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Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:38 a.m.

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

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

Heavenly Father, Abba,
We come before you today in the Alaska State Capitol and ask for your direction and wisdom, for your word says:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, without doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind." James 1:5

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:14

Your word says "If we confess our sin, You are faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." John 1:9

As Passover begins tomorrow at sundown, I ask you prepare our hearts for your Holy Week. I lift all the prayers of all the saints to you, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Like a hand in a glove, I ask you guide and direct us. I ask you bless each legislator in his or her work, to use common sense as issues are deliberated, and strength of conviction to do what is right.

I ask for healing for those struggling with serious illness. Your will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

Heavenly Father, I ask you draw near to the broken hearted and comfort those who mourn the loss of their loved ones today. I know you are on your throne and I sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 24 was read stating in accordance with art. VII, sec. 3 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 14.40.150, I submit the following appointee for confirmation:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

John "Scott" Jepsen – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/23/2021

Term Expires: 2/6/2023

The appointment was referred to the Education Committee.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 25 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 36**

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 BY REPRESENTATIVES CLAMAN, Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to an application for a license to operate as a dealer in motor vehicles; and requiring a dealer in motor vehicles to maintain liability and property insurance."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Labor and Commerce Committees.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated March 24 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 Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Bernard Gatewood

Board of Professional Counselors

Sammie O'Neal

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Nancy Shaw

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Patty Burley

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Donald Vieira

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

Report dated March 25 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs 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 Police Standards Council

Ed Mercer

Gregory Campbell

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Hardy “Van” Lawrence

Signing the report: Senator Shower, Chair; Senators Holland, Costello.

Report dated March 26 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Education 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.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Jennifer Stafford

Signing the report: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Hughes, Stevens, Begich.

HJR 12

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(RES) 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, and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 12(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Micciche, Stevens.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Kiehl.

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

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 112

SENATE BILL NO. 112 BY SENATOR SHOWER, entitled:

"An Act relating to transportation of students."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 19

SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bishop, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 535. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no

further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(FIN) "An Act relating to allocations for the special education service agency; extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Micciche stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(FIN) will advance to third reading on the March 29 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - Jane Angvik & Vic Fischer
Representative(s) Josephson, Fields, Claman

Honoring - Delaina Rachelle Pugh
Representative(s) Tilton

In Memoriam - Dr. John Sackett
Senator(s) Hoffman, Olson, Bishop

In Memoriam - Dale C. Haggard
Representative(s) McCabe

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 Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw a prior excusal motion (page 16). Without objection, the excusal was withdrawn.

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 29, 2021. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:55 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 30	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 72	SEC. SCHOOL CIVICS EDUCATION		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 17	ENERGY EFFICIENCY & POLICY: PUB. BLDGS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
 Apr 01	 Thursday	 Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	 3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 26	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Consideration of Jennifer Stafford, Governor's Appointee to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission		
+ SB 111	EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
 Mar 29	 Monday	 Butrovich 205	 9:00 AM
+ SB 111	EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION (continued)

- Mar 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
 += SB 111 EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 02 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
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FINANCE

- Mar 26 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + COVID 19 - Federal Funding Update
 - Neil Steininger, Director of OMB
 - Alexei Painter, Director of Legislative Finance Division
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 29 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 32 COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
 += SB 36 U OF A REGENTS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
 + SB 20 OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 29 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**
 += SB 56 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 + HB 76 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 30 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += HB 76 EXTENDING COVID 19 DISASTER EMERGENCY
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 31 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Alaska's Economy
 - Mouchine Guetabbi, Economist
 Institute of Social & Economic Research,
 University of Alaska
 - Dan Robinson, Chief of Research & Analysis
 Department of Labor & Workforce Development
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 01 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 30 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 92 MISSING PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OLD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Rescheduled from 3/23/2021 --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 01 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 26 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY (continued)

- Mar 29 Monday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 - Todd Fletcher, Commission on Judicial Conduct
 -- Public Testimony --
 - Treg Taylor, Attorney General
 += SB 9 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL; ALCOHOL REG
 - Senator Micciche
 += SJR 1 CONST AM: GUARANTEE PERM FUND DIVIDEND
 - Senator Wielechowski
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 - Sam Cherot, Public Defender
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 15 OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Senator Costello
 - Amendments, Fiscal Notes
 += SB 65 LIABILITY CONSULTING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Senators Kiehl, Begich
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 02 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

LABOR & COMMERCE

- 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 --

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+ SB 86 TEMPORARY PERMITS & LICENSES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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Mar 29 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 -Alaska Labor Relations Agency
 Tyler Andrews, Dennis DeWitt
 - Alaska Workers' Compensation Board
 Anthony Ladd, Jason Motyka
 - Board of Social Work Examiners
 Mindy Swisher, Sharon Woodward
 - Board of Dental Examiners - Gregory Johnson
 - Board of Professional Counselors
 Dorene "Dori" Hagen
 - Board of Veterinary Examiners - Denise Albert
 - Marijuana Control Board
 Nicholas "Nick" Miller
 State Board of Registration for Architects,
 Engineers, & Land Surveyors - Loren Leman
 Board of Marital & Family Therapy - Joy Collins
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

+ SB 40 VETERANS' BENEFITS SERVICES; DISCLOSURE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 29 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:30 PM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 - Board of Dental Examiners
 Christine Hansen, Bradley Heaston
 - Real Estate Appraisers Board
 Valery Kudryn, Mae Sprague Hayes
 -Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy
 Lance Johnson
 - Alaska Workers' Compensation Board
 Christine Gilbert
 - Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives
 Hannah St. George

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

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- Board of Massage Therapy - Kristin Tri
- Board of Professional Counselors - Laura Patin
- Board of Psychologist & Psychological Associate Examiners - Bradley McConnell
- Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board Enlow Walker
- State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, & Land Surveyors - Elizabeth Johnston
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Mar 31 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 - Real Estate Appraisers Board William "Leon" McKean
 - Real Estate Commission - Traci Heaton
 - Board of Marital & Family Therapy - Kayla Green
 - Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives Rachel Pugh
 - Board of Chiropractic Examiners - John Lloyd
 - Board of Pharmacy - Richard Holt
 - Board of Veterinary Examiners Rachel Bergartt
 - Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council Renee Weddle Alward
 - Occupational Safety & Health Review Board Vincent Perez, Thomas Trosvig
 - Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board Jody Pfeiffer
- + -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Mar 31 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 - Alaska Workers' Compensation Board Lake Williams, Robert Weel
 - Board of Veterinary Examiners Scott Flamme, Hal Geiger

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

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- Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy Board
Nathan Missler, Lisa Radley
- Board of Nursing - Wendy Monrad
- Board of Pharmacy - Tammy Lindemuth
- Board of Professional Counselors
Eleanor Vinson
- Marijuana Control Board - Bruce Schulte
- Real Estate Commission - Elizabeth Schok
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Apr 02 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 26 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 29 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Presentation: 30 by 30 Federal Initiative by
 Dick Mylius
 + SB 101 ADVISORY COMMISSION ON FEDERAL MGT AREAS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 27 INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM;MANUFACTURING
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

- Mar 30 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 95 SEARCH AND RESCUE SURPLUS STATE PROPERTY
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Governor's Appointees
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Governor Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 39 BALLOT CUSTODY/TAMPERING; VOTER REG; MAIL
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
- Apr 08 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 30 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 += SB 103 AMHS OPERATION & PLANNING BOARD
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 105 ROAD SERVICE AREA CONSOLIDATION
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 01 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled