

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Saturday**

**March 28, 2020**

**Sixty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 9:20 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Costello, Hughes, Kawasaki, Micciche, Reinbold, Wilson were absent.

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

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Kawasaki be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki 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.

For those who can receive it, Moses was given a blessing to give to his people and I would like to pray this over us as an assembly, and us as Alaskans as we are in our need.

He said to speak unto Aaron and say unto his sons,

“On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel saying unto them:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee;

the Lord make his face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee;

the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.” Amen.

(Numbers 6:23-26)

Senator Shower led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

The presence of Senator Wilson was noted.

### **Messages from the House**

#### **SCR 9**

Message dated March 27 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9  
Establishing the Task Force on Therapeutic Courts.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

#### **SCR 11**

Message dated March 27 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11  
Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor  
to Gabriel David Conde.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

#### **SB 241**

Message dated March 27 was read stating the House has failed to recede from its amendments to:

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."

namely:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am H "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 corporations; relating to municipal government deadlines; relating to the Alaska regional economic assistance program; establishing a conclusive presumption that COVID-19 is an occupational disease for firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, peace officers, and health care providers; relating to allowable absences for the permanent fund dividend; relating to the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to retail sellers; tolling deadlines for action by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to disconnection of utility service for nonpayment; relating to power cost equalization; relating to regulatory assets of a utility; relating to evictions; and providing for an effective date."

The House waived Uniform Rule 42 (a) and (b).

The Speaker appointed the following members to a Free Conference Committee to meet with the like committee from the Senate to consider the bills:

Representative Kopp, Chair  
Representative Spohnholz  
Representative Talerico

### **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 9:32 a.m.

### **After Recess**

The Senate reconvened at 11:19 p.m.

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

### **Special Committee Reports**

#### **HB 205**

The following report was received and distributed at 10:14 p.m., March 28:

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Madam President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considering CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205(FIN)(Corrected) am(brf sup maj fld) and SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205(FIN) am S recommends

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205  
"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"

be adopted.

A fiscal note packet was attached.

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

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate waive Uniform Rule 42 in order to consider the Conference Committee Report. Without objection, Uniform Rule 42 was waived.

Senator Hoffman moved the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection.

The question being: "Shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 205

Shall the Senate Adopt the  
Conference Committee Report?

**YEAS: 13 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kiehl, Micciche, Revak, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wilson

Nays: Kawasaki, Olson, Shower, Wielechowski

Excused: Costello, Hughes, Reinbold

and so, the report was adopted, thus adopting:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 205 "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."

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of the effective date clauses.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clauses be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 205

Effective Date Clauses

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

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

Excused: Costello, Hughes, Reinbold

and so, the effective date clauses were adopted.

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of the constitutional budget reserve fund section.

The question being: "Shall the constitutional budget reserve fund section (Article IX, Section 17(c) Constitution of the State of Alaska) be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 205

Adopt Constitutional Budget Reserve Section?

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

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

Nays: Shower

Excused: Costello, Hughes, Reinbold

and so, the constitutional budget reserve fund section was adopted.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**SB 241**

The following report was received and distributed at 10:55 p.m., March 28:

March 28, 2020

Madam President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Free Conference Committee considering CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am and HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am H recommends

FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241 "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; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: standing orders of the chief medical officer; occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; fingerprinting requirements for health care providers; elections in calendar year 2020; permanent fund dividend applications and eligibility; state tax filings,

payments, and penalties; corporations; state and municipal government deadlines; the Alaska regional economic assistance program; Medicaid and public assistance; workers' compensation; sanitation standards for retail sellers; actions by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; utilities and residential utility service; power cost equalization; forbearance of specified state loans; foreclosures; evictions; wills; repossessions; access to federal stabilization funds; seafood purchase and distribution; homelessness; administrative hearings; and liability for issuing, providing, or manufacturing personal protective equipment; and providing for an effective date"

be adopted.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 11, zero, Department of Revenue

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 17, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 18, zero, Department of Commerce,  
Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 20, zero, Department of Commerce,  
Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 21, zero, Department of Commerce,  
Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 22, zero, Department of Commerce,  
Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 23, zero, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 24, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 25, zero, Department of Health  
and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 26, zero, Department of Commerce,  
Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 27, Department of Revenue



