

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 8, 2019**

**Fifty-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:36 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Begich was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Caroline Malseed, St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God our Creator, when you speak there is light and life; when you act there is justice and love. Grant that your love may be present in this meeting of the Senate of the State of Alaska, so that what we say and what we do may be filled with your Spirit.                      Amen.  
(Adapted from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Senator Hughes led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated March 7 was read stating in accordance with art. III, secs. 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submit the following appointee for confirmation:

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Diane Thompson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/6/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

The resume for this appointment has been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

**Communications**

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

Department of Education and Early Development

School Capital Project Funding Under SB 237

A Report to the Legislature

February 28, 2019

in accordance with AS 14.11.035

NOVAGOLD Resources, Inc.

2018 Annual Report

Donlin Gold Project

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 6 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:

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**Alaska Judicial Council**

Dave Parker – Wasilla

**Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar**

Jedediah Cox – Anchorage

**Commission on Judicial Conduct**

Trevor Shaw – Ketchikan

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

John Francis – Wasilla

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 Hughes, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Shower.

Report dated March 7 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:

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

Joe Riggs – Anchorage

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 Stedman, Cochair; Senators Micciche, Shower, Olson, Wilson, Bishop.

Report dated March 7 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:

**Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives**

Dana Espindola – Eagle River

**Board of Nursing**

Wendy Monrad – Anchorage

Danette Schloeder – Anchorage

Julie Tisdale – 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 Costello, Gray-Jackson, Birch.

**SB 25**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 25 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, von Imhof, Cochairs; Senators Micciche, Hoffman, Wielechowski, Olson, Wilson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Bishop.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community, and  
Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 29**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Marine Pilots; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, von Imhof, Cochairs; Senators Micciche, Hoffman, Wielechowski, Olson, Wilson, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senator Shower.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community, and  
Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 82**

SENATE BILL NO. 82 BY SENATORS KAWASAKI, Gray-Jackson, Begich, entitled:

"An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

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

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

In Memoriam - Joy Ruth Wiebe  
Representatives Wilson, Talerico

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**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 14 through evening plane time, March 15. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

**SB 46**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Bishop, Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 46 "An Act relating to restoration of tenure for certain disabled individuals; relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 10, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

**SB 16**

Senators Shower, Kiehl, Birch, Bishop, Reinbold, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act relating to certain alcoholic beverage licenses and permits; and relating to the bond requirement for certain alcoholic beverage license holders." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 18 through evening plane time, April 21. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

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

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 14 and March 15. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 8 through evening plane time, March 10. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 22 through morning plane time, March 24. Without objection, Senator Micciche was excused.

President Giessel made the following appointments:

**Council of State Governments - West**  
**Water and Environment Committee**  
Senator Begich

**Education Committee**  
Senator Begich

**Energy Committee**  
Senator Begich

**State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**  
Senator Reinbold

### **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., March 11, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:15 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**

**Mar 12      Tuesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 14      Thursday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
+ Overview:  
Road Belt Inter Tie by:  
- Jason Hoke, Copper Valley Development Association  
- John Duhamel, Copper Valley Electric Association  
- Bruce Cain, Ahtna  
- Chris Rose, Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP)

**EDUCATION**

**Mar 12      Tuesday      Butrovich 205      9:00 AM**  
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
+= SB 56 MAND. PHYS. ACTIVITY SCHOOLS; PLAAAY DAY  
-- Public Testimony --  
+= SB 30 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
-- Public Testimony --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 14      Thursday      Butrovich 205      9:00 AM**  
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
+ SJR 9 CONST.AM: APPROP. BILL FOR PUBL EDUCATION  
-- Public Testimony --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



## FINANCE

**Mar 08      Friday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**

- + SB 4 NAMING SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE
- + SB 16 ALCOHOL LIC:FAIRS,THEATRES,CONCERTS;BONDS
- + SB 41 NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + SB 25 EXTEND BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
- + SB 29 EXTEND BOARD OF MARINE PILOTS

**Mar 11      Monday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**

- + SB 12 ASSAULT; SEX OFFENSES; SENTENCING CREDIT
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 12      Tuesday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**

- + SB 19 APPROP: CAPITAL BUDGET; SUPPLEMENTAL
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 13      Wednesday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**

- + SB 53 UNIVERSITY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 43 EXTEND BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 14      Thursday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**

- + SB 20 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
- + SB 38 APPROP: SUPP; CAP; DISASTER RELIEF
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 15      Friday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**

