

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**January 21, 2022**

**Fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:36 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Costello, Hoffman, Olson, Revak were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Eugene Williams, First Baptist Church of Juneau. Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Oh, great God of all glory,

Guide the hearts of all in this room today who would be about the business of making choices that affect the lives of others. Your Word says not to let kindness and truth depart from us. We are to bind them around our neck as an ox would receive a yoke. We are to write kindness and truth upon the tablets of our hearts not unlike You inscribed the Ten Commandments upon the stone of Mount Sinai for Moses (Proverbs 3:3).

LORD of all things, grant great inner strength to those present here today not only to accomplish the business at hand, but also to relate to co-workers, friends, and family in all ways pleasing to You. Help each one to know and to rejoice in Your truths and not to rejoice in unrighteous ways (1 Corinthians 13:6).

We look to You, Righteous Father, to bring to our minds what needs to be said and what does not need to be said regarding any particular situation, and to help each of us clearly identify and obey each of those inclinations as they arise.

Heavenly Father, protect us from all forms of evil as we traverse yet another God-given day on this earth, a day that You have provided so that we could worship You in obedience to Your commands.

Grant to each of these senators the fullest ability to engage manifest respect, loyal service, insightful wisdom, and unswerving courage toward the challenges that they will face this day and into the future.

And may all who are subject to the legislation of this body be able to support all forthcoming decisions wholeheartedly and unashamedly (1 Peter 2:13).

I ask this today of You Father God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the name of Jesus the Christ.  
Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **Certification**

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

**Messages from the Governor**

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated January 19 authorizing public assistance for the City and Borough of Yakutat, City and Borough of Juneau, Haines Borough, and the Municipality of Skagway Borough due to severe storms which occurred January 8 through January 11, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

**Messages from the House**

Message dated January 19 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree's State of the Judiciary address.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Communications**

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

Alaska State Legislature  
Joint Armed Services Committee  
Biennial Report for 2020-2021  
in accordance with AS 24.20.675

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Alaska Energy Authority  
Certification of Capital Reserve Fund Requirements  
Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project  
December 29, 2021  
in accordance with AS 44.83.110

Alaska Energy Authority  
Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project  
Annual Report to the Legislature  
in accordance with AS 44.83.085

Division of Economic Development  
2021 Annual State Loan Report  
in accordance with AS 37.05.035

Division of Community and Regional Affairs  
Report of the Alaska Minerals Commission  
January 2022  
in accordance with AS 44.33.431

Division of Community and Regional Affairs  
Alaska Taxable 2021 Report

Department of Corrections  
Interstate Commission Annual Report  
January 11, 2022  
in accordance with AS 33.36.135

Department of Education & Early Development  
Alaska School District K-3 Reading Report to the Legislature  
January 2022  
in accordance with Chapter 1, SSSLA 21

Department of Health and Social Services  
Alaska Health Information Exchange  
2021 Progress & Recommendations Report  
in accordance with AS 18.23.315

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Department of Health and Social Services and  
Department of Corrections  
Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report  
Fiscal Year 2021  
in accordance with AS 47.38.100

Department of Law  
Federal Laws and Litigation Report  
January 15, 2022  
in accordance with AS 44.23.020

Department of Revenue  
Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE)  
Annual Report  
January 18, 2022  
in accordance with AS 06.65.350

Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB)  
Financial Condition of State Retirement Systems  
in accordance with AS 37.10.220

Investment Earnings Report for the Alaska Marine Highway  
System Fund and the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel  
Replacement Fund  
January 15, 2022  
in accordance with AS 19.65.070 and AS 37.05.550

Commission on Postsecondary Education  
Department of Education and Early Development  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development and  
University of Alaska  
Joint report:  
Alaska Performance Scholarship Outcomes Report 2022  
Fall 2011-2021  
in accordance with AS 14.43.840

Disclosure letters received from the Select Committee on Legislative  
Ethics, in accordance with AS 24.60, will be published in Senate  
Journal Supplement No. 8 and House and Senate Joint Journal  
Supplement No. 8.

