

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**January 31, 2020**

**Eleventh 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, Olson, Wilson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Shower was absent.

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,

I come before Your throne and ask for Your blessing on the Senate as they begin this new legislative session. Thank you, Lord, for new beginnings, thank you, Lord for a fresh start and a new year.

May the wind of Your spirit blow upon them and bring times of refreshing to them and encouragement for the season ahead.

Thank you, Lord, that 2019 is past and we are stepping into a bright future for our state, the great state of Alaska.

May You, Lord, lead and guide them as they navigate the coming days and work together for the good of our state.

Thank you, Lord, for their willingness to serve as senators and representatives for their constituents and their districts.

I pray you give them an excitement for what lies ahead and the vision to step into the new boldly.

I pray for good health for each of them throughout this session. Keep them in Your hand, Lord, protect them as they are away from home serving in this body.

And now, I close with a priestly blessing over you, Senators, from Numbers 6:24 - 26:

“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.”

I pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator von Imhof led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the ninth and tenth 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:

Department of Environmental Conservation  
Annual Loan Fund Report 2019  
Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds  
in accordance with AS 37.05.035 and AS 46.03.032

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Alaska Energy Authority  
Susitna-Watana Hydro Report to the Legislature 2019  
in accordance with AS 44.83.085

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated January 29, 2020 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Alaska Vocational Technical Center Teachers' Association in accordance with AS 23.40.215

President Giessel referred the report to the Finance Committee.

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated January 29, 2020 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Inlandboatmen's Union in accordance with AS 23.40.215

President Giessel referred the report to the Finance Committee.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 50**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered 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" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 50(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens. Signing do not pass: Senator Costello. Signing no recommendation: Senator Revak.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce  
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

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

#### **SB 170**

SENATE BILL NO. 170 BY SENATOR REVAK, entitled:

"An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots'  
Memorial Bridge."

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

#### **SB 171**

SENATE BILL NO. 171 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to industrial hemp."

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

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Honoring – The 210<sup>th</sup>, 211<sup>th</sup>, 212<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadrons of the 176<sup>th</sup>  
Wing, Alaska Air National Guard  
Representatives Gillis, Shaw  
Senator Revak

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous  
consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was  
adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Unfinished Business****SR 2**

Senators Costello, Revak, Kawasaki, Stevens, Micciche, Hughes, Stedman, Bishop, Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Expressing support for federal legislation establishing a United States Department of Defense regional center for security studies in the state. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 1599) in order for Senator Wilson to be excused from a call of the Senate through evening plane time, February 11. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

President Giessel made the following appointment:

**Alaska Marine Highway Reshaping Work Group**

(Administrative Order 313)

Senator Stedman

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 3, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:45 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**

**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 31                      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                                      9:00 AM**

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

**EDUCATION (continued)**

- Feb 04            Tuesday                                    Butrovich 205            9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 += SB 6 PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Discussion to Focus on Policy Implications of the  
 Grade-Level Reading Program  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Feb 06            Thursday                                    Butrovich 205            9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + SB 169 LICENSE PLATES: COUNCIL ON ARTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Feb 07            Friday                                    Butrovich 205            9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*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

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**FINANCE**

- Jan 31            Friday                                    Senate Finance 532            9:00 AM**  
 + Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation  
 - Angela Rodell, CEO
  
- Feb 03            Monday                                    Senate Finance 532            9:00 AM**  
 + SB 115 MOTOR FUEL TAX  
 -- Public Testimony --

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**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+ = SB 104	APPROPRIATION LIMIT		
<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	University of Alaska		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	FY20 Supplemental Budget		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	HB 41	SHELLFISH PROJECTS; HATCHERIES; FEES	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		



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**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Feb 05      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 07      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 04      Tuesday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + SB 157 LICENSING: TEMP., ELIG., BONDS, REPEALS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 06      Thursday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 47 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BD/PRACTICE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

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

**Feb 03      Monday                                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 05      Wednesday                                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + SB 155 EXPLORATION & MINING RIGHTS; ANNUAL LABOR  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + HB 122 FUNTER BAY MARINE PARK: UNANGAN CEMETERY  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Feb 07      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
+ SB 144	ESTABLISH JUNE 7 AS WALTER HARPER DAY		
	-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-		
+ SB 164	PEACE OFFICER/VPO: ELIG., STDRS., DEFIN.		
	-Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**RAILBELT ELECTRIC SYSTEM**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 123	ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 123	ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 123	ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS		
	-- Public Testimony --		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Feb 06                      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532                      12:00 PM**

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Presentations by:

- Dr. Michael Sfraga, Director of the Polar Institute & Wilson Center of Global Risk & Resilience Program
- Lieutenant General Thomas A. Bussiere - Commander, Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- Chief Master Sergeant David Wolfe - Senior Enlisted Leader of the Alaskan NORAD Region, Alaskan Command & the Command Chief Master Sergeant, Eleventh Air Force; Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska
- Major General Peter B. Andrysiak - Commanding General U.S. Army Alaska
- Rear Admiral Matthew T. Bell - 17th District Commander, U.S. Coast Guard
- Major General Torrence Saxe, The Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs
- Jason Suslavich, National Security Advisor, United States Senator Dan Sullivan

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**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

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

- Feb 07      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                      12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn:  
 "Remote Sales Tax Collection" by Nils  
 Andreassen, Executive Director of Alaska  
 Municipal League  
 Sponsored by Senator Kiehl
- 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
- Mar 04      Wednesday                                      Capitol 106                      12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn:  
 Alaska Outdoor Alliance - Presenters & Subjects:  
 - Lee Hart, Statewide Outdoor Recreation  
 Priorities  
 - Chris Beck, Statewide Trails Initiative  
 - Natalie Dawson, New Tourism Products &  
 Regenerative Tourism  
 - Dan Blanchard, Adventure Tourism Business  
 - Michele Stevens, Snowmachine Community Priorities  
 Sponsored by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins