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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**May 20, 2020**

**One Hundred Twenty-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Giessel at 8:33 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

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

To the God of our own understanding, the spirit with whom we commune this morning - we ask that our minds be open, our hearts welcoming, and our arms embracing. We lift those whose lives are touched by sadness, by illness, by worry, or by loneliness. May they find comfort, hope, and healing strength throughout the many communities within this great State.

As policy makers, please continue to guide us to make the right decisions for the people we serve. Help us to do the right thing during these unprecedented times and make us whole again.

We thank you for cleaner air and living in a time where the development of technology has helped us manage better than not. We are grateful to live in a country where our democratic system can financially aid our citizens. And, lastly, let us continue to support each other through these trials and tribulations. We humbly ask that you bestow us with brighter days. Amen.

Senator von Imhof led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **HB 313**

The Rules Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 313 "An Act approving and ratifying the actions of the governor and executive branch in expending certain federal receipts and of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee in approving the expenditure of certain federal receipts during fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Coghill, Chair; Senators Begich, Giessel, Hoffman, von Imhof.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Rules Committee

The bill is on today's calendar.

### **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 313**

HOUSE BILL NO. 313 "An Act approving and ratifying the actions of the governor and executive branch in expending certain federal receipts and of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee in approving the expenditure of certain federal receipts during fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Reinbold offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

Insert **"relating to the March 11, 2020, public health disaster emergency declared by the governor; repealing certain temporary changes to state law relating to the COVID-19 outbreak;"**

Page 3, following line 19:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**"\* Sec. 2.** Section 34, ch. 10, SLA 2020, is amended to read:

Sec. 34. Sections 1 - 4, 6 - 20, 22, 23, 30, and 32 of this Act are repealed on the earlier of

(1) **May 20, 2020** [NOVEMBER 15, 2020]; or

(2) the date the governor determines, under sec. 2 of this Act, that the public health disaster emergency declared by the governor under AS 26.23.020 on March 11, 2020, as extended by sec. 2 of this Act, no longer exists."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, line 29:

Delete "sec. 2"

Insert "sec. 3"

Page 3, line 31:

Delete "This Act is"

Insert "Sections 1, 3, and 4 of this Act are"

Senator Reinbold moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1.  
Objections were heard.

President Giessel ruled Amendment No. 1 out of order citing Uniform Rule 41(b).

Senator Reinbold appealed the ruling of the chair.

The question being: "Shall the Senate Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 313

Amendment No. 1

Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?

**YEAS: 11 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Giessel, Hoffman, Micciche, Revak, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wilson

Nays: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Wielechowski

and so, the ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Senator Reinbold offered Amendment No. 2:

Page 3, line 24, following "Act":

Insert ", except for RPLs 08-2020-0250 (\$257,548,754), 08-2020-0251 (\$290,000,000), 25-2020-8771 (\$49,000,000), 25-2020-8772 (\$1,350,000), 25-2020-8776 (\$1,219,100), 25-2020-8777 (\$465,000), 08-2020-0260 through 08-2020-0382 (\$311,024,132), and 08-2020-0054 (\$100,000,000),"

Page 3, line 26, following "Act":

Insert ", except for RPLs 08-2020-0250 (\$257,548,754), 08-2020-0251 (\$290,000,000), 25-2020-8771 (\$49,000,000), 25-2020-8772 (\$1,350,000), 25-2020-8776 (\$1,219,100), 25-2020-8777 (\$465,000), 08-2020-0260 through 08-2020-0382 (\$311,024,132), and 08-2020-0054 (\$100,000,000),"

Senator Reinbold moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 2. Objections were heard.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 313

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2?

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

Yeas: Reinbold

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

and so, Amendment No. 2 failed.

Senator Reinbold offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

Insert "**making a special appropriation from the earnings reserve account;**"

Page 3, following line 30:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**\* Sec. 4. ALASKA PERMANENT FUND.** The amount authorized for transfer under AS 37.13.145(b) for transfer by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation on June 30, 2020, less the amount appropriated in sec. 23(d), ch. 8, SLA 2020, estimated to be \$1,325,100,000, is appropriated from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145) to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the payment of permanent fund dividends and for administrative and associated costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

**\* Sec. 5. LAPSE.** The appropriation made in sec. 4 of this Act is for the capitalization of a fund and does not lapse."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, line 31:

Delete "This Act is"

Insert "Sections 1 - 3 of this Act are"

Senator Reinbold moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3.

President Giessel ruled Amendment No. 3 out of order citing Article II, Section 13 of the Alaska Constitution.

Senator Reinbold appealed the ruling of the chair.

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

The question being: "Shall the Senate Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 313

Amendment No. 3

Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?

**YEAS: 14 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Costello, Hughes, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Wielechowski

and so, the ruling of the Chair was upheld.

Senator Reinbold offered Amendment No. 4:

Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

Insert **"making a special appropriation from the earnings reserve account;"**

Page 3, following line 30:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**\* Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENTS. The commissioner of revenue shall issue a \$1,000 economic stimulus payment to each individual eligible to receive a 2020 permanent fund dividend on or before June 30, 2020.

