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**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 5, 2021**

**Forty-sixth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:35 a.m.

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senators Reinbold, Revak, von Imhof were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Olson, Shower were absent.

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

Heavenly Father, we ask for your wisdom as we make important decisions in our daily efforts. Help us to carefully consider relevant information that has been gathered. Help us to be innovative as we seek solutions, and help us to wisely evaluate our options. Help us to be unified in selecting the best possible decisions and to effectively carry them out. Amen.

Senator Bishop led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

**Certification**

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

**Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated March 4 was read stating 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The following appointee has withdrawn herself from consideration, effective immediately:

**Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners**

Christina Durham

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 3 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Anne Helzer

Robert "Bob" Urata

Gregory Bringham

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Evelyn Falzerano

Rebecca Carrillo

Kyle Foster

Signing the report: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Shower, Hughes, Myers, Kiehl.

Report dated March 4 was read stating:

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

**State Medical Board**

Maria Freeman  
Lydia Mielke  
Richard Wein

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees**

Rhonda Boyles  
Brent Fisher  
Annette Gwalthney-Jones  
Anita Halterman

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 Wilson, Chair; Senators Begich, Costello, Hughes.

Report dated March 4 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Transportation Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

**Board of Marine Pilots**

Richard Harris  
Lucas Hasenbank

Signing the report: Senator Myers, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Shower, Micciche.

**SB 14**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 14 "An Act relating to the selection and retention of judicial officers for the court of appeals and the district court and of magistrates; relating to the duties of the judicial council; relating to the duties of the Commission on Judicial Conduct; and relating to retention or rejection of a judicial officer" and recommended it be replaced with

## CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 14(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator Reinbold, Chair; Senators Shower, Hughes.  
Signing do not pass: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Alaska Judiciary System

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Senate Judiciary Committee

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Senate Judiciary Committee

President Micciche added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 21**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 21 "An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Costello, Hughes. Signing no recommendation: Senator Begich.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**SB 54**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 54 "An Act authorizing and relating to the issuance of bonds by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for safe and clean water and hygienic sewage disposal facility capital projects and transportation projects; providing for the repayment of the bonds and bond costs; relating to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Costello, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Holland.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 55**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Costello, Chair. Signing do pass: Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Holland.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor  
Fiscal Note No. 2, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 69**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 69 "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." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair. Signing amend: Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Holland.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 99**

SENATE BILL NO. 99 BY SENATOR BEGICH, entitled:

"An Act relating to care of juveniles and to juvenile justice; relating to employment of juvenile probation officers by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to terms used in juvenile justice; relating to mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect; relating to sexual assault in the third degree; relating to sexual assault in the fourth degree; repealing a requirement for administrative revocation of a minor's driver's license, permit, privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain a license for consumption or possession of alcohol or drugs; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **SB 100**

SENATE BILL NO. 100 BY SENATOR BEGICH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taxation of income of individuals; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

**SB 101**

SENATE BILL NO. 101 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Citations**

Honoring - Eric Morrison  
 Senator(s) Begich  
 Representative(s) Hannan

Honoring - Yakutat Volunteer Fire Department & Community  
 Volunteers  
 Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Bruce Grossmann  
 Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Charles Frederick Juge  
 Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Harold I. Stock  
 Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Helen Dorothy Nielsen Orcutt  
 Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Elizabeth "Betty" Smith  
 Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Donald P. Maynard  
 Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - David Alert Dengel  
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - John Richard Callahan  
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Juanita "Ann" Babbitt  
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Karl Chmieloski  
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Anna Elizabeth Dube  
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Arthur Milton Wikle, Jr.  
Representative(s) Rauscher

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were 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 on March 19. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

### **SB 99**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 99 "An Act relating to care of juveniles and to juvenile justice; relating to employment of juvenile probation officers by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to terms used in juvenile justice; relating to mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect; relating to sexual assault in the third degree; relating to sexual assault in the fourth degree; repealing a requirement for administrative revocation of a minor's driver's license, permit, privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain a license for consumption or possession of alcohol or drugs; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.



