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Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 10:33 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Reinbold, Revak were excused. Senator Kiehl was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Yehoshua Mizrahi. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

May it be Your will, L-rd our G-d, and G-d of our ancestors, that we devote time this day and every day to reflect on our deeds; that we accustom ourselves to the study of Your teachings in the Holy Torah; and that we observe Your commandments. Bring us not into sin, transgression or iniquity, no matter how petty, nor into temptation, scorn, anger, jealousy or rage so that our evil inclination not have mastery over us...

Rather, cause us cleave to what Abraham Lincoln described as the better angels of our nature, to the good inclination and to good deeds, and let us subordinate our impulses in your service. Grant us this day and every day: grace, kindness and mercy; wisdom, knowledge and insight; and may be adjudged favorably in Your eyes and in the eyes of all who behold us; now let us say, Amen.

Senator Gray-Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-third and twenty-fourth legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 13 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Kiehl was noted.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 12 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 83

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 83(STA) am(efd del) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to voting by electronic transmission in a state election."

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

HB 115

HOUSE BILL NO. 115(efd am) BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCK, Spohnholz, Josephson, Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to absentee voting; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Alaska Airports and Aviation
2019 Annual Report

Disclosure letters received in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 8 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 14.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 170

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 170 "An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Memorial Bridge." Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Costello, Wilson, Coghill, Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and
Public Facilities

President Giessel added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 96

The Health and Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(FIN) "An Act relating to Alaska Pioneers' Home and Alaska Veterans' Home payments, rates, and services." Signing amend: Senator Wilson, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Begich, von Imhof, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 7, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 8, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 122

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 122 am "An Act relating to the Funter Bay marine park unit of the state park system; relating to protection of the social and historical significance of the Unangax cemetery located in Funter Bay and providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Funter Bay marine park unit; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Micciche, Chair; Senators Bishop, Revak, Kiehl, Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 190**

SENATE BILL NO. 190 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of dentistry."

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

SB 191

SENATE BILL NO. 191 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to trusts and trustees, including trust division, the powers of trustees, delayed gifts to trusts, and community property trusts; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 192

SENATE BILL NO. 192 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to fiduciary discretion and the allocation of capital gains to income under the Alaska Principal and Income Act."

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

SB 193

SENATE BILL NO. 193 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to liability of an electric utility for contact between vegetation and the utility's facilities; and relating to vegetation management plans."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**House Bills in Third Reading****HB 44**

HOUSE BILL NO. 44 "An Act relating to fees for using an automated teller machine; and providing for an effective date" which had been held in third reading (page 1720) was before the Senate.

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be held to the February 17 calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Second Reading of House Resolutions**HCR 12**

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent to take up HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Dedicating Capitol Room 106 in the Alaska State Capitol to the late Senator Bettye J. Davis, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 1655). Without objection, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

Senators Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski, Kiehl, Kawasaki, Begich, Olson, Wilson, Costello, Coghill, Stevens, von Imhof, Stedman, Bishop, Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Dedicating Capitol Room 106 in the Alaska State Capitol to the late Senator Bettye J. Davis, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 12

Final Passage

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Hoffman, Reinbold, Revak

and so, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring – Dimond High School Boys Cross Country Running 2019 State Champions
Senator Costello
Representative Rasmussen

Honoring – Dimond High School Girls Swimming and Diving 2019 State Champions
Senator Costello
Representative Rasmussen

Honoring – West Anchorage High School Tennis Team 2019 State Co-Champions
Senator Costello

Honoring – Homer High School Varsity Volleyball Team 2019 Alaska 3A State Champions
Representative Vance
Senator Stevens

Honoring – Joe Leman
Representative Vance

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.

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, 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 – Elizabeth Peratrovich Day & the 75th Anniversary of the Anti-Discrimination Act
Representatives Story, Hannan
Senator Kiehl

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

SB 180

Senators Hughes, Kawasaki, Shower, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 180 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 187

Senators Hughes, Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 187 "An Act relating to binding votes by or for a legislator under the Legislative Ethics Act." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 17

Senators Hughes, Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to political caucuses in the legislature. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 18 through evening plane time, February 18. Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time today through plane time, February 21. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

SJR 13

Senators Wilson, Olson, Costello, Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors 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.

