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Juneau, Alaska

Monday

March 15, 2021

Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Costello, Kawasaki, Wielechowski were absent.

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

Gracious, almighty and merciful God, thank you for allowing us to come together in this place to do the work that you have designed for us to do.

Lord I pray that you continue to order our steps in the direction of love, unity and justice. Let us remember that we assemble here to bring the state of Alaska progress and to honor you in everything that we do. Lord, I pray a special prayer for unity, that we can put aside all forces of distraction and confusion and to keep our heads held high and our minds on you so that working together is no longer an abstract concept but one that is tangible. I pray Lord, in this moment and every moment to come, that we will come together to honor your word and do our job as your people, your people forever united. Let these words not fall on deaf ears but penetrate the hearts of your people. In your name I pray, Amen.

Senator Holland led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 8 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Labor and Commerce 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 Barbers and Hairdressers

Khitsana Sypakanphay

Connie Dougherty

Tina Taylor

Signing the report: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Holland.

Report dated March 12 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.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Donald McClintock III

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

SB 9

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 9 "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Revak. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Alaska Judiciary System

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature providing that the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

was read the first time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature providing that the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules; and providing for an effective date for the amendments, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 2

Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Excused: Wielechowski

Absent: Costello, Kawasaki

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 passed the Senate.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the resolution be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered and the resolution was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - KNOM Radio

Representative(s) Foster

Senator(s) Olson

In Memoriam - Representative Don Clocksin

Senator(s) Begich

Representative(s) Fields

In Memoriam - Lucy Groh

Senator(s) Begich

Representative(s) Fields

In Memoriam - Representative Cynthia Toohey
Representative(s) Claman, Drummond, Fields

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 Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 18 through evening plane time, March 21. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SCR 2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature providing that the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules; and providing for an effective date for the amendments, 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 11:00 a.m., March 17, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:15 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 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
Presentation: Assessing the Present and Looking
to the Future: What are the broadband gaps in Alaska?
Lesil McGuire - OneWeb
Shawn Williams - Pacific Dataport, Inc
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

EDUCATION

Mar 15 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
+ SB 20 OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ SB 6 RIP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/TEACHERS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
+= SB 36 U OF A REGENTS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+= SB 32 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ SB 10 FREE/REDUCED TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 19 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 72 SEC. SCHOOL CIVICS EDUCATION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 20 OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 80 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE

Mar 15 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Spring Revenue Update
 - Dan Stickel, Chief Economist, Department of Revenue
 - Commissioner Lucinda Mahoney, Department of Revenue
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 Please Note:
 All Public Testimony Conducted via Telephone
 Juneau (907) 586-9085
 Anchorage (907) 563-9085
 Elsewhere (844) 586-9085
 Written Testimony Will Be Accepted at:
 finance.committee@akleg.gov
 For Nome, Bethel, Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, Unalaska,
 Dillingham & All Other Locations:
 Call In/Sign Up by 10:30 a.m.
 += SB 49 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 51 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 50 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

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finance.committee@akleg.gov

For Kenai Peninsula, Anchorage, & Matanuska
Valley: Call In/Sign Up by 2:30 p.m.

+= SB 49 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+= SB 51 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+= SB 50 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

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For Southeast, Prince William Sound & Kodiak:
Call In/Sign Up by 10:30 a.m.

+= SB 49 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+= SB 51 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+= SB 50 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

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	For Fairbanks, Interior, Copper River Valley &		
	All Other Locations: Call In/Sign Up by 2:30 p.m.		
+= SB 49	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 51	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 50	APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP; AMEND		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 19	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 16	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 93	HEALTH INS. ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/11/21>		
+ SJR 4	CONST. AM: ABORTION/FUNDING		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 18	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 89	ASSISTED LIVING HOMES: HOUSE RULES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 98	ADULT FOSTER CARE FOR DISABLED		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Mar 15	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Lawsuit on Governor's Appointees		
	Megan Wallace, Legislative Legal		
+= SB 90	ELECTRONIC WILLS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Mar 17	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 15	OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Mar 19	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees		
	-- Public Testimony --		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 15	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
	Board of Barbers and Hairdressers		
	- Holly Andrews		
	- Michelle McMullin		
	Alaska Workers' Compensation Board		
	- Dave Talerico		
	- Micheal Dennis		
	- Bronson Frye		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= SB 27	INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM;MANUFACTURING		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 21	LICENSE MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE PARAMEDICS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= SJR 9	URGE EXEMPTION FOR CRUISE SHIPS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 17	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Presentation - Aerospace Day at the Alaska State Capitol by: - Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer - Dr. Kathy Cahill - Director, Alaska Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration at UAF - Dr. Robert McCoy - Director, Geophysical Institute at UAF - Mark Lester - CEO, Alaska Aerospace Corporation - Ross Garelick Bell - Executive Director, Aerospace States Association **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Mar 19	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board of Marital & Family Therapy - Richard Clampitt State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, & Land Surveyors - Catherine Fritz - Randall Rozier Marijuana Control Board - Christopher Jaime Alcoholic Beverage Control Board - David Koch Board of Examiners in Optometry - Michael Mavencamp -- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= SB 87	REINSURANCE; CREDITS -- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= SB 45	AGE FOR NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG. -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 20 Saturday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

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Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 State Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board
 - Rebecca Dean
 - Christopher Dean
 Board of Marital & Family Therapy
 - Kayla Green
 State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, & Land Surveyors
 - Fred Wallis
 - Jeffrey Garness
 - Arpad Magyar
 Board of Dental Examiners
 - Brad Heaston
 - Kelly Lucas
 - Christina Hansen
 - Gregory Johnson
 Fishermen's Fund Advisory & Appeals Council
 - Marilyn Charles
 Board of Nursing
 - Lena Lafferty
 - Catherine Hample
 Marijuana Control Board
 - Casey Dschaak
 Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
 - Bethel Belisle
 Board of Social Work Examiners
 - Brandon Ercanbrack
 Board of Psychologists & Psychological Associate Examiners
 - Sherri Scott
 Board of Examiners in Optometry
 - Pam Steffes
 Occupational Safety and Health Review Board
 - John Stallone
 Alaska Labor Relations Agency
 - Justin Mack
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 15 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SJR 8 COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY LAND GRANT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + = SB 64 SHELLFISH PROJECTS; HATCHERIES; FEES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 79 HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING: DISABLED VETS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 97 STATE LAND SALES AND LEASES; RIVERS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 - Robert Pickett
 - Keith Kurber
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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Mar 19 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 95 SEARCH AND RESCUE SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 66 MEMBERS LEG COUNCIL; LEG BUDGET & AUDIT
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + = SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Mar 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 31 PROHIBITING BINDING CAUCUSES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 16 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 18 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 74 G.O. BONDS: STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Mar 15 Monday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Mar 17 Wednesday Adams 519 5:00 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Committee Policies
 - Subcommittees
 - IT Subcommittee
 + Committee Business
 - 2021 Manual of Legislative Drafting
 - FY20 Legislature Audit
 - FY22 Legislative Council Budget Request
 + Contract Approvals
 - Amendment to Beacon OHSS Contract for
 COVID-19 Related Safety Services
 Streamed live on AKL.tv