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Forty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Costello was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Shower was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

On this day in 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president so I offer some words from his speech as part of our prayer,

“We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave, to every living heart and hearthstone, all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature.” Six weeks later was the attack on Fort Sumter.

So I ask us to reflect for a moment on the better angels of our nature, on the spirit of peace and grace that dwells in humanity. What does it mean to see each other as friends and not as enemies, to be bound together in one chorus? I invite you to breathe in the hope and the ugliness of what people can be and what we do to each other. Rise above the attacks, seek a better way, embrace the eternal love I refer to as God.

Breathe into us patience, compassion, courage for justice, and most of all your grace. Amen.

Senator Revak led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Messages dated March 2 and March 3 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HCR 13

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 am BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE,

Relating to the Alaska permanent fund.

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 205

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205(FIN)(Corrected) am(brf sup maj fld)
BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 206

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Message dated March 3 was read stating:

The Senate is invited to meet with the House for the purpose of a Joint Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. for U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan'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.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Shower be excused from a call of the Senate today through March 6. Without objection, Senator Shower was excused.

Communications

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

Department of Natural Resources
2019 Determination to Take Oil and Gas Royalty in Value
in accordance with AS 38.05.182

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 2 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Alaska Police Standards Council

Ed Mercer
Joseph White
Jennifer Winkelman

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senators Hughes, Micciche, Kiehl, Reinbold.

Report dated March 3 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Education Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Board of Education and Early Development

Keith Hamilton
Lorri van Diest

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senators Begich, Hughes.

Report dated March 3 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Labor and Commerce Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Denise Albert
Hal Geiger
Rachel Bergartt
Scott Flamme

Board of Nursing

Emily Schubert
Wendy Monrad

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

John Lloyd

Board of Social Work Examiners

Brandon Ercanbrack

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Hannah St. George

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Revak.

SB 137

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 137 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senator Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wilson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Corrections

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 159

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 159 "An Act relating to salt water sport fishing operators and salt water sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Micciche, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Revak, Coghill. Signing do pass: Senators Bishop, Giessel.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 172

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 172 "An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 172(L&C) "An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; requiring a report on the State Medical Board's audit compliance; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Revak.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 18

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Commemorating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senator Coghill. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wilson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

HJR 25

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 Encouraging the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Governor of the state to assist the National Park Service in its efforts to ensure long-term access into Denali National Park and Preserve by way of the existing roadway. Signing do pass: Senator Micciche, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Revak, Bishop, Coghill, Giessel.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 167**

SENATE BILL NO. 167 "An Act providing for an aggravating factor at sentencing for contractors, volunteers, and employees of the Department of Corrections; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Giessel stated SENATE BILL NO. 167 will advance to third reading on the March 6 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 81**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(L&C) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(L&C) "An Act relating to electric and telephone cooperatives; and relating to telephone service and related telecommunications services" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 81(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Costello, Shower

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(L&C) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Senator Hoffman 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

In Memoriam – Steve Prescott Stanton
Senator Micciche

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 28 through evening plane time, May 3. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 13 through morning plane time, March 16. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 81**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(L&C) "An Act relating to electric and telephone cooperatives; and relating to telephone service and related telecommunications services" 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 10:30 a.m. March 6, 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

Mar 05 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 04 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Legislative Finance Review of Governor's Amendments
 + HB 234 APPROP: SUPP; REAPPROP; CAP; AMEND; CBR
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 05 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 154 APPROP: CAPITAL; SUPP; OTHER APPROP.
 by Office of Management & Budget
 Deferred Maintenance Update by:
 - Office of Management & Budget
 - Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 06 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+= HB 139 AK PERM. FUND CORP. PROCUREMENT EXEMPTION
+ SB 30 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+= SB 120 ADMINISTRATION OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION
+= SB 179 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT
+= SJR 13 CONST. AM: PROHIBIT ABORTION/FUNDING
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 04 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+= SB 8 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS
- Invited Testimony: Nancy Meade -
-- Followed by Public Testimony --
+= SB 191 TRUSTS, TRUSTEES, COMMUNITY PROPERTY
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 06 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
State Board of Parole - Leitoni "Lei" Tupou
Commission on Judicial Conduct - Robert Sheldon
-- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Mar 05 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Public Accountancy - Donald Vieira
 Board of Marital & Family Therapy - Kayla Green
 State Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy
 Board - Lisa Radley
 Board of Pharmacy - Justin Ruffridge
 -- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
 - + SB 156 EMPLOYER'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSUR RATE
 -- Public Testimony --
 - + SB 195 BD OF DIRECTORS: DOMESTIC INSURERS
 -- Public Testimony --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

- Mar 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- Delayed to a Call of the Chair --
 - + The State of Alaska's Outdoor Industry:
 Unsung Economic Powerhouse by the Alaska Outdoor
 Alliance
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 - + SB 130 SEAFOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Public Testimony --
 - + = SB 189 SPORT FISHING ENHANCEMENT SURCHARGE
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Public Testimony --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + SB 176 REGULATE PFAS USE; FIRE/WATER SAFETY
 -- Public Testimony --
 - + SB 232 PERSONAL USE FISHING PERMIT FEES
 -- Public Testimony --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 133 SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS: TESTING
-- Public Testimony --
+= SB 97 ART IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS & FACILITIES
-- Public Testimony --
+ SB 183 ABANDONED VEHICLES; PRIVATE PROPERTY
-- Public Testimony --
+ SCR 11 DECORATION OF HONOR AWARD: GABRIEL CONDE
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
+ Overview

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 05 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
+ FY21 DEED Budget
Streamed live on AKL.tv

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 05 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Behavioral Health: Behavioral Health Grants,
Medicaid 1115 Waiver
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 06 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:45 AM**
+ Senior Health: Pioneer Homes, Senior &
Disabilities Services
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 05 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ -- MEETING CANCELED --
FY21 Agency Budget

Mar 12 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
+ FY21 Agency Budget

Mar 19 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **4:00 PM**
Will Meet if Needed

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 05 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:00 PM**
+ FY21 Agency Budget: Mining, Land & Water;
Agriculture
Mining, Land & Water:
- Status of Permitting Backlog
- Aquatic Farm Leases - Impacts of DEC Budget
Cuts on Commercial Shellfish Testing
Agriculture:
- Relocating Agriculture Development to Fire
Suppression, Land & Water
- Resource - Why Collapse Components?
- Cuts in Staffing to the Division
- Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund Program Status
- Update on Industrial Hemp Program

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NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 12	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
+	FY21 Agency Budget		
Mar 19	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:00 PM
	Will Meet if Needed		

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 04	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	-- Rescheduled from 2/26/2020 -- Aviation - International & Rural Airports		

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Mar 17	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

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		