- Fiscal Note No. 28, indeterminate, Department of Labor and Workforce Development
- Fiscal Note No. 29, indeterminate, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- Fiscal Note No. 30, zero, Department of Health and Social Services
- Fiscal Note No. 31, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- Fiscal Note No. 32, zero, Department of Administration
- Fiscal Note No. 33, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
- Fiscal Note No. 34, zero, Department of Education and Early Development
- Fiscal Note No. 35, zero, Department of Law
- Fiscal Note No. 36, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Signing the report: Senator Coghill, Chair, Senators Bishop, Begich; Representative Kopp, Chair, Representatives Spohnholz, Talerico.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate waive Uniform Rule 42 in order to consider the Free Conference Committee Report. Without objection, Uniform Rule 42 was waived.

Senator Hoffman moved the Senate adopt the Free Conference Committee Report. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection.

Senator Coghill rose to a point of order. President Giessel cautioned members to proceed in order.

The question being: "Shall the Senate adopt the Free Conference Committee Report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

FCCS SB 241  
 Shall the Senate Adopt the  
 Free Conference Committee Report?  
 Effective Date

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

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

Nays: Shower

Excused: Costello, Hughes, Reinbold

and so, the report was adopted, thus adopting:

FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241 "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; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: standing orders of the chief medical officer; occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; fingerprinting requirements for health care providers; elections in calendar year 2020; permanent fund dividend applications and eligibility; state tax filings, payments, and penalties; corporations; state and municipal government deadlines; the Alaska regional economic assistance program; Medicaid and public assistance; workers' compensation; sanitation standards for retail sellers; actions by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; utilities and residential utility service; power cost equalization; forbearance of specified state loans; foreclosures; evictions; wills; repossessions; access to federal stabilization funds; seafood purchase and distribution; homelessness; administrative hearings; and liability for issuing, providing, or manufacturing personal protective equipment; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the adoption of the report be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**HCR 20**

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to take up HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 2311). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 241, 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; and providing for electronic and videoconference notification, verification, and acknowledgment of documents, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**HCR 20**

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Costello, Hughes, Reinbold

and so, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**Special Order of Business**

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the following Citation Calendar be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Citation Calendar**

Commemorating - Law Enforcement Memorial Day May 8, 2020  
Representatives Edgmon, Shaw, Kopp

Honoring - Kathy Lea  
Senator Kiehl  
Representatives Story, Hannan

Honoring - International Year of the Nurse and Midwife  
Senators Giessel, Bishop  
Representative Spohnholz

Honoring - Alaska Vaccine Assessment Program  
Senators Giessel, Bishop, Wilson, Coghill

Honoring - Women Police of Alaska  
Senator Revak  
Representatives Gillis, Shaw

Honoring - Juneau-Douglas High School Women's Soccer Team  
Senator Kiehl  
Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Kevin Ritchie & Kyle Worl  
Senator Kiehl  
Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Etheldra Jordan-Davis  
Senator Begich

Honoring - Jamico's Pizzaria  
Senator Begich  
Representative Tarr

Honoring - Juneau Gastineau Channel Little League Juinor All-Star  
Baseball Team

Senator Kiehl

Representatives Story, Hannan

Honoring - Women's Equality Day 100th Anniversary

Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Muldoon Pizza

Senator Wielechowski

Representative LeDoux

Honoring - 2020 Top Ten Iditarod Finishers

Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Bert L. Cottle

Senator Wilson

Representative Sullivan-Leonard

Honoring - Heroes of the Swan Lake Fire

Senator Micciche

Representative Carpenter

Honoring - Valley Residential Services

Senator Wilson

Honoring - Amy Gallaway 2020 Alaska Teacher of the Year

Senator Bishop

Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Brent Sass 2020 Yukon Quest Champion

Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival 40th Anniversary

Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Carol Rice

Senator Wilson

Representative Tilton

Honoring - Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation 40th Anniversary  
Senators Kawasaki, Kiehl  
Representative Story

Honoring - World Eskimo-Indian Olympics 60th Anniversary  
Senator Kawasaki  
Representative Hopkins

Honoring - The Senate Secretary and Staff  
Senator Coghill

Honoring - The 2020 Senate Floor Staff  
Senator Coghill

Honoring - Grace Hopkins - Winner Alaska 2019 National History  
Day  
Representative LeBon

Honoring - Dr. Delores Ilksyalas Churchill  
Representative Ortiz  
Senator Stedman

