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Sixty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:08 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Shower was 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, I pray that You will bless this meeting. Help us have fun yet productive discussions that will broaden our perspective. Help us to take the various ideas presented and think of ways to flesh them out. If we do disagree, let it be on the content, and not personality conflicts or power plays. Help us to resolve any disputes gracefully, be creative problem-solvers, and have great team spirit. Help us to find principles that we all can agree on and put these into action. Amen.

Senator Kiehl 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.

Certification

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

Messages from the House**Concur Messages****SB 24**

Message dated March 20 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C) "An Act relating to holding corporate meetings by remote communication; allowing voting by remote communication at corporate meetings; making shareholder lists available electronically; relating to for-profit and nonprofit corporations; relating to business and industrial development corporations; relating to Native corporations; relating to the Alaska Banking Code; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment(s):

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)

Senator Hughes moved the Senate concur in the House amendment(s).

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment(s)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 24(L&C)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment
to CSSB 24(L&C)?

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Excused: Shower

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment(s), thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C) "An Act relating to holding corporate meetings by remote communication; allowing voting by remote communication at corporate meetings; making shareholder lists available electronically; relating to for-profit and nonprofit corporations; relating to business and industrial development corporations; relating to Native corporations; relating to the Alaska Banking Code; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on concurrence be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Aerospace Corporation
2020 Annual Report
March 22, 2021
in accordance with AS 26.27.100

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated March 19 and March 20 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.

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Richard Clampitt

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

David Koch

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Randall Rozier

Catherine Fritz

Fred Wallis

Jeffrey Garness

Arpad "Bruce" Magyar

Marijuana Control Board

Christopher Jaime

Casey Dschaak

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Michael Mavencamp

Pamela Steffes

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Rebecca Dean

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Marilyn Charles

Board of Dental Examiners

Kelly Lucas

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Bethel Belisle

Board of Social Work Examiners

Brandon Ercanbrack

Board of Nursing

Lena Lafferty

Catherine Hample

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Christopher Dean

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Sherri Scott

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Justin Mack

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

John Stallone

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

SB 11

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 11 "An Act relating to community property and to community property trusts; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Holland.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 87

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to credit for reinsurance; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Revak, Holland.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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 Resolutions

SJR 11

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Supporting development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of this high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state.

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 21

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" was read the second time.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 21 was read the third time.

Senators Wilson, Gray-Jackson, Olson, Kawasaki, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall 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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 21

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Excused: Shower

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 21 passed the Senate.

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

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 8

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, was read the second time.

Senator Revak, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 475. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, 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, was adopted.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the resolution be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(RES) was read the third time.

Senators Wielechowski, Revak, von Imhof, Holland, Bishop, Stedman, Hoffman, Hughes, Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall 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, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSJR 8(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Shower

and so, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(RES) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

In Memoriam - Angela Geraghty
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) LeBon

In Memoriam - Kenneth Roy Kokrine
Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Kenneth Verne Mayfield
Senator(s) Kawasaki

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 Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate interpret Uniform Rule 24(a) to allow Senate committee members to participate in person, or by videoconference from the Capitol complex on all matters before the committee, including moving a bill from committee by roll call vote, as long as members that participate by videoconference return to the committee meeting room to sign the committee report, and the Chair confirms on the record the signatures of members before adjourning the meeting; this is to address social distancing recommendations for COVID-19, and remains in effect until adjournment of the first regular session of the Thirty-second Alaska State Legislature.

Without objection, the motion was adopted.

SB 40

Senator Begich withdrew his prior objection (page 491) regarding the State Affairs Committee report on SENATE BILL NO. 40 "An Act relating to veterans' benefits services and veterans' benefits appeal services."

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 26 through evening plane time, March 29. Without objection, Senator Myers was excused.

