pierce, Juneau
Matthew Puckett, Juneau

President Giessel made the following appointments:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

(in accordance with AS 24.60.130 and AS 24.60.131)

Senator Coghill

Senator Begich

Senator Wilson, alternate

Senator Gray-Jackson, alternate

Senator Costello moved Senator Coghill and Senator Begich be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Coghill and Senator Begich be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?"

The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Coghill and Senator Begich be

Ratified as Members to the

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

and so, Senator Coghill and Senator Begich were ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Senator Costello moved Senator Wilson and Senator Gray-Jackson be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Wilson and Senator Gray-Jackson be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Wilson and Senator Gray-Jackson be

Ratified as Alternate Members to the

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Birch, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

and so, Senator Wilson and Senator Gray-Jackson were ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

President Giessel made the following appointments:

Legislative Council

Senator Stevens, Chair
Senator Stedman
Senator von Imhof
Senator Costello
Senator Coghill
Senator Giessel
Senator Hoffman

Legislative Budget & Audit

Senator Bishop, Vice Chair
Senator Stedman
Senator von Imhof
Senator Giessel
Senator Hoffman
Senator Micciche, Alternate

Joint Armed Services Committee

Senator Shower, Cochair
Senator Reinbold
Senator Hughes
Senator Costello
Senator Kawasaki

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 16, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 15	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 16	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Committee Organization/Introduction of Members & Staff		
+	Dept. of Natural Resources: Production Forecast - Commissioner Corri Feige - Division of O&G, Director Chantal Walsh & Commercial Analyst Pascal Umekwe		
+	Dept. of Revenue, Revenue Forecast - Commissioner Bruce Tangeman		
Jan 17	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Dept. of Natural Resources: Production Highlights Permitting Issues, & Status of Development on North Slope - Commissioner Corri Feige - Deputy Commissioner Sara Longan - Division of O&G, Director Chantal Walsh		
Jan 18	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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RULES

Jan 16

Wednesday
Organizational Meeting

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8:30 AM