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Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:01 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, Pastor R. Eugene Williams, First Baptist Church of Juneau, Alaska. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father God, as we stand in Your presence on this day, yet one more day that You have given to us to bring honor and glory to You, let us not be slack in our duties as citizens of the state of Alaska and the United States of America. I concur with the writer of Proverbs as he was so eloquently guided by You to pen these words:

Proverbs 2

1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you,

2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding;

3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding,

4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures,

5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity,

8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

Jesus, would You shed Your grace and mercy upon the great needs of the souls in this room today? Certainly, all present are most grateful for Your provision of the breath of life that so sustains our presence before You in this place today. Holy Spirit, may your activity in the midst of the men and women present today be life-giving, belief-challenging and heart-convicting. I plead with You to strengthen the minds in this place and enable each one of them to process the necessary information needed to provide this great state with strategies germane to the solving of the extremely tough and complex issues before them in this session and beyond.

I pray these things this day in the name of Jesus, the one and only living Son of God. Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 8 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 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Jessie Chmielowski – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/7/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The appointment was referred to the Resources Committee.

The resume for this appointment has been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 4

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge." Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, von Imhof, Cochairs; Senators Micciche, Hoffman, Shower, Wielechowski, Olson, Wilson, Bishop.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 83

SENATE BILL NO. 83 BY SENATOR BIRCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to the public utility regulatory cost charge; relating to the regulation of telecommunications; relating to exemptions, charges, and rates applicable to telecommunications utilities; relating to regulation of telephone services; and relating to alternate operator services."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 84

SENATE BILL NO. 84 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act naming the Trooper Gabe Rich Memorial Bridge."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - Ira Edwards
Representative Revak

In Memoriam - Michael R. O'Connor
Senator Birch
Representative Johnston

In Memoriam - Jason Derek Moore
Senator Birch
Representative Shaw

In Memoriam - Mark Dennis Lee
Senator Wilson
Representative Sullivan-Leonard

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 13. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:25 a.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 12:56 p.m.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Messages from the House. Without objection the Senate returned to:

Messages from the House**Concur Messages****SJR 7**

Message dated March 11 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration 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, with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 7(RES)

Senator Costello moved the Senate concur in the House amendment. Senator Kawasaki objected, then withdrew his objection.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS SJR 7(RES)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House

Amendment to SJR 7?

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Gray-Jackson

Excused: Begich

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES).

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Unfinished Business

SJR 7

Senators Bishop, Hughes, von Imhof, Micciche, Stedman, Hoffman, Costello, Coghill, Shower, Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES) 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. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Adjournment

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 13, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

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|--------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| Mar 12 | Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| Mar 14 + | Thursday 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) | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |

EDUCATION

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

EDUCATION (continued)

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 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:
 += SB 4 NAMING SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE

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:
 += SB 37 RENEWAL OF VACCINE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

JUDICIARY

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| Mar 11 | Monday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 1:30 PM |
| + SB 15 | GRAND JURY BY PETITION; DISCLOSURE -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| + SB 55 | TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| Mar 13 + | Wednesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 1:30 PM |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| Mar 15 + | Friday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 1:30 PM |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |

LABOR & COMMERCE

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| Mar 12 + | Tuesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 1:30 PM |
| | Consideration of Governor's Appointees: -- Public Testimony on All Appointees -- - Board of Psychologists & Psychological Associate Examiners - Dr. Erin Johnson - Board of Dental Examiners - Brittany Dschaak, Dr. Jesse Hronkin, Dr. David Nielson, Dr. Kelly Lucas | | |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled: | | |
| + SB 11 | MILITARY SPOUSE COURTESY LICENSE -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- | | |

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 14 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Dental Examiners - Dr. Jonathon Woller
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 44 TELEHEALTH: PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; DRUGS
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

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> --

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

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

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| 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 | | |

TRANSPORTATION

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| Mar 12 | Tuesday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
| + SB 54 | ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS | | |
| | -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- | | |

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| Mar 14 | Thursday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
| + SB 54 | ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS | | |

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

CORRECTIONS

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| Mar 15 | Friday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 5:15 PM |
| + | Department Overview of Governor's FY2020 Budget | | |

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

FISH & GAME

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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| 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> -- | | |

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

LAW

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

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

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

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 2:00 PM
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 FY20 University Budget

JOINT COMMITTEES**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

Mar 28 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 10:30 AM
 -- Please Note Location Change --
 + Welcome New House Legislators
 + Public Comment
 + Election of House Committee Chair and
 Vice-Chair For 2019-2020
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| Mar 18 | Monday | Butrovich 205 | 12:00 PM |
| | Lunch & Learn: Campaign Finance by Jeff Clements, President, American Promise Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki | | |

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

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| Mar 19 | Tuesday Lunch & Learn: "Overcharged: Why Americans Pay Too Much for Healthcare" by the Authors of the Book, Charles Silver & David Hyman Sponsored by Senator Giessel | Butrovich 205 | 12:00 PM |
| Mar 27 | Wednesday 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 | Capitol 106 | 12:00 PM |