

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**January 28, 2019**

**Fourteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed twelve members present. Senators Begich, Costello, Stedman, Wilson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, von Imhof, Wielechowski were absent.

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, von Imhof, Wielechowski be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, von Imhof, Wielechowski were excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Kathleen Monahan Nyssen. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

God is everything, God is all there is. I am one with God, and I know that my word is the Word of God. May I take a moment today to praise this day and give thanks for another opportunity to experience. To feel. To breathe. May I know that I am exactly where I need to be, at all times, in all ways.

With a full and grateful heart for these Truths, I release them into Law, knowing that it already is, and so it is. Amen.

## Wild Geese

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine. Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain are moving across the landscapes, over the prairies and the deep trees, the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air, are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely, the world offers itself to your imagination, calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting - over and over announcing your place in the family of things.

(by Mary Oliver)

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated January 25 was read stating the following appointee has withdrawn his name from consideration, effective immediately:

**Commissioner, Department of Administration**

John Quick

**Communications**

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

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Alaska Energy Authority  
Renewable Energy Fund Status Report  
January 2019  
in accordance with AS 42.45.045

Department of Environmental Conservation  
Annual Loan Fund Report 2018  
Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds  
in accordance with AS 37.05.035 and AS 46.03.032

Department of Health and Social Services  
Annual Report 2017-2018  
in accordance with AS 18.05.020

**Standing Committee Reports**

Reports dated January 24 were read stating:

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

**Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development**

Julie Anderson

**Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development**

Tamika Ledbetter

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 Reinbold, Chair; Senators Costello, Bishop, Birch, Gray-Jackson.

Report dated January 25 was read stating:

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

**Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation**

Jason Brune

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

Signing the report: Senator Birch, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Reinbold, Bishop, Coghill, Giessel, Kawasaki.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 38**

SENATE BILL NO. 38 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations for fire suppression activities and restoration projects relating to earthquake disaster relief; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 25:

Dear President Giessel:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska State Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 related to the Southcentral Earthquake Disaster.

Days before I took office, Alaska was hit by the second-largest earthquake in our history. In the two short months that have followed, roads have been repaired, cleanup efforts have been organized, and emergency responders have secured the safety of impacted Alaskans. The total costs of the earthquake response cannot be accurately calculated yet. The full damage to highways may not be known until spring. An estimated appropriation for disaster relief that includes funding for federal match requirement, authority to receive federal disaster relief funding, and a capitalization of the Disaster Relief Fund is transmitted for consideration. Further, this legislation provides funding for the FY 2019 fire suppression season.

I urge the favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor

**SB 39**

SENATE BILL NO. 39 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 25:

Dear President Giessel:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska State Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

I took office with a promise to reduce State spending, put public safety first, and renew trust in government. To that end, I am presenting a supplemental budget for the consideration of the Legislature that returns money to the general fund.

This legislation proposes to allocate resources for the renovation of the Hiland Mountain Women's Mental Health Unit, in order to provide appropriate services to prisoners and increase efficiency in the management of our prison population. It funds pay increases for our Alaska State Troopers, pays off the Whittier Tunnel project ahead of schedule, and pays Medicaid obligations for FY 2018 that were not fully funded. These supplemental items are offset by reversals from the FY 2019 budget, resulting in the return of \$5,817,200 to the General Fund.

I urge your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor

#### **SB 40**

SENATE BILL NO. 40 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act establishing the month of February as Black History Month."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 1 and February 4. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 30, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate



