

SENATE JOURNAL
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Friday

February 7, 2020

Eighteenth 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 Costello, von Imhof, Wilson were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Shower was absent.

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.

Lord, the needs of the people, and the demands of adverse politics and the requirements of electoral campaigns overwhelm those who would serve. The Psalmist, a public Servant, sings, "Save me, O God, for the waters have risen up to my neck. I am sinking in deep mire, and there is no firm ground for my feet. I have come into deep waters, and the torrent washes over me."

Creator, the injustice of false accusation, and the perversion of justice and truth into blind loyalty have become darkness covering the light of the day. Pet theories of greed take places of greater importance than suffering of others. The Psalmist sings, "O God, you know my foolishness, and my faults are not hidden from you. Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, Lord God of hosts; let not those who seek you be disgraced because of me, O God of Israel."

In the deadlock of ideas, the winner-take-all drains resources into the pockets of masters far away. Promises of sunshine and blue sky paint false memories and sketchy outcomes, peddled by those who sit and murmur at the gate. The Servant sings, “But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord: In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help. Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters Answer me O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

“As for me, I am afflicted and in pain; your help, O God, will lift me up on high. The afflicted shall see and be glad; you who seek God, your heart shall live. For the Lord listens to the needy, and his prisoners he does not despise. Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and all that moves in them.”

Wake up, Redeemer, the eyes of compassion in your servants, the Senate of Alaska. Arouse in them the smoldering fires of justice, incite great visions of renewal and feed the faith and understanding that rebuilds the trust of the people. Restore the honor that comes from the integrity of those who love this Great Land. Amen.

Senator Bishop led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the sixteenth and seventeenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated Feb 6 was read stating in accordance with AS 18.85.030, I submit the following individual for appointment:

Public Defender

Samantha Cherot – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/12/2019

Term Expires: 9/12/2023

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

In accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submit the following appointees for confirmation:

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Hardy “Van” Lawrence – Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Peter Buist – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The appointment was referred to the Resources Committee.

Board of Nursing

Catherine Hample – Wasilla

Appointed: 5/24/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Lena Lafferty – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/24/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Board of Professional Counselors

Laura Patin – Eagle River

Appointed: 11/14/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Todd Fletcher – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Lem Wheelles – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

The appointment was referred to the Education Committee.

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Cachet Garrett – Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/1/2019

Term Expires: 5/31/2021

The appointment was referred to the Education and Finance Committees.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated February 5 from Governor Mike Dunleavy regarding damage across the Kenai Peninsula Borough from severe winter storms, with an accompanying letter, was received February 5. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 5 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 116**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 116 BY REPRESENTATIVES STORY, Kreiss-Tomkins, Vance, Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to the renewal or extension of site leases for aquatic farming and aquatic plant and shellfish hatchery operations."

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

Message dated February 5 was read stating:

The Senate is invited to meet with the House for the purpose of a Joint Session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. for U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski's annual address to the Legislature.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Communications

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

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
2019 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.80.210

Alaska Court System
Schedule of Compensation
Alaska Court System Supreme Court Justices,
Appellate Court Judges, and Administrative Directors
Calendar Year 2019
in accordance with AS 22.20.037

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
2019 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.81.200

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SJR 16**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 BY SENATOR
KAWASAKI,

Supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution stating that the Constitution does not create, grant, or protect constitutional rights of corporations or other artificial entities, recognizing that the United States government may limit expenditures of money to influence elections and public policy, and overturning the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 180**

SENATE BILL NO. 180 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing information on state government financial transactions and specifying the information to be made available on the website."

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

SB 181

SENATE BILL NO. 181 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to transportation of live crab."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 144**

SENATE BILL NO. 144 "An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day" was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 144 was read the third time.

Senators Begich, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Olson, Hoffman, Stedman, Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 144 "An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 144

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Costello, von Imhof, Wilson

Absent: Shower

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 144 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Unfinished Business**SJR 16**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Begich, Kiehl, Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Supporting an amendment to the United States Constitution stating that the Constitution does not create, grant, or protect constitutional rights of corporations or other artificial entities, recognizing that the United States government may limit expenditures of money to influence elections and public policy, and overturning the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 13

Senator Micciche 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.