**Standing Committee Reports****HB 44**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 44(STA) "An Act relating to the practice of accounting" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 44(L&C)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 85**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85(L&C) "An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 85(L&C)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Environmental Conservation

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

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

#### **SB 168**

SENATE BILL NO. 168 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

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

#### **SB 169**

SENATE BILL NO. 169 BY SENATOR COSTELLO, entitled:

"An Act relating to the inspection and testing of fire dampers, smoke dampers, combination fire and smoke dampers, and smoke control systems; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 170**

SENATE BILL NO. 170 BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska marine highway system; establishing the Alaska Marine Highway Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Unfinished Business****HB 157**

President Micciche added a Finance Committee referral to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 157(FIN) "An Act requiring the disclosure of the identity of certain persons, groups, and nongroup entities that expend money in support of or in opposition to an application filed for a state referendum or recall election; relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available; relating to the duties of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; clarifying the limits on making, accepting, and reporting certain cash campaign contributions; relating to campaign finance reporting by certain groups; increasing the time the Alaska Public Offices Commission has to respond to a request for an advisory opinion; repealing a reporting requirement for certain contributions; relating to contribution limits and recall campaigns; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the State Affairs, Judiciary, then Finance Committees.

**SB 168**

Senators Kiehl, Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities." 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., January 25, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:49 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**

**Jan 25                      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 27                      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
+    HB 127    MUNI BOND BANK: UA, LOAN AND BOND LIMITS  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Deven Mitchell, State Investment Officer and  
Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority Executive  
Director  
Luke Welles, Chair of the Alaska Municipal Bond  
Bank Authority  
Myron Dosch, University of Alaska Chief Finance  
Officer  
+                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
                         \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**EDUCATION**

**Jan 21                      Friday                      Butrovich 205                      9:00 AM**  
+    HB 53    MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY WAIVER  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+    HB 19    LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**EDUCATION (continued)**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation "Update from the University of Alaska"		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= HB 53	MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY WAIVER		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+= HB 19	LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Governor's FY23 Budget Proposal		
	Neil Steininger, Director of OMB		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Legislative Finance Division - Overview of Governor's FY23 Request		
	Alexei Painter, Director of Legislative Finance		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+= SB 25	STATE GOV'T FINANCES: WEBSITE		
+	SEAFOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	SB 104 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## FINANCE (continued)

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Callan & Associates - Permanent Fund Performance Measures & Impact of Ad Hoc Draws		
	Greg Allen, CEO & Chief Research Officer		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	SB 111	EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION	
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation		
	Valerie Mertz, Acting CEO & Chief Financial Officer		
	Marcus Frampton, Chief Investment Officer		
	Paulyn Swanson, Director of Communications		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+=	SB 111	EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION	
	-- Public & Invited Testimony --		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority		
	Steve Williams, CEO		
	Anita Halterman, Board Chair		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Department of Revenue - Savings Accounts/Budget Reserves/Investment Funds		
	Pam Leary, State Investment Officer		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ HB 168	ELECTRONIC APPLICATION FOR STATE BENEFITS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

## JUDICIARY

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SJR 19	CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT		
+ SB 129	ELECTION PAMPHLET INFORMATION RE: JUDGES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 3	DEFINITION OF "DISASTER": CYBERSECURITY		
+ HB 155	COURT SYSTEM PROVIDE VISITORS & EXPERTS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

## LABOR & COMMERCE

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	University of Alaska President Pat Pitney		
	Presentation on Workforce Development Programs		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 127	UNFAIR CLAIM SETTLEMENT PRACTICES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 99	PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BD/PRACTICE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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## LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

**Jan 28 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
+ HB 55 PEACE OFFICER/FIREFIGHTER RETIRE BENEFITS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## RESOURCES

**Jan 21 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 24 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ SJR 11 SUPPORTING ROAD BELT ELECTRICAL LINE  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Jan 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+= SB 85 FOREST LAND USE PLANS; TIMBER SALES  
-- Public Testimony --  
+= HB 79 SALTWATER SPORTFISHING OPERATORS/GUIDES  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Jan 28 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ Department of Natural Resources, Committee Update  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## STATE AFFAIRS

**Jan 25 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ Gail Fenumiai Division of Elections Director  
Subject: Rank Choice 2 (Ballot Measure) Presentation  
Guest Presenters: Nick Murray (Maine Policy Institute)  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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## STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 167	ELECTIONS; FRAUD; BALLOTS		
+ HJR 16	HMONG VETERANS MILITARY RIGHTS		
	Bill Introduction: Rep. David Nelson		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## TRANSPORTATION

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 166	G.O. BONDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## OTHER MEETINGS

### JOINT SESSION

<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	State of the State Address by Mike Dunleavy, Governor of Alaska		
<b>Feb 09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree		