

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 20, 2019**

**Sixty-fifth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Colonel Rick Koch, Alaska Army National Guard. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious and almighty God,

I invite your Spirit of love and wisdom to be with the Alaska State Senate session today as each member considers their conscience and the leadership required to guide our state toward a promising future.

We're forever grateful that You, Lord, are the author of freedom and allow us all the opportunities to participate in a representative form of government designed to respect and uphold the values of human dignity and liberty. Allow us this day, the leaders in this chamber and the citizens of this state, to work toward the high goals of unlocking positive outcomes in concert with Your will for our lives.

I pray for each person here and give thanks for their willingness to serve. Let each of them know they are supported by our citizenry and loved by You, the author of all creation, who guides and helps all of us

through the complexities of life wherever we are called to serve. Bless this body now in their important work of this day.

I pray this all in Your holy name. Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

#### **SJR 7**

Message dated March 18 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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.

#### **Legislative Resolve No. 1**

Letter dated March 18 was read stating in accordance with art. III, secs. 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn his name from consideration, effective immediately:

Trevor Shaw – Ketchikan

In his place, please consider the following appointee for confirmation:

**Commission on Judicial Conduct**

Hank Bartos - Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

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

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 19 was read stating:

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

**Alaska Police Standards Council**

Jennifer Winkelman – Juneau

**Personnel Board**

Craig Johnson – Anchorage

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Marcus Sanders – Anchorage

**Alaska Public Offices Commission**

James McDermott – Fairbanks

Suzanne Hancock – 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 Shower, Chair; Senators Reinbold, Micciche, Coghill, Kawasaki.

**SB 33**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to pretrial release; relating to sentencing; relating to treatment program credit toward service of a sentence of imprisonment; relating to electronic monitoring; amending Rules 38.2 and 45(d), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(STA) "An Act relating to rights of a prisoner after arrest; relating to pretrial release; relating to sentencing; relating to treatment program credit toward service of a sentence of imprisonment; relating to electronic monitoring; amending Rules 38.2 and 45(d), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Shower, Chair; Senators Reinbold, Micciche.  
Signing amend: Senators Coghill, Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 7, Alaska Judiciary System

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 6, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 38**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 38 "An Act making supplemental appropriations for fire suppression activities and restoration projects relating to earthquake disaster relief; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 38(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations for unemployment assistance, fire suppression activities, and restoration projects related to earthquake disaster relief; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

#### **SB 41**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 41 "An Act relating to the number of superior court judges in the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senators von Imhof, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Micciche, Hoffman, Shower, Wielechowski, Olson, Wilson, Bishop.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Alaska Judiciary System

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SJR 2**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 2 BY SENATOR BEGICH,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the  
State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent  
fund.

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

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 - 2019 Top Ten Iditarod Finishers  
Senator Hoffman  
Representative Zulkosky

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 Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 21 through evening plane time, March 24. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

**SB 6**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to funding for early education programs; and relating to the duties of the state Board of Education and Early Development." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 22. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

**SB 54**

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 54 "An Act approving the transfer of certain Alaska Railroad Corporation land; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 76**

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 76 "An Act repealing the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to superior court jurisdiction over appeals from Alaska Workers' Compensation Board decisions; repealing Rules 201.1, 401.1, and 501.1, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, and amending Rules 202(a), 204(a) - (c), 210(e), 601(b), 602(c) and (h), and 603(a), Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 21 through evening plane time, March 25. Without objection, Senator Bishop 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 22, 2019. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:23 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 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\*\*

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**EDUCATION**

**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\*\*

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**FINANCE**

- Mar 20      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 + SB 54 ALASKA RAILROAD CORP. LAND TRANSFERS  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 41 NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES
- Mar 21      Thursday                                  Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 + Port of Anchorage: Importance, Status Update &  
 Challenges  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- 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

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Mar 20      Wednesday                                  Butrovich 205                                  1:30 PM**  
 + Presentations:  
 - 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> --
- Mar 22      Friday    Butrovich 205                                  1:30 PM**  
 + 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> --

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 20      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 += SB 89    LEGISLATURE: ETHICS, CONFLICTS  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 34    PROBATION; PAROLE; SENTENCES; CREDITS  
                  <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
                  -- 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

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**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\*\*

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**RESOURCES**

**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

**RESOURCES (continued)**

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

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 21      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 += SB 33      ARREST;RELEASE;SENTENCING;PROBATION  
                          <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 +      SJR 6      CONST AM:APPROP. LIMIT; RESERVE FUND  
 -- Public Testimony - Starting at 3:30 p.m. --  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 21      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**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

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (continued)**

<b>Apr 09</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Budget Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
<b>Apr 16</b> +	<b>Tuesday</b> Continue Budget Closeout if Needed	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Mar 22</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Division of Public Assistance -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Apr 05</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Update on Budget Changes Since February 7, 2019 Meeting	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
<b>Apr 12</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Budget Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>
<b>Apr 19</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Continue Budget Closeout if Needed	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)**

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

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<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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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

<b>Mar 26</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>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
+	-- 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		

**OTHER MEETINGS****MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

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| <b>Mar 27</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Capitol 106</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn:<br>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<br>Sponsored by Senator Kiehl |                    |                 |
| <b>Mar 28</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Capitol 106</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn:<br>Expanding Broadband in Alaska by Rob Scott, Senior Manager & Network Engineer & Heather Cavanaugh, Director of External Affairs<br>Sponsored by Senator Gray-Jackson   |                    |                 |