**FINANCE**

- Jan 28 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + - State Debt Overview & Credit Ratings by  
 Commissioner Bruce Tangeman, Department of  
 Revenue & Deven Mitchell, State Investment Officer  
 + - Savings Accounts & Budget Reserves by  
 Commissioner Bruce Tangeman, Department of Revenue
- Jan 29 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 Supplemental Budget Legislation:  
 + SB 38 APPROP: SUPP; CAP; DISASTER RELIEF  
 + SB 39 APPROP: SUPP; REAPPROP; CAP; AMEND; REPEAL  
 Donna Arduin, OMB Director
- Jan 30 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + - PRS/TRS Update by Ajay Desai, Director of  
 Retirement & Benefits  
 + - Negotiated Labor Contracts by Kate Sheehan,  
 Director of Personnel & Labor Relations
- Jan 31 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority by  
 Mike Abbott, Executive Director & Mary Jane  
 Michael, Board Chair
- Feb 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Indirect Expenditures by  
 Alexei Painter, Legislative Fiscal Analyst &  
 Dan Stickel, Ky Clark, & Ed King, Department of Revenue

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Jan 28 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Jan 30 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Feb 01 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> -- Please Note Time & Location Change -- - Joint with Senate State Affairs - + Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Attorney General-Designee Kevin Clarkson, Department of Law -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> -- Teleconference <Invitation Only> -- + Presentation from the Department of Labor & Workforce Development: 2019 AK Job Forecast & Outlook by Commissioner-Designee Ledbetter, Dan Robinson Research & Analysis Division & Paloma Harbour Administrative Services Director **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b> -- Teleconference <Invitation Only> -- + Presentation: Opportunities for Innovation in Alaska Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) by Nirav S. Desai, Innovation Committee Co-Chair & Steve Myers, Senior Program Manager PNWER **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 29**                      **Tuesday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +                      Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Commissioner-Designee MacKinnon, Department of  
 Transportation & Public Facilities  
 -- Public Testimony --

**Jan 31**                      **Thursday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +                      Presentation & Overview:  
 Glenn Highway Integrated Corridor Management  
 Study by Deputy Commissioner Mary Siroky  
 Department of Transportation & Public Facilities  
 & Project Manager Edith McKee

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**LAW**

**Feb 06**                      **Wednesday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **8:00 AM**  
 +                      Department Overview & Explanation of  
 Subcommittee Book  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 14**                      **Thursday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **8:00 AM**  
 +                      FY 2020 Budget  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 06**                      **Wednesday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **8:00 AM**  
 +                      Continuation of FY 2020 Budget  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 13**                      **Wednesday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **8:00 AM**  
 +                      Continuation of FY 2020 Budget  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
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Public Comment  
 Election of Committee Chairs for 2019-2020  
 Advisory Opinion 19-01  
 - HB 44 Excerpt  
 - Advisory Opinion 19-01  
 Chair/Staff Report  
 - Credit Card Approval for Administrative Asst.  
 and Increase Credit Limit for Administrator  
 - Receiving Tickets for Unsanctioned Charitable  
 Events  
 - Management Log Review  
 - Public Member Committee Appointment Update  
 - Ethics Disclosures  
 - COGEL Conference Report  
 - Update: Collection of Unpaid Fines  
 - Publications  
     a. Advisory Opinions and Public Decisions  
         AS 24.60.150(a)(3)  
     b. 2019 Standards of Conduct Handbook  
 2019 Ethics Training  
 - 2019 Training Update  
 - Gift Rules  
 Budget  
 - FY19 Budget Summary  
 - FY20 Budget Request Detail  
 Contract Report  
 - Outside Counsel  
 - Investigator  
 2019 Legislation Update  
 Other Business

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**OTHER MEETINGS****MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

- Jan 29**      **Tuesday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn:  
 General Overview about the Seafood Processing Industry by Nicole Kimball, Director of Pacific Seafood Processors Association  
 Sponsored by Senator Birch
- Feb 07**      **Thursday**                      **Capitol 106**              **12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn:  
 Safety Mandates & Improvements of Air Service in Alaska by the Alaska Air Carriers Association  
 Matt Atkinson, Mike Stedman, Scott Van Valin, Wilfried Ryan & Jane Dale  
 Sponsored by Senator Olson
- Feb 11**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:00 PM**  
 School District Legislative Fly-In  
 Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System  
 All Senators & School District Participants of the Fly-In are Encouraged to Attend