

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 13, 2019**

**Fifty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:07 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Joe Mishler, Lighthouse Baptist Church. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father, I stand in your presence this day, before your throne of grace, in obedience to your command. For you have commanded that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for all that are in authority: that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Lord, this morning I pray for these senators, men and women who have committed this time in their lives to serve the people of this state, and for their families also. I pray you will bless them with health, protect them from harm and temptation, and give them wisdom and courage as they seek and follow your leading. I pray you would guide in the decisions made here this day, and my heart's desire is for your will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

God, I pray you bless us as we follow you, and please hinder us as we stray. And above all, Lord, I pray that each one here this day not simply know you as the Creator, as Nature's God, as the Supreme Judge of the World, or as a Divine Providence, but that they would have a personal relationship with you; for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God my Savior, who will have all men to be saved. I pray these things this morning, in the name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Senator Kawasaki led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated March 11 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Alaska Correctional Officers Association in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

The President referred the report to the Finance Committee.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 12 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 Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners**

Erin Johnson – Anchorage

**Board of Dental Examiners**

Brittany Dschaak – Dillingham

Dr. Jesse Hronkin – Palmer

Dr. David Nielson – Anchorage

Dr. Kelly Lucas – 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 Reinbold, Chair; Senators Costello, Gray-Jackson, Bishop, Birch.

**SB 23**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 23 "An Act making special appropriations from the earnings reserve account for the payment of permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 23(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Shower, Chair. Signing do not pass: Senator Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senators Reinbold, Micciche. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

President Giessel added a Judiciary Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary, then Finance Committees.

**SB 24**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act directing the Department of Revenue to pay dividends to certain eligible individuals; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(STA) "An Act directing the commissioner of revenue to pay dividends to certain eligible individuals; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Shower, Chair. Signing do not pass: Senator Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senators Reinbold, Micciche. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

President Giessel added a Judiciary Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary, then Finance Committees.

**SB 36**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 36 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators, Stedman, von Imhof, Cochairs; Senators Micciche, Olson, Wilson, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senators Shower, Wielechowski.

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 37**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 37 "An Act relating to the statewide immunization program" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37(FIN) "An Act relating to the statewide immunization program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator von Imhof, Cochair; Senators Micciche, Shower, Wilson, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senators Wielechowski, Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Senate Finance Committee

Fiscal Note No. 3, Senate Finance Committee

Fiscal Note No. 4, Senate Finance Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

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

#### **SB 85**

SENATE BILL NO. 85 will not be introduced.

#### **SB 86**

SENATE BILL NO. 86 BY SENATORS GRAY-JACKSON, Olson, entitled:

"An Act establishing November as Alaska Native Heritage Month."

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

#### **SB 87**

SENATE BILL NO. 87 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taking of big game by nonresidents; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 88**

SENATE BILL NO. 88 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the office of administrative hearings; relating to the types of proceedings handled by the office of administrative hearings; relating to the entities that may use the services of the office of administrative hearings; relating to the duties of the chief administrative law judge, including the power to hire professional staff; relating to the qualifications and powers of administrative law judges, including subpoena power; relating to the compensation of the chief administrative law judge; relating to complaints against administrative law judges and hearing officers; relating to reimbursement for costs incurred by the office of administrative hearings; relating to procedures for requesting and conducting proceedings of the office of administrative hearings; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 89**

SENATE BILL NO. 89 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 90**

SENATE BILL NO. 90 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the powers of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; establishing a buy-back program for certain set net entry permits;

providing for the termination of state set net tract leases under the buy-back program; closing certain water to commercial fishing; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Honoring - Kay Groff Cordova Citizen of the Year  
Senator Stevens  
Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Dr. Ronald Charles Brockman  
Senator Stevens  
Representative Stutes

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 citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Women's History Month 2019  
Representative Tarr

In Memoriam - Theodore Bradford Dickerson  
Representative Spohnholz  
Senator Wielechowski

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****SJR 9**

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation bill funding public education for grades kindergarten through 12. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 473) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 23 through evening plane time, April 28. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

**SB 53**

Senator Wielechowski 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.

**SB 82**

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 82 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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

**SB 50**

Senator Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 50 "An Act imposing an annual educational facilities maintenance and construction tax on net earnings from self-employment and wages; relating to the administration and enforcement of the educational facilities maintenance and construction tax; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Enrollment**

**SJR 7**

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, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:40 p.m., March 12, 2019.

Legislative Resolve No. 1

**Adjournment**

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 15, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:34 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**

<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	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)		

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**EDUCATION**

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

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FINANCE

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:
- += SB 36 EXTEND BOARD OF NURSING

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

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

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JUDICIARY

Mar 13 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- += SB 35 CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**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

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**RESOURCES**

**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 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 73 SUCCESSOR OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
 += SB 23 APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 += SB 24 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 += SB 33 ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Boards TBA  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**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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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**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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**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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**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  
 +              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**

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| <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   |                      |                 |
| <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  |                      |                 |