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Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:37 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Reinbold, Shower were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Michael Grubbs, Ordained Deacon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord,

Thank you for the men and women who serve Alaska in the State Senate. Please provide our Senators with reminders each day of why they decided to dedicate their lives to public service and use that commitment to encourage them. Give them peace when their work takes them away from their families. We pray especially for the wives, husbands and children of our Senators. We ask that you draw near to them and give them the wisdom to know how best to support one another when their loved one works in the Senate. Amen.

Senator Begich led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the eighth legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senators Reinbold, Shower was noted.

Communications

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

Department of Health and Social Services
Alaska Vital Statistics 2020 Annual Report

Office of the Governor
Office of Management & Budget
Executive Branch Lease Purchase Agreements Report
Fiscal Year 2021
in accordance with AS 37.07.040

Standing Committee Reports

HB 19

The Education Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(EDC) "An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and establishing limited language immersion teacher certificates."

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Hughes, Stevens, Micciche, Begich.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Education & Early Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

HB 53

The Education Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(MLV) am(efd add) "An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military and National Guard members; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Hughes, Stevens, Micciche, Begich.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Education & Early Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 171

Senator Stevens, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act disapproving the recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date" be waived from the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 172

SENATE BILL NO. 172 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act increasing the residential property tax exemption."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 171**

SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act disapproving the recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent the following fiscal information be adopted:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

Without objection, Fiscal Note No. 1 was adopted.

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. 171 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act disapproving the recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 171

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 171 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.

Citations

Honoring - Joanne Grace
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson
Representative(s) Josephson

Honoring - Anne Sears
Representative(s) Foster, Patkotak
Senator(s) Olson

In Memoriam - Laura Muktoya Sockpick Evans
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson

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

SB 172

Senators Begich, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 172 "An Act increasing the residential property tax exemption." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon plane time, February 18 through morning plane time, February 23. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 171**

SENATE BILL NO. 171 "An Act disapproving the recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date" 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 10:30 a.m., January 28, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:36 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 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

EDUCATION

Jan 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += 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

Jan 28 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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EDUCATION (continued)

Jan 31	Monday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
Feb 02	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
Feb 04	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM

FINANCE

Jan 26 +	Wednesday 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	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 26 += SB 111	Wednesday EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION -- Public & Invited Testimony -- <Time Limit May Be Set> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
Jan 27 +	Thursday Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Steve Williams, CEO Anita Halterman, Board Chair Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 27 +	Thursday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
Jan 28 +	Friday Department of Revenue - Savings Accounts/Budget Reserves/Investment Funds Pam Leary, State Investment Officer Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 28 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + 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

Jan 26 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 127 UNFAIR CLAIM SETTLEMENT PRACTICES
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + HB 99 PHYSICAL/OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BD/PRACTICE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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 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

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 167 ELECTIONS; FRAUD; BALLOTS

+ HJR 16 HMONG VETERANS MILITARY RIGHTS

Bill Introduction: Rep. David Nelson

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 27 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ SB 166 G.O. BONDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Jan 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM

+ Executive Session:

Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Personnel
and Related Procurement

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OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 09	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree		
Feb 22	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		