SB 130

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to a seafood product development tax credit; providing for an effective date by repealing secs. 32 and 35, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 13 through February 15. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

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

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 144

SENATE BILL NO. 144 "An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 10, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:15 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

Feb 11 +	Tuesday Presentation: "Susitna-Watana Project & Ambler Road Project" by Tom Boutin, Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA) & Curtis Thayer, Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) -- Teleconference Listen Only --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 13	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Feb 07 + += SB 6	Friday -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled: PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
Feb 10	Monday School District Legislative Fly-In: See Miscellaneous Meetings	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM

SENATE JOURNAL

1684

February 7, 2020

FINANCE

Feb 07 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ HB 41 SHELLFISH PROJECTS; HATCHERIES; FEES
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 10 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ HB 139 AK PERM. FUND CORP. PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION
-- Public Testimony --
+ HB 68 LABOR STDRS/SAFETY; WORKER COMPENSATION
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 11 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ SB 52 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ Order of Operations - Oil Tax Regime by Dan
Stickel, Director of Economic Research Group,
Department of Revenue
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 13 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ PRS/TRS Update by Ajay Desai, Director of
Division of Retirement & Benefits
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 14 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ School Construction Funding Overview
+= HB 106 SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 07 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 10 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 12	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Presentation: "Coronavirus: Alaska's Response & Preparedness" by Dr. Anne Zink, Department of Health & Social Services, Chief Medical Officer		
+=	HB 96	PIONEERS' HOME AND VETERANS' HOME RATES -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- <Time Limit May Be Set>	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 14	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	HB 29	INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

JUDICIARY

Feb 07	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 10	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 12	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Presentation by the Alaska Children's Justice Act Task Force		
Feb 14	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 11	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	SB 81	TELEPHONE COOPERATIVES;TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- Public Testimony --	
+=	SB 47	PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BD/PRACTICE	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 13 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 "Alaska Hire Legal History" by Dan Wayne,
 Legislative Legal
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

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

Feb 10 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 171 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM; MANUFACTURING
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 161 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation:
 Regarding Pending Cases Affecting Alaska
 Resources by the Department of Law
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += HB 122 FUNTER BAY MARINE PARK: UNANGAN CEMETERY
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 14 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 155 EXPLORATION & MINING RIGHTS; ANNUAL LABOR
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 145 REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 12	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
		-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --	
+		Ratification of Charity Events	
		- 2020 Girl Scouts of Alaska Annual Auction	
		- 28th Fahrenkamp-Kelly Classic Charity Putting Tournament	
		- 57th Annual Legislative Skits	
		- 5th Annual Juneau's Got Talent	
		- Juneau Co-op Reschool Winter Feast	
		- Juneau Animal Rescue 7th Annual Silent Auction	
		- 2020 Kenai River Sportfishing Association Events	
+		Committee Business	
		- FY19 Legislature Audit	
		- FY21 Legislature Budget	
+		Contract Approvals	
		- Ketchikan Office Space Lease Renewal	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

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	
Feb 18	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
		Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	

SENATE JOURNAL

1690

February 7, 2020

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 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
- Feb 11 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn:
"State of the Freight Transportation Industry in
Alaska" by the Alaska Trucking Association:
- Joey Crum - Northern Industrial Training
- Jeremy Miller - Carlile Transportation
- Jamie Benson - FedEx
- Joe Michel - Alaska Trucking Association
Sponsored by Senator Revak
- 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

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

- | | | | |
|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| 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 | | |
| Feb 19 | Wednesday | Butrovich 205 | 12:00 PM |
| | Lunch & Learn:
Discussion on How the Partners for Progress Reentry Center Assists People Leaving Prison, Starting on the Day they Return to the Community & Including Prison In-reach to Prepare for Reentry While they are Still Incarcerated by Ciesta Williams, Job Lab Manager for Partners Reentry
Followed by Question & Answer Period
Sponsored by Senator Hughes & Representative Fields | | |
| 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 | | |