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Sixty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Costello was absent.

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

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

O God my heavenly Father, thank you for your tender mercies which we have abundantly received up to now.

As we continue to work out policy solutions and much needed help for our people in these difficult times.

We need your help to remain strong and thoughtful among ourselves as we work through some tough decisions that often intensify our emotions.

We desire your grace working through us to be the best we can for our people and with our people in this wonderful state we live in.

Thank you for hearing our prayer.

I pray in the authority of Christ my LORD. Amen.

Senator Micciche led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the sixty-fourth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

HB 96

Message dated March 24 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(FIN) "An Act relating to Alaska Pioneers' Home and Alaska Veterans' Home payments, rates, and services" thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 96(FIN) "An Act relating to Alaska Pioneers'
Home and Alaska Veterans' Home payments, rates,
and services; and providing for an effective date."

HB 235

Message dated March 24 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 235(FIN) thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 235(FIN) "An Act relating to allocations of
funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board;
and providing for an effective date."

Message dated March 24 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 182

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 182(STA) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,
entitled:

“An Act relating to testing of sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date.”

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

HB 309

HOUSE BILL NO. 309 am BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments; relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

President Giessel stated in accordance with Rule 43(b), Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules, engrossment may be waived on all bills transmitted to the House this legislative day.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 203**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH) "An Act relating to transportation of live crab" was read the second time.

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH) was read the third time.

Senators Micciche, Stevens, Stedman, Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH) "An Act relating to transportation of live crab" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 203(FSH)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Costello

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH) passed the Senate was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 150

SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 150

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Begich, Shower

Excused: Costello

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 150 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**SCR 11**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to Gabriel David Conde, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to Gabriel David Conde, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 11

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Costello

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Alaska Counts 2020 Census Team
Senator Begich
Representative Tarr

Honoring - Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska
Senator Revak
Representatives Gillis, Shaw

Honoring – Daniel James O’Hara
Representative Kopp
Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Earth Day 50th Anniversary
Representative Hopkins
Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Bruce and Barry Christensen
Representative Ortiz
Senator Stedman

Honoring - Steve Kinney
Representative Ortiz
Senator Stedman

Honoring - 2020 House Floor Staff
Representative Kopp

In Memoriam - Nancy Kay Kuhn
Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Marcel Doris Silven Colp
Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Jan Baker "JB" Carnahan
Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Sean Joaquin Martines
Senator Kawasaki

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

Reconsideration of Senate Bills

SB 241

Senator Begich requested the reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am be taken up. The bill was before the Senate on reconsideration.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am "An Act extending the March 11, 2020, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; relating to the COVID-19 outbreak; relating to a financing plan; relating to standing orders of the chief medical officer; relating to occupational and professional licensing; relating to telemedicine and telehealth; relating to fingerprinting requirements; relating to elections in calendar year 2020; relating to permanent fund dividend applications; relating to automatic voter registration; relating to tax filings, payments, and penalties; relating to shareholder meetings; relating to the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; providing for electronic and videoconference notification, verification, and acknowledgment of documents; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 241(RLS) am
Third Reading - On Reconsideration
Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Costello

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am passed the Senate on reconsideration.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on reconsideration be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Announcements

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

HB 309

Senator Coghill, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on HOUSE BILL NO. 309 am "An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments; relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an effective date" for a Rules Committee meeting today at 1:00 p.m. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:30 a.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 4:31 p.m.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Standing Committee Reports. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 25 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 Massage Therapists

Kristin Tri

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Patty Burley

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Wendy Lawrence

Board of Professional Counselors

Laura Patin

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.

HB 232

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 232(L&C) "An Act relating to a municipal air quality improvement tax credit; and relating to a municipal energy efficient construction tax credit." Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Revak.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 309

The Rules Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 309 am "An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments; relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(RLS)

Signing do pass: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senators Begich, Giessel.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Rules Committee

The bill is on today's first supplemental calendar.

Special Committee Reports**HB 205**

March 25, 2020

Dear Madam President and Mister Speaker,

The Conference Committee considering:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205(FIN)(Corrected)
am(brf sup maj fld) "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"

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 205(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations
for the operating and loan program expenses of state
government and for certain programs; capitalizing
funds; making capital appropriations, supplemental
appropriations, and reappropriations; making
appropriations for the operating and capital expenses
of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health
program; making appropriations under art. IX, sec.
17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the
constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for
an effective date"

respectfully requests limited powers of free conference on the
appropriations and language that are not identical in House and Senate
versions of HB 205.

