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Twenty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Stedman was excused from a call of the Senate.

Alaska Flag Song

"Alaska's Flag" was performed by members of Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School Choir.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Eight stars of gold on a field of blue,
Alaska's flag, may it mean to you,
The blue of the sea, the evening sky,
The mountain lakes and the flowers nearby,
The gold of the early sourdough's dreams,
The precious gold of the hills and streams,
The brilliant stars in the northern sky,
The "Bear," the "Dipper," and shining high,
The great North Star with its steady light,
O'er land and sea a beacon bright,
Alaska's flag to Alaskans dear,
The simple flag of a last frontier.

Words by Marie Drake
Music by Elinor Dusenbury

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-fifth through twenty-seventh legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 8 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 14 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 6

The Education Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to funding for early education programs; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; establishing a reading intervention program for public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; establishing a literacy program in the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date," and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(EDC) "An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to school age eligibility; relating to funding for early education programs; establishing early education programs and a voluntary parent program; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to certification of teachers; establishing a reading intervention program for public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; establishing a reading program in the Department of Education and Early Development; establishing a teacher retention working group; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senator Begich. Signing no recommendation: Senators Coghill, Hughes, Costello.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SJR 18

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 BY SENATOR REVAK,

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of women's
suffrage.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 194

SENATE BILL NO. 194 BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY &
REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to advanced nuclear reactors."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional
Affairs and Resources Committees.

SB 195

SENATE BILL NO. 195 BY THE SENATE LABOR &
COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to election of a domestic insurer's
board of directors."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce
Committee.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 44 was before the Senate in third reading on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 44 "An Act relating to fees for using an automated teller machine; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 44

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Stedman

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 44 passed the Senate.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring – National Engineers Week 2020

Representatives Story, Hannan

Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam – Connie Parks-Karl

Senator Coghill

Representatives Talerico, Hopkins

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 145

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 145 "An Act relating to the registration of commercial fishing vessels; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 173

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 173 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 55

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to judges of the court of appeals; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m. February 19, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:34 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 18	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
Feb 20	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Feb 17	Monday -- 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**	Davis 106	9:00 AM
Feb 18	Tuesday -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- += SB 169 LICENSE PLATES: COUNCIL ON ARTS -- Public Testimony -- + SB 113 TEACHERS: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv** + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM

FINANCE (continued)

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 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

JUDICIARY

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 17 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- += SB 145 REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION
 - Public Testimony --
- += SB 70 REPEAL 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

RESOURCES (continued)

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

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 137 EXTEND BOARD OF PAROLE
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + SB 177 DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE: PENALTY
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + HB 109 MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY WAIVER
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + SB 169 LICENSE PLATES: COUNCIL ON ARTS
 <Pending Referral>
 -Invited Testimony Followed by Public Testimony-
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Roads/Highways/Bridges

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RAILBELT ELECTRIC SYSTEM

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

- Feb 19** **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
 -- Please Note Location Change --
 += SB 123 ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Feb 21** **Friday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

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

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

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		

Feb 20	Thursday	Davis 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn: "Alaska Statewide Housing Advocacy Day - Alaska Housing & Homelessness Services" by: - Brian Wilson, Alaska Coalition on Housing & Homelessness - Jasmine Boyle, Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness - Chris Kolerok & Katie Scovic, Cook Inlet Housing Authority Sponsored by Senator Wielechowski		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

- Mar 04 Wednesday Davis 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
- Mar 05 Thursday Davis 106 12:00 PM**
 Lunch & Learn:
 "Shining a Light on Youth Mental Illness" by:
 - Dr. Joanne Gartenberg, Behavioral Health
 Medical Director at Bartlett Regional Hospital
 - Rachael Woods, MS Juneau Youth Services
 - Jason Lessard, NAMI Anchorage Executive
 Director
 - Natalie Fraser & Zoe Kaplan, Co-Founders of
 Mental Health Advocacy Through Storytelling
 Sponsored by Representative Hannan
- Mar 11 Wednesday Davis 106 12:00 PM**
 Lunch & Learn:
 "Maritime Operations: Present & Future Impact on
 Alaska's Economy & Welfare" by Captain Ed Page
 Sponsored by Representative Hannan
- Mar 18 Wednesday Davis 106 12:00 PM**
 Lunch & Learn:
 Aerospace Day in the Capitol: "Alaska Aerospace
 Corporation, Poker Flats, ACUASI" by Mark Lester,
 AAC President & CEO and Ross Garelick Bell,
 Executive Director of the Aerospace States
 Association
 Sponsored by Senator Stevens