Honoring - Raymond and Coletta Walker 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Representatives Vance, Lincoln

Honoring - Linda Schandelmeier  
Representative Hopkins  
Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Christina Tachick Volunteer of the Year 2019  
Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Jamie Smith Artist of the Year 2019  
Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Jon Huff Alaska Universal Production  
Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Daniel Domke Education Advocate of the Year 2019  
Representative Hopkins

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Honoring - Daryll Thompson  
Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Elaina Mack  
Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Nancy Cook Hanson  
Representatives LeBon, Thompson

Honoring - Sean Prince  
Representative Spohnholz  
Senators Begich, Wielechowski

Honoring - Luke Jager  
Representatives Spohnholz, Drummond  
Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Daryl Walker  
Representatives Prax, LeBon  
Senator Coghill

Honoring - Jennifer Hall Jones  
Representative Spohnholz  
Senators Begich, Wielechowski

Honoring - Daniel George  
Representative Tarr  
Senator Begich

Honoring - Dr. Diane McEachern  
Representative Zulkosky  
Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Kirk Rose  
Representative Tarr  
Senator Begich

Honoring - Jon Cochrane  
Representative Zulkosky  
Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Thunder Mountain High School Boys Basketball Team  
2020 Region V 4A Champions  
Representatives Story, Hannan  
Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Ejr David  
Representatives Spohnholz, LeDoux

Honoring - Kendall Kramer  
Representatives Wool, Hopkins

Honoring - Yvette Belisle & Alyssa Saavedra  
Representative Pruitt

Honoring - Kim's Cuisine Asian Fusion Bistro  
Representatives Jackson, Merrick  
Senator Reinbold

Honoring - Ethan Berkowitz and Mara Kimmel  
Representatives Josephson, Drummond, Claman

Honoring - Dr. Edmond C. Packee  
Representative Talerico

Honoring - Dr. Cary Keller  
Representatives LeBon, Hopkins

Honoring - Matt Scott 2020 Champion of Bogus Creek 150  
Representative Zulkosky  
Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Reyne Athanas  
Representative Zulkosky  
Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Dorothy M. Larson  
Representative Edgmon

In Memoriam - Flo Rooney  
Senator Begich  
Representative Spohnholz



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In Memoriam - Barney Gottstein  
Senators Begich, Kiehl

In Memoriam - Patricia "Pat" Wolf  
Senator Begich  
Representative Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Solomon Atkinson  
Senator Stedman  
Representatives Ortiz, Shaw

In Memoriam - Ronald Albert Malston  
Senator Micciche  
Representative Knopp

In Memoriam - Dr. John Nels Anderson  
Senator Micciche  
Representative Knopp

In Memoriam - David Harold Keating  
Senator Micciche  
Representative Knopp

In Memoriam - Marilyn Conaway  
Senator Begich  
Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Donnis Thompson  
Senator Micciche  
Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Wayne Lavern Wilson  
Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Richard "Dick" Scott  
Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Dennis Lee Van Sky  
Senator Micciche  
Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Arthur Lionel Carroll  
Senators Kawasaki, Coghill

In Memoriam - Thomas L. Brice  
Senators Bishop, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Chuck Hawkins  
Representative Vance  
Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Randall Jay Gamble  
Representative Kreiss-Tomkins  
Senators Stedman, Kiehl

In Memoriam - Rose Leman MacSwain  
Representative Carpenter  
Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Cynthia Hoffman  
Representative Tarr  
Senator Begich

In Memoriam - John Stuart Lee  
Representatives Rauscher, Johnson  
Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Patrick Bond Flanigin  
Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Morris Iugaaq Kiyutelluk  
Representative Foster  
Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Patricia Jean (Sweeney) Arasmith  
Representatives Story, Hannan  
Senator Kiehl

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Citation Calendar be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Announcements**

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

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Recess**

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:42 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

\*The Senate did not reconvene this legislative day.

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	**Please Note: All Public Testimony Will be via Telephone Only. No In-Person Testimony.		
	From Juneau: 586-9085, Anchorage: 563-9085		
	Outside Juneau or Anchorage: 844-586-9085		
	Written Testimony Will be Accepted at:		
	finance.committee@akleg.gov		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Will Meet if Needed		

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Will Meet if Needed		

**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Adams 519</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	-- Please Note Time Change -- -- 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		