Signing the report: Senator Stedman, Chair, Senators von Imhof,
Olson; Representative Foster, Chair, Representatives Johnston, Tilton.

President Giessel granted the Senate members limited powers of free
conference as requested.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to adopt the first supplemental calendar. Without objection, the first supplemental calendar was adopted.

Consideration of the First Supplemental Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 197

HOUSE BILL NO. 197 "An Act extending the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 197 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 197 "An Act extending the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 197

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Costello

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 197 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.

HB 309

HOUSE BILL NO. 309 am "An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments; relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Coghill, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Rules Senate Committee Substitute offered today. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(RLS) was adopted.

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 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(RLS) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(RLS) "An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments; relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS HB 309(RLS)
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Costello

and so, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(RLS) 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 referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Recess

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 4:44 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 242**

SENATE BILL NO. 242 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to tolling deadlines for actions by state agencies; relating to income determinations for purposes of determining eligibility for certain public assistance programs; relating to forbearance from action against borrowers who owe money on state loans; relating to a temporary moratorium on certain mortgage foreclosures, certain evictions from rental properties, and disconnection of residential utilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

Announcements (continued)**SB 242**

Senator von Imhof, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 242 "An Act relating to tolling deadlines for actions by state agencies; relating to income determinations for purposes of determining eligibility for certain public assistance programs; relating to forbearance from action

against borrowers who owe money on state loans; relating to a temporary moratorium on certain mortgage foreclosures, certain evictions from rental properties, and disconnection of residential utilities; and providing for an effective date" for the Finance Committee meeting on March 26 at 9:00 a.m. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 150

SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 241

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am "An Act extending the March 11, 2020, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; relating to the COVID-19 outbreak; relating to a financing plan; relating to standing orders of the chief medical officer; relating to occupational and professional licensing; relating to telemedicine and telehealth; relating to fingerprinting requirements; relating to elections in calendar year 2020; relating to permanent fund dividend applications; relating to automatic voter registration; relating to tax filings, payments, and penalties; relating to shareholder meetings; relating to the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; providing for electronic and videoconference notification, verification, and acknowledgment of documents; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

HB 205

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date" which passed the Senate March 23 (page 2223) with engrossment waived, was engrossed and returned to the House.

HB 309

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(RLS) "An Act relating to the procedure for confirmation of the governor's appointments; relating to the board of the Mental Health Trust Authority; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

SCR 11

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to Gabriel David Conde, 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., March 26, 2020. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 6:02 p.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 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += HB 247 SPORT FISHING ENHANCEMENT SURCHARGE
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
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 From Juneau: 586-9085, Anchorage: 563-9085
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 finance.committee@akleg.gov
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ SB 242 COVID-19: RCA; UNEMPLOY; PUB ASSIST; LOAN
Uniform Rule 23 Waived
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+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
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+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 28 Saturday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
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+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 29 Sunday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
**Please Note: All Public Testimony Will be via Telephone Only. No In-Person Testimony.
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Outside Juneau or Anchorage: 844-586-9085
Written Testimony Will be Accepted at:
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+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Mar 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Big Game Commercial Services Board - Peter Buist
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska - Robert Pickett
 -- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
 += SB 160 FOREST LAND USE PLANS; TIMBER SALES
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 - Continue to Access Meeting Through akleg.gov
 - All Off-Net Callers Must Hang Up Immediately
 After Testifying to Keep Lines Open
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Fisheries - John Wood
 += SB 70 REPEAL OCEAN POLLUTION MONITORS/FEE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 214 HUNTING/FISHING ID CARDS: DISABLED VETS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 194 ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTORS
 -- Public Testimony --
 += HB 203 TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE CRAB
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 - Continue to Access Meeting Through akleg.gov
 - All Off-Net Callers Must Hang Up Immediately
 After Testifying to Keep Lines Open
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Alaska Marine Highway System

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 30 Monday Adams 519 7:00 AM
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 + Executive Session
 - Final Audit Release: FY19 Statewide Single
 Audit
 Special Audit Requests
 - Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 - Alaska State Commission on Human Rights
 Other Committee Business

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB205

Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 2:30 PM
 -- Recessed to 6:45 p.m. --
 + HB 205 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 Organizational Meeting