SB 40

Senators Kiehl, Begich, Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 40 "An Act relating to veterans' benefits services and veterans' benefits appeal services." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 25 through evening plane time, March 28. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

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

EO 120

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and AS 24.08.210, action was not taken on the following Executive Order and it was returned to the Office of the Governor at 1:50 p.m., March 22, 2021:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 120

Transferring the Violent Crimes Compensation Board from the Department of Administration to the Department of Public Safety.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 21**

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" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SJR 8

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, 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 24, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:31 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 23 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 25 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Mar 22 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 72 SEC. SCHOOL CIVICS EDUCATION
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 3/24/2021>
 += SB 20 OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 += SB 80 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
 += SB 10 FREE/REDUCED TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 += SB 6 RIP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/TEACHERS
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/24/2021>

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 24 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Alaska Railroad, Update & COVID Funding Synopsis
 + SB 56 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Department of Transportation - Program
 Development/STIP/Capital Budget
 - Ben White, Director of Program Development
 - Rob Carpenter, Deputy Commissioner
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 26 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + COVID 19 - Federal Funding Update
 - Neil Steinger, Director of OMB
 - Alexei Painter, Director of Legislative
 Finance Division
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 23 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 93 HEALTH INS. ALL-PAYER CLAIMS DATABASE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 92 MISSING PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OLD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 26 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 99 JUVENILES: JUSTICE,FACILITES,TREATMENT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Mar 22 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 15 OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 24 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Treg
 Taylor, Attorney General
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 9 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
 + SJR 1 CONST AM: GUARANTEE PERM FUND DIVIDEND
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 26 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv



LABOR & COMMERCE

- Mar 22 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Alaska Workers' Compensation Board - Pamela Cline
 Board of Massage Therapists - Julie Endle
 Board of Pharmacy - James Henderson, Justin
 Ruffridge
 Board of Nursing - Mike Wilcher
 State Board of Registration for Architects,
 Engineers, and Land Surveyors - Robert "Bob" Bell
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 88 STATE INSUR. CATASTROPHE RESERVE ACCT.
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 90 ELECTRONIC WILLS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 24 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

-- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Psychologists & Psychological
 Associate Examiners - Bernard Gatewood
 Board of Professional Counselors - Dorene "Dori"
 Hagen, Sammie O'Neal
 Alaska Workers' Compensation Board - Nancy Shaw
 Alaska Labor Relations Board - Patty Burley
 Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy - Donald Vieira
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 26 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 + Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy -
 Rachel Hanks, Steven Jordan
 State Board of Registration for Architects,
 Engineers, and Land Surveyors - Edward "Ed"
 Leonetti, Jake Maxwell
 Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Tim Kanady, Brian Larson
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 86 TEMPORARY PERMITS & LICENSES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 22 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

-- Teleconference Listen Only --
 Presentation: Qilak LNG by Hon. Mead Treadwell
 Chairman & CEO Qilak LNG
 Presentation: Alaska Gasline Development
 Corporation (AGDC) by Frank Richards P.E.
 President AGDC
 Remarks by Lorali Simon-VP of External Affairs
 for Usibelli Coal
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

- Mar 24 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 -- Teleconference Listen Only --
 Presentation 101 by Curtis Thayer - Executive
 Director Alaska Energy Authority
 + HJR 12 ENDORSING ANWR LEASING; RELATED ISSUES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 26 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

- Mar 23 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 71 COUNCIL ON ARTS: PLATES & MANAGE ART
 += SB 84 LAND VOUCHERS; PFDS
 + Governor Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 77 USE OF INTERNET FOR CHARITABLE GAMING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 47 VEHICLE REGISTRATION/PERSONS W/DISABILITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 25 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 Governor Appointees
 + -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 102 AMEND COMPACT FOR A BALANCED BUDGET
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 2 PEACE OFFICERS: DE-ESCALATION, MISCONDUCT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 3 POLICE OFFICERS: ORAL WARNING/DE-ESCALATE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 28 EST. APRIL 24 ALASKA CONSTITUTION DAY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Mar 30 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Governor's Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Governor Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 23 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 74 G.O. BONDS: STATE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 25 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 103 AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 105 ROAD SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 + Elodea Overview - By Dave Schade, Director,
 Division of Agriculture
 Streamed live on AKL.tv