

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 3, 2021**

**Sixteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:32 a.m.

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

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

Elohai n'shamah shenatata bi t'horah hi.  
Atah v'ratah, atah y'tzartah,  
atah n'fachtah bi,  
v'atah m'shamrah b'kirbi.

Kol z'man shehan'shamah b'kirbi,  
modeh ani l'fanecha,  
Adonai Elohai v'Elohei avotai v'iomotai,  
Ribon kol hamaasim,  
Adon kol han'shamot.

Baruch atah, Adonai,  
asher b'yado nefesh kol chai  
v'ruach kol b'sar ish.

My G-d, the soul You have given me is pure.  
You created it, You shaped it, You breathed it into me  
and You protect it within me.

For as long as my soul is within me, I offer thanks to You, Adonai my G-d and G-d of my ancestors – Source of all creation, Sovereign of all souls.

Praised are you, Adonai, in whose hand is every living soul and the breath of humankind. Amen.

Senator Kawasaki led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the eleventh through fifteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the Governor**

Message dated February 2 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27, of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submit the following list of appointees for confirmation:

#### **Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**

Melvin Smith – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

#### **Big Game Commercial Services Board**

Aaron Bloomquist – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

#### **Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Dave Talerico – Healy

Appointed: 1/21/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Micheal Dennis – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/20/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Bronson Frye – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Reappointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

**Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Tina Taylor – Soldotna

Appointed: 1/20/2021

Term Expires 3/1/2024

Connie Dougherty – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/20/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Khitsana Sypakanphay – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/29/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

**Real Estate Commission**

Elizabeth Schok – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Robert “Bob” Urata – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

On January 19, 2021, in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27, of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn himself from consideration, effective immediately:

**Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar**

Jerry Nankervis – Juneau

Message dated January 29 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Section 25 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submitted heads of state for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn his name from consideration, effective immediately:

**Attorney General – Department of Law**

Clyde “Ed” Sniffen

In accordance with Article III, Section 25 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submit the following nomination for department head for confirmation:

**Attorney General – Department of Law**

Treg Taylor

Appointed: 1/29/2021

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Communications**

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Education and Early Development

Annual Report

February 15, 2020

in accordance with AS 14.03.078

Notice of Availability:

Alaska's Public Schools: A Report Card to the Public

February 1, 2021

in accordance with AS 14.03.120

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Technical and Vocational Education Program Report

State Fiscal Year 2019

in accordance with AS 23.15.835

Department of Natural Resources

2020 Reports to the Alaska Legislature

Division of Mining, Land and Water

Identified RS 2477 Rights-of-Way

in accordance with AS 19.30.400

Notice of Availability:  
Annual Mining Report  
in accordance with AS 27.05.060

Status of the Land Disposal Income Fund  
in accordance with AS 38.04.022

Status of Land in the Land Disposal Bank  
in accordance with AS 38.04.022

Water Removals and Exports  
in accordance with AS 46.15.020

Notification of Interim Classifications  
in accordance with AS 38.05.300

Cooperative Resource Management or Development Agreements  
in accordance with AS 38.05.027

Efforts to Maintain or Enhance Access to and Along  
Fishing Streams  
in accordance with AS 38.04.205

Division of Oil and Gas  
5 Year Program of Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sales  
in accordance with AS 38.05.180

Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
Report on Designations of Incompatible Use  
in accordance with AS 41.21.020

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated January 29, 2021 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the General Government Union in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Micciche referred the report to the Finance Committee.

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated January 29, 2021 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Public Safety Employees Association in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Micciche referred the report to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions**

**SR 1**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade.

was read the first time.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SR 1

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Olson

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

President Micciche made the following appointments:

**Senate Special Committee on World Trade**

Senator Stevens, Chair

Senator Bishop

Senator Hoffman

Senator Hughes

Senator Micciche

Senator Stedman

Senator Begich

**SJR 8**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress, the United States Department of the Interior, and the Governor to facilitate the completion of a land grant endowment to the University of Alaska.

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Resources Committees.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 65**

SENATE BILL NO. 65 BY SENATOR KIEHL, entitled:

"An Act relating to immunity for consulting physicians, podiatrists, osteopaths, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, dentists, optometrists, and pharmacists."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

**SB 66**

SENATE BILL NO. 66 BY SENATOR BEGICH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the membership of the legislative council; and relating to the membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

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

**SB 67**

SENATE BILL NO. 67 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Labor and Commerce Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Public Safety

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 29:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to a Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

This bill would allow Alaska to adopt the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact, which would strengthen the State's healthcare delivery system by reducing barriers to licensure for Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses, and by increasing opportunities for nurses from other states to practice in the State.

The Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact would allow Registered and Practical Nurses in any of the 34 participating states to practice in Alaska without being subject to a time-consuming licensing process. It would also provide Alaska nurses with a multistate license to practice in the other 34 participating states, as well. This bill would not affect Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), or anyone else who wishes to practice under an Alaska-only nursing license. For those practitioners, this bill preserves the availability of temporary licenses and licensure by credentials.

This bill would codify the Nurse Licensure Compact as a new statute, AS 08.69. Conforming changes to the existing nursing statute, AS 08.68, would be made to accommodate the Compact's requirements. The Compact's requirements for multistate licensure are rigorous, exceeding those in our present statute, and supporting high-quality care for all Alaskans.



The Compact would establish a commission with rulemaking, enforcement, and financial assessment provisions. Alaska would appoint one person to be the compact administrator within the state. The single-state and multi-state nurse licensing programs would have separate receipt support funding, which means the multistate licensing program will not impact the costs for the single-state licensees.