**\* Sec. 5.** ALASKA PERMANENT FUND. The amount necessary for payment of \$1,000 to each individual who is eligible to receive a 2020 permanent fund dividend is appropriated from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145) to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, for economic stimulus payments for economic relief from the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak to individuals who are eligible to receive a 2020 permanent fund dividend, and for administrative and associated costs, on or before June 30, 2020.

**\* Sec. 6.** LAPSE. The appropriation made in sec. 5 of this Act is for the capitalization of a fund and does not lapse."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, line 31:

Delete "This Act is"

Insert "Sections 1 - 3 of this Act are"

Senator Reinbold moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 4.

President Giessel ruled Amendment No. 4 out of order citing Article II, Section 13 of the Alaska Constitution.

Senator Reinbold appealed the ruling of the chair.

The question being: "Shall the Senate Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 313

Amendment No. 4

Uphold the Ruling of the Chair?

**YEAS: 14 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Costello, Hughes, Olson, Reinbold, Shower, Wielechowski

and so, the ruling of the Chair was upheld.

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. 313 was read the third time.

Senator Hoffman rose to a point of order. President Giessel cautioned the member to proceed in order. Senator Hoffman again rose to a point of order. President Giessel again cautioned the member to proceed in order.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 313 "An Act approving and ratifying the actions of the governor and executive branch in expending certain federal receipts and of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee in approving the expenditure of certain federal receipts during fiscal years 2020 and 2021; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 313

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

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

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

Nays: Reinbold

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 313 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.

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from July 1 through July 31. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

### **Announcements**

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

Announcements are at the end of the journal.



**Adjournment**

Senator Revak moved and asked unanimous consent the Thirty-First Alaska State Senate adjourn sine die. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

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= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

|               |                  |  |                |
|---------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>May 20</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Senate Finance 532</b>                      | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
|               |                  | -- MEETING CANCELED --                         |                |
| + =           | SB 243           | RATIFYING RPLS/COVID-19 FUNDING                |                |
|               |                  | -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- |                |
| +             |                  | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled               |                |

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

|               |  |                 |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>May 27</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>10:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- Telephonic Only --  |                 |
|               | -- Senate Subcommittee --  |                 |
|               | - Anchorage Only: 563-9085 -   |                 |
|               | - Juneau Only: 586-9085 -  |                 |
|               | - Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085 -  |                 |
|               | - Public Comment   |                 |
|               | - Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Matters which by Law Must Remain Confidential under AS.24.60.160, Uniform Rule 22(b) Regarding Executive Sessions, and Rules of Procedure Section 5: Executive Session and Discussion of Matters, the Immediate Knowledge of Would Adversely affect the Finances of a Governmental Unit, and Discussion of Subjects that Tend to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of a Person |                 |
|               | - Executive Session  |                 |
|               | - Public Session   |                 |
|               | - Other Business   |                 |

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**Announcements for March 29, 2020 – May 17, 2020**

**Announcements**

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**EDUCATION**

|               |  |                  |                |
|---------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Apr 22</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Davis 106</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
| +             | - Joint with the House Education Committee -<br>Presentations & Discussions:<br>- Virtual Learning Contract by the Department<br>of Education & Early Development<br>Current Status of Local School Boards and their<br>Communities by Norm Wooten, Association of Alaska<br>School Boards<br>- Education Budget, Instruction & Staffing by<br>the Department of Education & Early Development,<br>Association of Alaska School Boards & Alaska<br>Council of School Administrators<br>- UA COVID-19 Update: Impact & Response by<br>Jim Johnsen, President, University of Alaska<br>**Streamed live on AKL.tv**<br>-- Teleconference Listen Only -- |                  |                |

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 29            Sunday                    Senate Finance 532            9:00 AM**  
 -- 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

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Apr 02            Thursday                    Beltz 105 (TSBldg)            4:00 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Will Meet if Needed

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Apr 02            Thursday                    Beltz 105 (TSBldg)            3:00 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Will Meet if Needed

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

|               |                  |  |                |
|---------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>Mar 30</b> | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Senate Finance 532</b>                          | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
|               |                  | -- Location Change --                              |                |
|               |                  | -- 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                           |                |
|               |                  |  |                |
| <b>May 01</b> | <b>Friday</b>    | <b>Anch Lio Lg Conf Rm</b>                         | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
|               |                  | -- Recessed to 5/6/20 at 1:00 p.m. --              |                |
|               |                  | -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --                 |                |
| +             |                  | CARES Act RPLs                                     |                |
|               |                  | **Streamed live on AKL.tv**                        |                |
|               |                  |  |                |
| <b>May 06</b> | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Anch Lio Lg Conf Rm</b>                         | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
|               |                  | -- MEETING CANCELED --                             |                |
|               |                  | -- Recessed from 5/1/20 --                         |                |
|               |                  | -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --                 |                |
| +             |                  | CARES Act RPLs                                     |                |
|               |                  | **Streamed live on AKL.tv**                        |                |
|               |                  |  |                |
| <b>May 11</b> | <b>Monday</b>    | <b>Anch Lio Lg Conf Rm</b>                         | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
|               |                  | -- Delayed to 4:00 p.m. --                         |                |
|               |                  | -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --                 |                |
| +             |                  | CARES Act RPLs                                     |                |

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