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Wednesday

January 29, 2020

Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Kawasaki, Wilson were absent.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Wilson be excused from a call of the Senate today through evening plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Kawasaki be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Oh, You who made the heaven and earth, to you, O Lord, I lift up my voice on behalf of the Senators gathered here today.

I thank you, Lord, that You hear my voice. I thank You, Lord, for watching over them and protecting them from any harm.

I thank You, Lord, for watching over their families, here, and those who are not able to be here today.

Lord, You know our every thought and I ask that you lift any burdens from their minds, now, so they can be free to focus on the tasks set before them this day.

Your word says: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Grant them this rest, Lord, and let Your peace that passes all understanding abide here with them.

Fill this place with Your Presence, now, Lord. I pray You give the Senators wisdom and understanding as they labor together for the good of Alaska.

Bless them in all they set out to accomplish this day.

I pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Senator Stevens led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the seventh and eighth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

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

Letter dated January 22 from Joel Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating in accordance with AS 24.60.130(b), he has appointed the following public members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Joyce M. Anderson
Deb Fancher
Lee Holmes

President Giessel referred the appointments to the Judiciary Committee.

Joint House & Senate VPSO Working Group Report
Recommendations and Findings

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SR 2

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY SENATOR COGHILL,

Expressing support for federal legislation establishing
a United States Department of Defense regional
center for security studies in the state.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 169

SENATE BILL NO. 169 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to special request registration plates
celebrating the arts; and relating to the Alaska State
Council on the Arts."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – 2020 Top Five Kuskokwim 300 Finishers
Senator Hoffman
Representatives Zulkosky, Edgmon

In Memoriam – Alan S. Boraas, Ph.D.
Representative Knopp
Senator Micciche

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

Unfinished Business

SB 76

Senators Costello, Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors 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 Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 31 through evening plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

Senator Revak moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on the following dates:

- from morning plane time, February 8 through evening plane time, February 9
- from morning plane time, February 14 through evening plane time, February 16
- from afternoon plane time, February 22 through evening plane time February 23
- from afternoon plane time, March 6 through evening plane time, March 8

Without objection, Senator Revak was excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time through evening plane time on February 8. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

HB 96

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent President Giessel be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(FIN) "An Act relating to Alaska Pioneers' Home and Alaska Veterans' Home payments, rates, and services." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from January 31 through evening plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon plane time, February 7 through evening plane time, February 9. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 31 through evening plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

Senator Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from January 31 through February 2. Without objection, Senator Reinbold was excused.

Senator von Imhof moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 6 through evening plane time, February 9. Without objection, Senator von Imhof was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, February 1 through plane time, February 3. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 31 through morning plane time, February 2. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., January 31, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 30	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Hydroelectric Projects in Alaska by Curtis Thayer, Executive Director & Bryan Carey, Hydro Power Manager of Alaska Energy Authority		
Feb 04	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	SB 121	NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS VPSO & TANF PROGRAMS	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+	Presentation: Census 2020 Update by: - Laurie Wolf, Foraker Group - Berett Wilbur, Alaska Census Working Group/Alaska Counts - Korena Novy, Assistant Regional Census Manager, US Census Bureau		
Feb 06	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Overview: Alaska Development Team by Deputy Commissioner John Springsteen, Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development		

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EDUCATION

Jan 29 Wednesday Capitol 106 8:30 AM

-- Please Note Time & Location --
- Joint with House Education Committee -
+ Presentation:
"The State of the University" by UA President
Jim Johnsen
-- Teleconference Listen Only --
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Jan 30 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
+ SB 136 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 31 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 10 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

-- Please Note Time & Location --
-- Teleconference Listen Only --
+ School District Legislative Fly-In:
- Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School
System
- Information from Individual School Districts
Regarding their Respective Legislative & Funding
Priorities

FINANCE

Jan 29 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Legislative Finance - FY21 Fiscal Overview
- Director Pat Pitney, Legislative Finance

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FINANCE (continued)

Jan 30 +	Thursday Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority - Mike Abbott, CEO - Mary Jane Michael, Chair of the Board of Trustees	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 31 +	Friday Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation - Angela Rodell, CEO	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 29 + + += HB 96	Wednesday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Presentation: Department of Health & Social Services Overview by Commissioner Adam Crum -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled PIONEERS' HOME AND VETERANS' HOME RATES Pending Uniform Rule 23(a) Waiver -- Public Testimony, continued --	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 31	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JUDICIARY

Jan 29	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Jan 31	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 30	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SB 50	EMPLOYMENT TAX FOR EDUCATION FACILITIES		
+= SB 76	REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

RESOURCES

Jan 29	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 31	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 30	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Overview:		
	Department of Corrections		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 30	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RAILBELT ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Jan 29 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM

-- Please Note Location Change --

- Joint with House Energy Committee -

+ = SB 123 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 31 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ = SB 123 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

-- Public Testimony --

JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 06 Thursday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM

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Presentations by:

Brigadier General Torrence Saxe, Adjutant General
Alaska National Guard Commissioner,
Alaska Department of Military and Veterans'
Affairs

TBA, Alaska North American Aerospace Defense
Region, Alaska Command, Eleventh Air Force

TBA, U.S. Army Alaska

TBA, Seventeenth U.S. Coast Guard District

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 12 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM

State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable
Joel H. Bolger, Chief Justice, Alaska Supreme
Court

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 29	Wednesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education - Alaska Student Loan Corporation: "What We Do - 2020 Update: Higher Education in Alaska" by Stephanie Butler, Executive Director; Kerry Thomas, Director of Operations & Patricia Nickell-Zimmerman, Executive Secretary Sponsored by Senator Stevens		
Feb 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: Alaska Food Policy Council - Innovative Efforts to Reduce Food Waste by: - Suzanne Caldwell, Anchorage Solid Waste Services, Will Discuss Pilot Programs to Reduce the Amount of Organic Material Going into Anchorage Landfills - Andrew Mergens, Anchorage School District, Will Discuss Pilot Programs to Reduce Waste in School Lunch Programs, Including the Use of Alaska Grown Food in Anchorage Schools Sponsored by Senator Giessel & Senator Bishop		
Feb 18	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: "The Current Cybersecurity Landscape in the State & Local Government, The Recent Breach at the State of Colorado & the Nation State Bad Actors - Iran & China" by Brian Sams, Regional State, Local Government & Education (SLED) Account Director at Tanium The Presentation Will Be Followed by a Q&A Session Sponsored by Senator Hughes & Representative Tuck		