This bill is a win-win, keeping our present licensure options for CNAs, APRNs, and Alaska-only licensees, while opening Alaska's diverse communities to multistate licensed RNs and LPNs to help fill the hundreds of nursing vacancies across the state. This legislation is strongly supported by healthcare facilities and nurses throughout Alaska, as well as the U.S. Department of Defense.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

**SB 68**

SENATE BILL NO. 68 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; 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."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 1:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital expenses for fiscal year 2021.

This appropriation bill includes \$8.5 million in unrestricted general funds, \$1.3 million in designated general funds, \$50.4 million in other state funds, and \$3.9 million in federal funds.

The items in this supplemental appropriation bill are necessary for continued operations for the current fiscal year and I urge quick action on this bill by the Legislature.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the supplemental items in this bill.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

**SB 69**

SENATE BILL NO. 69 BY SENATOR REVAK, entitled:

"An Act extending an exemption from regulation as a public utility for plants and facilities generating electricity entirely from renewable energy resources; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Unfinished Business****SCR 1**

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to take up SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Suspending Rules 24(a) and 34(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; authorizing the presiding officers to allow members to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference in certain circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and relating to sessions where members are authorized to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 106). Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

Senators Wielechowski, Costello offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 18:

Delete "members"

Insert "a member"

Page 2, line 18, following "when":

Insert "the member is in quarantine or has contracted COVID-19 or when"

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Stevens objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Senator Wielechowski offered Amendment No. 2:

Page 2, line 26, following "Uniform Rule 14(a);":

Insert "and"

Page 2, lines 27 - 29:

Delete all material.

ReNUMBER the following paragraph accordingly.

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 2. Senator Stevens objected. Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 2. Without objection, Amendment No. 2 was withdrawn.

Senator Myers offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 3, line 9, following "resolution":

Insert "; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution remains in effect for the duration of the regular or special session in which attendance of members by videoconference is first authorized by the presiding officers"

Senator Myers moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3. Senator Stevens objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

Amendment No. 4 was not offered.

Senator Gray-Jackson offered Amendment No. 5:

Page 2, line 20, after "pandemic" add:

" , as determined by the presiding officers in concurrence with the chief medical officer"

Senator Gray-Jackson moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 5. Senator Stevens objected. Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 5. Without objection, Amendment No. 5 was withdrawn.

Senator Hughes offered Amendment No. 6:

Page 2, line 7, following "committee;":

Insert "if a member is prevented from participating by videoconference in a committee meeting because of technological reasons, including internet service interruption or other unavoidable technological complications, the presiding officer may allow the member to vote to report the bill from committee by teleconference;"

Page 2, lines 7 - 8:

Delete "by videoconference"

Insert "under this paragraph"

Senator Hughes moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 6. Senator Stevens objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 6 was adopted.

Senator Hughes offered Amendment No. 7:

Page 2, following line 3:

Insert a new paragraph to read:

"(1) Rule 16, relating to a call of the house, are suspended during the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature when attendance of members by video conference is authorized by the presiding officer;"

Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

Senator Hughes moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 7. Objections were heard. Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 7. Without objection, Amendment No. 7 was withdrawn.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 am was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 am Suspending Rules 24(a) and 34(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; authorizing the presiding officers to allow members to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference in certain circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and relating to sessions where members are authorized to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 1 am

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Olson

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 am passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 5 through evening plane time, February 7; and from morning plane time, February 19 through evening plane time, February 21. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

**SB 66**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 66 "An Act relating to the membership of the legislative council; and relating to the membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 26 through evening plane time, February 28. Without objection, Senator Reinbold was excused.

**SB 25**

Senators Reinbold, Hughes, Kawasaki, Begich, Kiehl, Costello, Wilson, Revak, Gray-Jackson, Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 25 "An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing information on state government financial transactions and specifying the information to be made available on the website." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon, February 10 through evening plane time, February 16. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

**SB 5**

Senators Kawasaki, Begich, Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 5 "An Act establishing Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 8**

Senators Kawasaki, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 8 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Engrossment**

#### **SCR 1**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 am Suspending Rules 24(a) and 34(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; authorizing the presiding officers to allow members to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference in certain circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and relating to sessions where members are authorized to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., February 5, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate





**FINANCE (continued)**

- Feb 04**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
 +              Confirmation Hearing:  
 - Commissioner of Revenue Lucinda Mahoney  
 +              Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation by  
                  Angela Rodell, Chief of Executive Officer
- Feb 05**      **Friday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
 +              PERS/TRS Update, FY22 Payment by:  
 - Ajay Desai, Director of the Division of  
                  Retirement & Benefits  
 - Jim Puckett, Deputy Director  
 - Emily Ricci, Chief Health Policy Administrator  
 - Kevin Worley, Chief Financial Officer
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Feb 04**      **Thursday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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**JUDICIARY**

- Feb 03**      **Wednesday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Disaster Declaration, Extensions & Liability  
                  Relating to COVID  
 +      SB 14      SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
                  \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Feb 05**      **Friday**    **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
 +              Disaster Declaration, Extensions - Relating to  
                  COVID  
                  -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 +              Confirmation Hearings:  
                  To be Announced  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Feb 03</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Overview: "Alaska Lands and Waters History" by Dick Mylius -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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<b>Feb 05</b> +	<b>Friday</b> Overview: "Mining" by the Department of Natural Resources -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 04</b> + SB 53 + SJR 6 + SJR 5 + SJR 7	<b>Thursday</b> PERM FUND; ADVISORY VOTE CONST. AM: PERM FUND & PFDS CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT; BUDGET RESERVE CONST. AM: STATE TAX; VOTER APPROVAL	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Feb 04</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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