

SENATE JOURNAL

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Friday

March 15, 2019

Sixtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:32 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Stevens, Wielechowski were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Kiehl was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Gordon Krueger, Senate Assistant Sergeant at Arms. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,

Give us strength to be the best we can be, humility to know our flaws, and love to share abundantly with ourselves and others. Amen.

Senator Kawasaki led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Communications

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

Alaska Court System

Travel for Justices, Judges and Magistrate Judges
and Affidavit Information 2018
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

2018 Time-to-Disposition Reports
Appellate and Trial Courts
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

Letter dated January 16 was received from Joel Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating in accordance with AS 24.60.130(b), he has nominated the following public member for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

H. Conner Thomas

President Giessel referred the nomination to the Judiciary Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 14 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 Dental Examiners

Dr. Jonathan P. Woller – Fairbanks

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Dr. Scott Flamme – Fairbanks

Board of Nursing

Emily Henry - Anchorage

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Dennis Moen – Eagle River

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Kimberly Ziegler – Palmer

Bradley Austin – Juneau

Diane Thompson – Anchorage

Sara Faulkner – Homer

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, Bishop.

SB 54

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 54 "An Act approving the transfer of certain Alaska Railroad Corporation land; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senators Wilson, Shower, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

The presence of Senator Kiehl was noted.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 91**

SENATE BILL NO. 91 BY SENATOR HOFFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the development and operation of a hydroelectric site at the Nuyakuk River Falls; providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Wood-Tikchik State Park; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

In Memoriam - Ann Dolney

Senator Coghill

Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Dr. Rudolph Waclav Krejci

Representative Hopkins

Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Herb Melchior

Representative Hopkins

Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - David Mangusso

Representative Hopkins

Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Banarsi Lal

Representative Hopkins

Senator Kawasaki

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 Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 17, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

SJR 9

Senator Gray-Jackson 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.

SB 86

Senators Begich, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 86 "An Act establishing November as Alaska Native Heritage Month." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 29 through evening plane time, March 31. Without objection, Senator Wilson 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 11:00 a.m., March 18, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 19	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	
Mar 21	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 63		FISH TAX: REPEAL MUNI REFUNDS/REV. SHARE	
		-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

EDUCATION

Mar 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+ SB 74	INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS		
	-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ SB 64	REPEAL STATE DEBT REIMBURSE. FOR SCHOOLS		
	-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+= SB 30	COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ SB 6	PRE-ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS/FUNDING -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- <Time Limit May Be Set> **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 22	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	-- Please Note Date -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

FINANCE

Mar 15	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 18	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	- Spring Revenue Forecast		
+	- Oil & Gas Production Tax Audit Update		
+	- Severance Tax - Order of Operations <Item Above Rescheduled to 3/22/19>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 19	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	AIDEA: Update on Projects, Investments & Cash Flow		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 20	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 21	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Port of Anchorage: Importance, Status Update & Challenges		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 22 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**

+ - Severance Tax - Order of Operations
+ <Item Above Rescheduled from 3/18/19>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 15 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 18 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+
Presentation:
Health Care Costs by Charles Silver & David Hyman
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 20 +	Wednesday Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Overview of the Department of Health & Social Services by Commissioner Adam Crum (Continued from March 13)-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --- Department of Health & Social Services - Office of Children's Services Citizen's Review Panel by JP Ouellette, Chair-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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Mar 22 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
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Presentation:
Department of Health & Social Services - Office
of Children's Services Response to the Citizen's
Review Panel by Natalie Norberg, Director
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

JUDICIARY

Mar 15 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+= **SB 55** TEMP. APPOINTMENTS TO COURT OF APPEALS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 18	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 89	LEGISLATURE: ETHICS, CONFLICTS -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-		
+= SB 35	CRIMES;SEX CRIMES;SENTENCING; PAROLE -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 20	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 89	LEGISLATURE: ETHICS, CONFLICTS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+= SB 34	PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 22	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= SB 34	PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 23	APPROP:SUPP. PAYMENTS OF PRIOR YEARS' PFD -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 24	PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 19	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Boards TBA -- Public Testimony --		
+	SB 65 DEPT. OF LABOR: TECHNICAL ED. PROGRAMS -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-		
+	SB 66 LABOR STANDARDS/SAFETY; WORKER COMP. -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 21	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+		Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Boards TBA	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+	SB 69	EXEMPT CHARITABLE GAMING FROM PERMIT/FEES	
		-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-	
+	SJR 8	U.S.-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT ON TRADE	
		-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

RESOURCES

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

Mar 20 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+-- SB 51 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION
 -- Public Testimony - Sign Up by 4:30 p.m. --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 22 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
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Presentation:
Alaska LNG Update by Joe Dubler, Interim
President, Alaska Gasline Development Association

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STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 33	ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION		
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Alaska Police Standards Council - Jennifer Winkelman		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+= SB 33	ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION		
+	SJR 6 CONST AM:APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 75 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENSING REQ'S		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 21	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 19	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:15 AM
+	Department Overview of Governor's Amended Budget		
	- Office of Public Advocacy		
	- Public Defender Agency		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

CORRECTIONS

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

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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 19	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
+	FY20 Department of Education & Early Development Budget		
Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
+	FY20 Department of Education & Early Development Budget		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 19	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:15 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting		
Mar 26	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting		
Apr 02	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
	Agenda to be Announced		
Apr 09	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Budget Closeout		
Apr 16	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Continue Budget Closeout if Needed		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 15	Friday	Butrovich 205	7:45 AM
+	-- Please Note Location Change -- - Division of Public Health - Community Matching Grants - Department Support Services -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Mar 18	Monday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
+	Division of Public Assistance		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 22	Friday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
+	Division of Public Assistance		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 19	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019		
	Meeting		
Apr 05	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019		
	Meeting		
Apr 12	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Budget Closeout		
Apr 19	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Continue Budget Closeout if Needed		

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 21	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019		
	Meeting		
Mar 27	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
+	Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019		
	Meeting		
Apr 03	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
	Agenda to be Announced		

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NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Apr 10 +	Wednesday Budget Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM
Apr 17 +	Wednesday Continue Budget Closeout if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	7:45 AM

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 21 +	Thursday State Equipment Fleet	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
	Inventory for Client & Agency Planning (ICAP) & Administrative Costs		
Mar 28 +	Thursday Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Process	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 19 +	Tuesday FY20 University Budget	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
Mar 26 +	Tuesday FY20 University Budget	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM

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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SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
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 - 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

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 15	Friday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	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		
Mar 18	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Campaign Finance by Jeff Clements, President, American Promise Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki		
Mar 19	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: "Overcharged: Why Americans Pay Too Much for Healthcare" by the Authors of the Book, Charles Silver & David Hyman Sponsored by Senator Giessel		

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MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Mar 27 Wednesday Capitol 106 12:00 PM

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