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Monday

February 3, 2020

Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Wilson were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Blue, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Psalm 58, a verse set for prayer this morning, Lord,
Written by young David in his rebel days, perhaps,
to the tune of “Do Not Destroy.”
This is a tune we have lost, O Holy One. Lamentably.

His lyric begins, “Do you rulers indeed speak justly?
Do you judge people with equity?”
“No,” he sings, “in your heart you devise injustice,
And your hands mete out violence on the earth.”
Perhaps there was a chorus here, or a bridge.

David continues, “Even from birth the wicked go
astray; From the womb they are wayward, spreading
lies. Their venom like the venom of a snake,
Like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears”
Do you recall a solo, now, of David’s stringed lyre?

Gracious one, this is the New International Version,
and some disagree, calling out ‘gods’ or ‘politicians,’
instead of rulers. But all translations agree his verse
takes clear aim at human corruption and lies, and
strikes all the way, Lord, to the inevitable end.

Save us, O Redeemer, from that grim-trodden path.
Recall to us our pleasure to serve the people, with
preference for the defenseless and the downtrodden,
to bring joy and grace for the indigenous poor.
Grant, O Dear One, a merciful way forward.

O Wisdom, manifest the temperate justice learned of
scripture and life,
In the acts of these good women and men, here
assembled,
The Senators of our Great Land. Guide them
to bring blessings to her many tribes, your people,

Lord, in this time and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the eleventh through thirteenth 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 Health and Social Services

Annual Report 2018-2019
in accordance with AS 18.05.020

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Registration and Review Report FY2019
in accordance with AS 47.80.130

Notification of Availability:
Operating Grants FY2020
in accordance with AS 18.25.110

Department of Education and Early Development
Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Resulting in
Suspension or Expulsion
School Years 2007-2019
in accordance with AS 14.33.210

HB 49

Department of Corrections
Alaska Rehabilitation and Reentry
in accordance with ch. 4, FSSLA 19

Department of Administration
Notification of Availability:
Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions for 2019
January 31, 2020
in accordance with AS 37.05.210

Department of Fish and Game

Board of Game Allocation Report
January 31, 2020
in accordance with AS 16.05.050

Status of Brown Bears and Other Natural Resources in the
McNeil River State Game Sanctuary and Refuge in 2019
Annual Report to the Alaska State Legislature
January 2020
in accordance with AS 16.20.041 and AS 16.20.162

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 155

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 155 BY SENATOR BISHOP, entitled:

"An Act relating to exploration and mining rights; relating to annual labor requirements with respect to mining claims and related leases; relating to statements of annual labor; defining 'labor'; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 172

SENATE BILL NO. 172 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 173

SENATE BILL NO. 173 BY SENATOR REVAK, entitled:

"An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Labor and Commerce Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Resolutions****SR 2**

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 1601). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Expressing support for federal legislation establishing a United States Department of Defense regional center for security studies in the state, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 2

Final Passage

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Olson, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

Excused: Hoffman, Wilson

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

Citations

Honoring – Glacier Oil and Gas Corporation
Representatives Gillis, Rauscher, Rasmussen

Honoring – Frances “Sistuq” Ozenna
Representative Foster
Senator Olson

Honoring – Virginia Head
Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam – Gary Thomas
Senator Stevens
Representative Vance

In Memoriam – Hank Pennington
Senator Stevens
Representative Stutes

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, 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 Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 1521) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 19 through evening plane time, February 24. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

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

SJR 13

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to abortion. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment and Enrollment**SR 2**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Expressing support for federal legislation establishing a United States Department of Defense regional center for security studies in the state, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:45 p.m., February 3, 2020.

Senate Resolve No. 2

Adjournment

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 5, 2020. 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

Feb 04 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:45 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ 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

EDUCATION

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

EDUCATION (continued)

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		

FINANCE

Feb 03	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 115	MOTOR FUEL TAX	
	-- Public Testimony --		
Feb 04	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+=	SB 104	APPROPRIATION LIMIT	
Feb 05	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	University of Alaska		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 06	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	FY20 Supplemental Budget		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 07	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	HB 41	SHELLFISH PROJECTS; HATCHERIES; FEES	
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 03	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 05	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Feb 07	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

JUDICIARY

Feb 03	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Feb 05	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Feb 07	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 04	Tuesday -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- + SB 157 LICENSING: TEMP., ELIG., BONDS, REPEALS + -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Feb 06	Thursday + SB 47 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BD/PRACTICE + -- Public Testimony -- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

RESOURCES

Feb 03 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 05 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ 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

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 04 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

-- 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>

Feb 06 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 04 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 06 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RAILBELT ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Feb 03	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 123	ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS -- Public Testimony --		
Feb 06	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 123	ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS -- Public Testimony --		

JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 06	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
+	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		

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

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		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Mar 04	Wednesday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
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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