

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**February 8, 2022**

**Twenty-second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Myers, 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.

Holy Spirit, we ask you to fill our state leaders with wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and discernment. Grant to our leaders the awareness to address the needs of Alaska and set forth the right actions for our state.

Help our leaders and help us not to be divided, but to commit to working together for the common good. Give our leaders and our people humility and respect for one another. Help us all to find common ground for the benefit of our beloved state. Let us find ways to compromise and be mutually supportive.

I pray all this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Senator Kawasaki led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **Certification**

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

### **Introduction of Guests**

Senator Costello introduced the following members of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) delegation:

Richard Gotfried, PNWER President  
Matt Marrison, PNWER CEO  
Senator Mike Cuffe, Montana State Legislature  
Seth Storset, Director of Safety for TOTE Maritime

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated February 4 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

### **First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

#### **HB 118**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(STA)(efd am) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to living conditions for prisoners; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**Communications**

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

Alaska Court System  
Schedule of Compensation  
Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges, and  
Administrative Directors  
Calendar Year 2021  
in accordance with AS 22.20.037

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
Annual Report FY 2021  
in accordance with AS 37.14.009

Department of Administration  
Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions for 2021  
in accordance with AS 37.05.210

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated February 7 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Education Committee held a hearing on the following appointee. 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 during any further sessions.

**University of Alaska Board of Regents**  
Kali Spencer

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 182**

SENATE BILL NO. 182 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."

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

**SB 183**

SENATE BILL NO. 183 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to home and community-based services; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 184**

SENATE BILL NO. 184 BY SENATOR BEGICH, entitled:

"An Act relating to Alaska Native settlement trusts and eligibility for adult public assistance, senior benefits, and the Alaska Pioneers' Home."

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

**SB 185**

SENATE BILL NO. 185 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 9**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN) "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date," was read the third time.

Senator Kiehl moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Kiehl offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 71, line 20:

Delete "12,000"

Insert "7,500"

Page 72, line 5:

Delete "12,000"

Insert "7,500"

Page 72, line 21:

Delete "12,000"

Insert "7,500"

Senator Kiehl moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Stevens objected.

Senator Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1. There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be withdrawn?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 9(FIN)

Second Reading

Withdraw Amendment No. 1?

**YEAS: 10 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Begich, Bishop, Holland, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Reinbold, Revak, Stevens, von Imhof

Nays: Costello, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Olson, Stedman, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Myers, Shower

Costello changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, President Micciche announced Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn (in accordance with Uniform Rule 27(b) and Mason's Manual Sec. 15).

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN) was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN) "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 9(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Court Rule(s) Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Myers, Shower

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN) passed the Senate.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the court rule change. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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.

### **Third Reading of House Resolutions**

#### **HJR 16**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Encouraging the United States Congress to pass legislation granting the Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War access to the same veteran benefits received by United States veterans, was read the third time.

Senators Wilson, Kiehl, Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Encouraging the United States Congress to pass legislation granting the Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War access to the same veteran benefits received by United States veterans, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 16

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Myers, Shower

and so, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

### **Citations**

Honoring - Archie M. Giddings  
Senator(s) Wilson  
Representative(s) Kurka

Honoring - Joann Horn  
Representative(s) Foster  
Senator(s) Olson

In Memoriam - Lawrence Michael Malloy  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Reed E. Oswalt  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Nancy Ann Norman Sweeney  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Charles Thomas Simpler  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Daniel Michael Contini, Jr.  
Representative(s) Johnson  
Senator(s) Hughes

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 Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 11 through evening plane time, February 14. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

**Announcements**

Senator Costello, Chair moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived in order to hold a Labor & Commerce Committee meeting today for a presentation from the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER). Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 9**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN) "An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; 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., February 9, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Feb 08      Tuesday                              Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 10      Thursday                              Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Feb 09      Wednesday                              Butrovich 205              9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 11      Friday                              Butrovich 205              9:00 AM**  
 += SB 34 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

**Feb 08      Tuesday                              Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 + Economic Outlook  
 + Moody's Analytics  
 + Village Safe Water & Wastewater Captial Projects  
 Department of Environmental Conservation  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE (continued)**

- Feb 08 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 += SB 72 SEC. SCHOOL CIVICS EDUCATION  
 + SB 80 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION  
 -- Invited Testimony --  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 09 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Deferred Maintenance  
 Neil Steinger, Director of OMB  
 += SB 33 SEAFOOD PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 09 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Fiscal Scenarios  
 Legislative Finance Division  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**  
 += SB 111 EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION  
 -- Invited Testimony - Department of Education &  
 Early Development  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 11 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Fiscal Scenarios  
 Legislative Finance Division  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 08                      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

- + Presentation: State of Alaska IT Protocols and DHSS Cyberattack Updates by Bill Smith, DOA, Chief Information Officer (OIT)  
Sylvan Robb, DHSS, Assistant Commissioner  
Scott McCutcheon, DHSS, Chief Information Officer
- + SB 132 CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT VETERINARIAN  
-- Invited Testimony --
- + HB 133 AK ED SAVINGS PROGRAMS/ELIGIBILITY  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 10                      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

- + Overview: EO 121: Department of Health and Social Services Bifurcation  
-- Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 09                      Wednesday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

- + SB 119 OATH OF OFFICE  
<Bill Hearing Postponed to Feb 11>
- + HB 155 COURT SYSTEM PROVIDE VISITORS & EXPERTS
- + SB 129 ELECTION PAMPHLET INFORMATION RE: JUDGES
- + SB 23 INITIATIVE SEVERABILITY  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 11                      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**

- + SB 118 CMTE ON NULLIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAWS  
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 23 INITIATIVE SEVERABILITY  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 31 PROHIBITING BINDING CAUCUSES  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + SB 119 OATH OF OFFICE  
<Bill Hearing Postponed from Feb 9>

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Feb 08            Tuesday                            Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 Uniform Rule 23(a) Waived  
 + Presentation: Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program and Supply Chain Stability by: Matt Marrison, Executive Director of PNWER  
 Bruce Agnew, PNWER Transportation Co-Chair  
 PNWER (Pacific NorthWest Economic Region)  
 Maritime Resilience Project, by: Seth Storset, Director of Safety for TOTE Maritime  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Feb 09            Wednesday                            Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 + SB 173 DENTIST SPEC. LICENSE/RADIOLOGIC EQUIP  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 143 COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES; LIENS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 151 EXTEND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 11            Friday                                    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)            1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

- Feb 09            Wednesday                            Butrovich 205            3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:  
 James Cooney, Board of Game  
 Clay Nordlum, Big Game Commercial Services  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Feb 11            Friday                                    Butrovich 205            3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*



**TRANSPORTATION (continued)**

<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Board of Marine Pilots and DOT Commissioner Michael O'Hara - Board of Marine Pilots Les Cronk - Board of Marine Pilots Ryan Anderson - Commissioner, Department of Transportation -- Public Testimony -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<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		
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Feb 08</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Presentation: Improving Food Access / Status of Hunger in Alaska Presenters: Cara Durr, Ron Meehan, Kate Paskievitch Organization: Food Bank of Alaska/Alaska Food Coalition Sponsored by: Senator Kawasaki * Lunch will not be served		