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Wednesday

March 17, 2021

Fifty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:06 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Wielechowski, Wilson 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, here in this chamber, words are spoken and decisions are made which can shape the lives of generations. We are entrusted with the sacred stewardship of legislating decisions for the future of our state. We ask you to abide here so every word spoken and every vote cast may be just. May your wisdom guide us, and your hand guard us. This, I pray, one nation under God, Amen.

Senator Hughes led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Wilson be excused from a call of the Senate today through March 19. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

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

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated March 15 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions****HJR 12**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(RES) BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Urging the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, to honor the recent lease sales and proceed with permitting in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; urging the President of the United States to defend the 2020 Record of Decision approving the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing designation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a National Monument; and urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to uphold sec. 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

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

Communications

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

Department of Revenue

Annual Report on the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund
Calendar Year 2020
in accordance with AS 37.10.430

Alaska Salmon Price and Production Report
Calendar Year 2020
in accordance with AS 43.80.060

Disclosure letters received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, in accordance with AS 24.60, will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 3 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 2.

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated March 15 were 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.

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Dave Talerico
Micheal Dennis
Bronson Frye

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Holly Andrews
Michelle McMullin

Signing the reports: Senator Stevens, Acting Chair; Senators Holland, Revak, Gray-Jackson.

SB 21

The Labor and Commerce 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 Stevens, Acting Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Revak, Holland.

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 27

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 27 "An Act relating to industrial hemp; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 27(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Acting Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Holland. Signing no recommendation: Senator Revak.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

SB 64

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 64 "An Act relating to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations to engage in shellfish enhancement projects; relating to application fees for salmon hatchery permits and shellfish enhancement project permits; allowing the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute to market aquatic farm products; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Kiehl, von Imhof, Bishop, Micciche, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Fish and Game

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

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

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 8

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 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, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(RES) Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress, the United States Department of the Interior, and the Governor to facilitate a land grant endowment to the University of Alaska; urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to reintroduce the University of Alaska Fiscal Foundation Act; and urging the Department of Natural Resources to work with the University of Alaska to identify lands suitable for the land endowment.

Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Stevens, Micciche, Bishop, von Imhof, Kiehl.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Education Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

SJR 9

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 Urging the United States Congress to exempt cruise ships from certain provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act and other applicable provisions of federal law for the period

during which Canadian ports are closed to cruise ships carrying more than 100 people; and urging the President of the United States not to fine or take actions against cruise ships sailing to the state, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 9(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Acting Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Revak, Holland.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Transportation Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - 2021 Top Five Kuskokwim 300 Finishers
Senator(s) Hoffman
Representative(s) Zulkosky

Honoring - Ellen Rojcewicz
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam - Terrance "Klarantz" Edward Wear
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Robert Brooks Fischer, Sr.
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - Ralph Steven Rastopsoff
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.

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

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Education and Sharing Day, Alaska
Representative(s) Drummond
Senator(s) Hughes

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

President Micciche made the following appointments:

Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review Committee
Senator Holland

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council
Senator Stevens
Senator Begich

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 19, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

FINANCE

Mar 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

Please Note:

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Written Testimony Will Be Accepted at:

finance.committee@akleg.gov

For Nome, Bethel, Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, Unalaska,

Dillingham & All Other Locations:

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-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 51 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
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- + SB 51 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
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Mar 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 15 OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY
 Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 90 ELECTRONIC WILLS
 -- 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 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

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

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

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

- + 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

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

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- 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

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|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| 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 | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
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| Mar 19 | Friday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| + | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |

STATE AFFAIRS

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

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
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