No Meeting Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 13</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Presentation: Overview of the Department of Health & Social Services by Commissioner Adam Crum -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

**JUDICIARY**

<b>Mar 08</b> += SB 34 += SB 35 +	<b>Friday</b> PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS -- Public Testimony -- CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 11</b> + SB 15 + SB 55 +	<b>Monday</b> GRAND JURY BY PETITION; DISCLOSURE -- Public Testimony -- TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS -- Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 13</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 15</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 12      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 +              Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
                  Boards TBA  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 14      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 44    TELEHEALTH: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; DRUGS  
                  -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-  
 +              Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
                  Boards TBA  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 08      Friday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
                  No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 11      Monday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +              Department of Law Overview of State Litigation  
                  on Federal Issues by:  
                  - Seth Beausang, Chief Assistant Attorney General  
                  - Tom Lenhart, Assistant Attorney General  
                  - Emma Pokon, Assistant Attorney General

**Mar 13      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +    SB 70    REPEAL IND. OCEAN POLLUTION MONITORS/FEE  
                  -- Public Testimony - Sign Up by 4:30 p.m. --  
                  <Time Limit May Be Set>

**Mar 15      Friday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +    SB 51    NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 12                      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**

+= SB 23 APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD

+= SB 24 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

+= SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION

-Public Testimony Estimated to Start at 6:00 pm-

<Time Limit May Be Set>

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

Boards TBA

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 14                      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**

+ SB 73 SUCCESSOR OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

+= SB 23 APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD

+= SB 24 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

+= SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

Boards TBA

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 12                      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

+ SB 54 ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS

-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-

**Mar 14                      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

+= SB 54 ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****CORRECTIONS**

**Mar 15                      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      5:15 PM**

+ Department Overview of Governor's FY2020 Budget

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 19**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **4:15 PM**  
+      Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019  
Meeting

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**FISH & GAME**

**Mar 12**      **Tuesday**      **Butrovich 205**      **11:15 AM**  
+      Department Overview of Governor's Amended Budget  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 08**      **Friday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:45 AM**  
+      - Division of Alaska Pioneer Homes  
- Division of Senior & Disabilities Services  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 11**      **Monday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:45 AM**  
+      - Division of Behavioral Health  
- Alaska Psychiatric Institute  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 15**      **Friday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:45 AM**  
+      - Division of Public Health  
- Community Matching Grants  
- Department Support Services  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 19**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **3:30 PM**  
+      Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019  
Meeting

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**LAW**

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

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 13**      **Wednesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **5:15 PM**  
 +      Department Overview of Governor's FY2020 Budget

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Mar 21**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **3:30 PM**  
 +      Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019  
 Meeting

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Mar 11**      **Monday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **4:00 PM**  
 +      Department Overview of Governor's Amended Budget  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 14**      **Thursday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:30 AM**  
 +      Highways, Aviation & Rural Airports

**Mar 21**      **Thursday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:30 AM**  
 +      State Equipment Fleet  
 +      Inventory for Client & Agency Planning (ICAP) &  
 Administrative Costs

**Mar 28**      **Thursday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **7:30 AM**  
 +      Statewide Transportation Improvement Program  
 (STIP) Process

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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>
+	FY20 University Budget		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
+	Welcome New House Legislators		
+	Public Comment		
+	Election of House Committee Chair and Vice-Chair For 2019-2020		
+	Advisory Opinions		
	- AO 19-02		
	- AO 19-03		
	- AO 19-04		
	- AO 19-05		
+	Chair/Staff Report		
	- H 17-3 Complaint Update		
	- 2019 Ethics Training		
+	2019 Legislation Update		
+	Other Business		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	-- Location & Date Change --		
	Lunch & Learn:		
	Introducing Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACEs) & Data of ACEs Effects on Policy Matters		
	- Alaska's Statute on ACEs Awareness & Trauma-Informed Government & National/Alaskan Examples of Trauma-Informed Approaches to Policy Making by Laura Norton-Cruz, Director of Alaska Resilience Initiative		
	Sponsored by Senator Costello		

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)**

<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn: Year of the Salmon by Jill Weitz, Director of Salmon Beyond Borders & Chris Sergeant, Research Scientist, University of Montana Sponsored by Representative Ortiz		
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn: Campaign Finance by Jeff Clements, President, American Promise Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki		
<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		
<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn: Sharing Hope: Stories from Alaskans Affected by Mental Illness by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Board of Directors: Shirley Holloway, Moderator; Dr. Joanne Gartenberg, Physician; Lily Wertz & Jason Lessard from Anchorage Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		