**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 8, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:53 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 09      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += SB 15 OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 11      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 05      Friday                      Butrovich 205                      9:00 AM**  
 + "Alaska Academic Improvement & Modernization Act"  
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + SB 58 FUNDING FOR CORRESPONDENCE PROGRAMS  
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived  
 + SB 94 EDUCATION & SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAMS  
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived

**EDUCATION (continued)**

- Mar 08 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 36 U OF A REGENTS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 32 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 72 SEC. SCHOOL CIVICS EDUCATION  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 80 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 12 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

- Mar 05 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Callan & Associates - Permanent Fund Performance Measures  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 08 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 19 EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY  
 += SB 22 INTENSIVE MGMT SURCHARGE/REPEAL TERM DATE  
 Confirmation of Governor's Appointees:  
 Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees  
 - Rhonda Boyles  
 - Brent Fisher  
 - Annette Gwalthney-Jones  
 - Anita Halterman  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 09 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 Follow Up: Executive Order 119 - Reorganization  
 of DH&SS:  
 - Department of Health & Social Services  
 - Department of Law  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 10      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 Alaska Energy Authority - Update on Assets,  
 Projects, Grants & Loans  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 11      Thursday                                  Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 SB 55 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO PERS  
 <Pending Referral>  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 <Time Limit May Be Set>  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 12      Friday    Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 Centralized Services Initiative:  
 - Office of Management & Budget  
 - Department of Administration  
 - Department of Transportation  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 09      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205                              1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees to the  
 State Medical Board - Steve Parker  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 91 DETENTION OF MINORS  
 + -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 11      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                              1:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees to the  
 State Medical Board - Sarah Bigelow-Hood  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 93 HEALTH INS. ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE  
 + -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

- Mar 05 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 + Boards and Commissions appointees  
 + SB 65 LIABILITY CONSULTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
- Mar 08 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 65 LIABILITY CONSULTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
 Alaska Police Standards Governor Appointees
- Mar 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 Governor's Appointees
- Mar 12 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Leg Legal Lawsuit on Governor's Appointees  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Mar 05 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SJR 9 URGE EXEMPTION FOR CRUISE SHIPS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 08 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board of  
 Barbers & Hairdressers  
 - Connie Dougherty  
 - Tina Taylor  
 - Khitsana Sypakanphay  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 27 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM; MANUFACTURING  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 87 REINSURANCE; CREDITS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

- Mar 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 9 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 88 STATE INSUR. CATASTROPHE RESERVE ACCT.  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 11 COMMUNITY PROPERTY TRUSTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 12 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES**

- Mar 05 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Mar 08 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: Ocean Pasture Restoration Inc. -  
 Alaska  
 By Russ George/Ted Crookston  
 += SB 29 COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA;PERMIT BUYBACK  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 61 OIL/GAS LEASE:DNR MODIFY NET PROFIT SHARE  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 62 GAS LEASES; RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 12 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SJR 8 COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY LAND GRANT  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 09 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 23 INITIATIVE SEVERABILITY  
 + SB 71 COUNCIL ON ARTS: PLATES & MANAGE ART  
 + SB 76 ABANDONED VEHICLES; PRIVATE PROPERTY  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 83 ELECTIONS; VOTING; BALLOT REQ  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 84 LAND VOUCHERS; PFDS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 7 STATE TROOPER POLICIES: PUBLIC ACCESS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 12 MILITARY SPOUSE COURTESY LICENSE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 40 VETERANS' BENEFITS SERVICES; DISCLOSURE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 09 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 74 G.O. BONDS: STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 74 G.O. BONDS: STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 09**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:00 PM**  
 +      FY22 Department of Education & Early Development  
 Budget  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 11**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:00 PM**  
 +      FY22 Department of Education & Early Development  
 Budget  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 05**      **Friday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +      Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Division of  
 Behavioral Health, Division of Health Care  
 Services

**Mar 08**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +      Office of Children's Services, Division of  
 Juvenile Justice, Alaska Pioneer Homes

**Mar 12**      **Friday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **7:45 AM**  
 +      Close Out

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 09**      **Tuesday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **11:30 AM**  
 +      -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Department of Military & Veterans Affairs  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 - Craig Christenson, Deputy Commissioner, DMVA  
 - Stephanie Richard, Administrative Service  
 Director, Office of Management & Budget

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 10**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
COVID-19 Related Federal Funds: current federal revenues, anticipated revenue, restrictions on the use of these funds and planned/budgeted expenditures

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**REDISTRICTING BOARD**

**Mar 06**      **Saturday**                                      **By Teleconference**                      **3:30 PM**  
+                      -- Time Change --  
+                      - Discussion of Legal Counsel Selection  
+                      - Formal Meeting Request Protocol