

# SENATE JOURNAL

## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

### THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

February 27, 2019

#### Forty-fourth Day

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

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

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

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, Sherry Patterson, Local JACC Coordinator, accompanied by The Reverend Bobby Lewis and Ryan Shaw. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"God Bless America"

God bless America,  
Land that I love,  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above;  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans white with foam,  
God bless America,  
My home, sweet home.  
God bless America,  
My home, sweet home. Amen.  
(Irving Berlin)

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the forty-second and forty-third legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated February 25 was read stating:

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

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees**

John Sturgeon – Anchorage

Joe Riggs – Anchorage

Ken McCarty – Eagle River

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 Wilson, Chair; Senators Stevens, Giessel, Coghill.

Report dated February 25 was read stating:

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

**Alaska Police Standards Council**

Stephen Dutra – North Pole

Burke Waldron – Bethel

Rebecca Hamon – King Salmon

Joseph White – Ketchikan

Jennifer Winkelman – Juneau

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Signing the report: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Reinbold, Shower, Micciche, Kiehl.

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Report dated February 26 was 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:

**Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy**

Karen Smith – Anchorage

**Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Jessica Steele – Wasilla

**Board of Massage Therapists**

Julie Endle – Palmer

**Board of Social Work Examiners**

Geoffry McCormick – North Pole

Colleen Vague – Wasilla

**Board of Pharmacy**

Leif Holm – North Pole

**Real Estate Commission**

Jaime Matthews – Glennallen

PeggyAnn McConnochie – Juneau

Cheryl Markwood – Fairbanks

Margaret Nelson – Anchorage

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 Birch, Bishop, Costello, Gray-Jackson.

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Report dated February 27 was read stating:

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

**Commissioner, Department of Administration**

Kelly Tshibaka

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: Senators Stedman, von Imhof, Cochairs; Senators Micciche, Hoffman, Wielechowski, Olson, Bishop, Wilson, Shower.

**SB 4**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge." Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Shower, Wilson, Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Micciche.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 53**

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to the duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(EDC) "An Act relating to reporting requirements of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senators Begich, Hughes, Birch.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, University of Alaska

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SJR 7**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Requesting that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management implement an oil and gas leasing program in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Signing do pass: Senator Birch, Chair; Senators Giessel, Coghill, Bishop, Reibold. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kiehl. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring - Dr. Donn Bennice  
Senators Wilson, Hughes

In Memoriam - Corwin "Corky" Armstead Matthews  
Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Pamela "PJ" Ross  
Senator Wilson

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

Senator Costello 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**

Honoring - Leon "Babe" Alsworth  
Representatives Edgmon, Stutes  
Senator Hoffman

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

**Unfinished Business****SB 4**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 53**

Senator Birch moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to the duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Birch moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 8 through morning plane time, March 11. Without objection, Senator Birch was excused.

Senator Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 1 through evening plane time, March 3. Without objection, Senator Reinbold was excused.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 1, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:50 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

**Feb 28**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

## EDUCATION

**Feb 28**      **Thursday**      **Butrovich 205**      **9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 27      Wednesday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM

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### Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

Commissioner-Designee Kelly Tshibaka, Department of Administration

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 28**      **Thursday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **9:00 AM**

## + Investment Funds Update & Cash Flow Deficiency Plan by Bruce Tangeman, Commissioner of Revenue

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 25 EXTEND BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

+ SB 29 EXTEND BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS

+ SB 36 EXTEND BOARD OF NURSING

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
-- MEETING CANCELED --			
+	Overview:		
Department of Health & Social Services			
+ = SB 7	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 7	MED. ASSISTANCE WORK REQUIREMENT		
+ = SB 7	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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### JUDICIARY

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 7	Presentation:		
+ = SB 7	Alaska Criminal Justice Commission - Criminal Justice Data by Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council		
+ = SB 7	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
+ = SB 12	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ = SB 12	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+ = SB 12	Uniform Rule 23 Waived		
+ = SB 12	ASSAULT; SEX OFFENSES; SENTENCING CREDIT		
+ = SB 35	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ = SB 35	CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE		
+ = SB 35	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 34	PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS <Pending Referral>		
+ = SB 34	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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### LABOR & COMMERCE

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 34	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
+ = SB 34	Board of Marital & Family Therapy - Noah Shields		
+ = SB 34	Board of Examiners in Optometry - Dr. Bradley Cross		
+ = SB 34	-- Public Testimony --		

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### RESOURCES

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 43	EXTEND BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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### STATE AFFAIRS

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Commissioner-Designee Tshibaka, Department of Administration -- Teleconference Invitation Only -- -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ = SB 34	PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS		
+ = SB 23	APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD -Public Testimony on SB23/24 at Approx. 6:00 pm- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ = SB 24	PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS -Public Testimony on SB24/23 at Approx. 6:00 pm- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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### TRANSPORTATION

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alberta to Alaska Railway by Sean McCoshen, Mead Treadwell & Jon Ketchen		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Feb 27**      **Wednesday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **5:30 PM**  
+      Continuation of FY2020 Budget Overviews by:  
- Alaska Industrial Development & Export  
Authority  
- Alaska Energy Authority  
- Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Feb 28**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **4:00 PM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
Agenda to be Announced

**Mar 07**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **4:00 PM**  
Agenda to be Announced

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 01**      **Friday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:45 AM**  
+      Alaska's Medicaid Program  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Feb 28**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **3:30 PM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
Agenda to be Announced

**Mar 07**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **3:30 PM**  
Agenda to be Announced

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### LAW

<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Continuation of FY 2020 Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Continuation of FY 2020 Budget -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Agenda to be Announced		
<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
	Agenda to be Announced		

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### REVENUE

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
+	Continuation of FY2020 Budget Overviews by: - Angela Rodell, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation - Bryan Butcher, Executive Director, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation - Mike Abbott, Chief Executive Officer, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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### TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Department of Transportation & Public Facilities Earthquake Response by Dave Kemp, Central Region Director		
+	Public Facilities Energy Program by Chris Hodgin, Energy Program Manager		
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Agenda TBA		
<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Alaska Marine Highway System This Meeting Will Recess at 8:30 a.m. & Reconvene at 4:30 p.m.		
<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Agenda TBA		
<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Highways, Aviation & Rural Airports		
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	State Equipment Fleet		
+	Inventory for Client & Agency Planning (ICAP) & Administrative Costs		
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Process		

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### OTHER MEETINGS

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn: "Overcharged: Why Americans Pay Too Much for Healthcare" by the Authors of the Book, Charles Silver & David Hyman Sponsored by Senator Giessel		