HB 115

Senators Begich, Wielechowski, Kawasaki, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 115(efd am) "An Act relating to absentee voting; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent President Giessel be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time today through evening plane time, February 16. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

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 17, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:20 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 18 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 20 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 14 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 6 PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 17 Monday Davis 106 9:00 AM
 -- Please Note Location --
 -- Teleconference Listen Only --
 - Joint with House Education Committee -
 + Presentation:
 Annual Report of the State Board of Education &
 Early Development by James Fields, Board Chair
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE (continued)

- Feb 19** **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+= SB 52 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
 -- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 20** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ AIDEA & Alaska Development Team:
 - Commissioner Julie Anderson, DCCED
 - Deputy Commissioner John Springsteen, DCCED
 - Tom Boutin, Executive Director, AIDEA
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 21** **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+= SB 104 APPROPRIATION LIMIT
+= SB 115 MOTOR FUEL TAX
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Feb 14** **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ HB 29 INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TELEHEALTH
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 17** **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 173 LICENSE MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 19** **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Presentation:
 Department of Health & Social Services Update by
 Commissioner Adam Crum
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 21** **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 134 MEDICAID COVERAGE OF LIC. COUNSELORS
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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JUDICIARY

Feb 14	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 17	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 19	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Presentation:		
	- Legislative Affairs Agency Legal Counsel		
	- Oversight of 2019 Report by LAA Legal		
Feb 21	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 18	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
	- Board of Examiners in Optometry -		
	Pamela Steffes		
	- Workers Compensation Board - Lake Williams		
	- Board of Professional Counselors -		
	Eleanor Vinson		
	- Workers Compensation Appeals Commission -		
	Deirdre Ford & Amy Steele		
	-- Public Testimony on all Appointees --		
+	SB 172	EXTENDING THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 20	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
	- Board of Barbers & Hairdressers -		
	Michelle McMullin		
	- Occupational Safety & Health Review Board -		
	Vincent Perez		
	-- Public Testimony on all Appointees --		
+	Presentation:		
	"Alaska Hire, Title 36 Analysis" by Joe Dunham,		
	DOLWD Wage & Hour		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

RESOURCES

- 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
- Feb 17 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 145 REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 70 REPEAL IND. OCEAN POLLUTION MONITORS/FEE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Presentation:
 The Spill Prevention & Response (SPAR) Program
 by the Department of Environmental Conservation
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Presentation:
 Revenue from Alaska's Resources by the
 Department of Natural Resources & the Department
 of Revenue
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 155 EXPLORATION & MINING RIGHTS; ANNUAL LABOR
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 21 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 171 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM; MANUFACTURING
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 161 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 150 INTENSIVE MGMT SURCHARGE/REPEAL TERM DATE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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CORRECTIONS

Feb 17 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Department Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 17 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **5:30 PM**
+ Department of Environmental Conservation Budget
Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FISH & GAME

Feb 18 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
+ Overview

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 20 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Department Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 21 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Alaska's Medicaid Program Update
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

JUDICIARY

Feb 20 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:00 PM**
+ Alaska Judiciary Overview Presentations:
Operations of the Alaska Court System,
The Alaska Judicial Council & The Alaska
Commission on Judicial Conduct
Invited Testimony by:
- Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director,
Alaska Court System
- Rhonda McLeod, Chief Financial Officer, Alaska
Court System

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 20 +	Thursday - Synopsis on Subcommittee Binders - FY21 Agency Budget Highlights - Challenges & Successes	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Feb 27 +	Thursday FY21 Agency Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Mar 05 +	Thursday FY21 Agency Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Mar 12 +	Thursday FY21 Agency Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM
Mar 19	Thursday Will Meet if Needed	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	4:00 PM

LAW

Feb 20 +	Thursday FY 2021 Budget - Civil Division -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 25 +	Tuesday FY 2021 Budget - Criminal Division -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Feb 27 +	Thursday FY 2021 Budget - Continuation as Needed, Other Increments, Governor's Amendments & FY 2020 Legislative Intent -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM

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PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Feb 24 **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ FY 2021 Budget - VPSOs
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 26 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ FY 2021 Budget - Other Increments, Governor's
Amendments & FY 2020 Legislative Intent
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

REVENUE

Feb 19 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
+ Department of Revenue Budget Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 19 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ Roads/Highways/Bridges

Feb 26 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ Aviation - International & Rural Airports

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RAILBELT ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Feb 14 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **9:00 AM**
+= SB 123 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS
-- Public Testimony --

Feb 17 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
-- Please Note Location Change --
+= SB 123 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS
-- Public Testimony --

