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Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:07 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Stedman was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Mike Rose, Juneau Christian Center. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty God,

Thank you for another day to live our lives and for your mercy and grace which is available for us. Lord, help us to be mindful that you are omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, and though you are so great, you care for us. Help us to understand that while I can count the seeds in an apple you can count the apples in a seed. And you are concerned even about the small issues in our lives.

For that reason, scripture exhorts us to be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving to let our request be known to God and the peace of God which passes all understanding will guard our hearts and minds.

Lord, I thank you for the Senate today and all those who assist them. I pray for your presence, your wisdom, your protection, and your favor in their lives today.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Kimberly Bergey

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

SB 150

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day."

Signing do pass: Senator Myers, Chair; Senators Micciche, Shower, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 133

The Health and Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 133(L&C) "An Act relating to the Alaska savings program for eligible individuals; relating to education savings programs; relating to the Education Trust of Alaska; relating to the Alaska advance college tuition savings fund; relating to the Alaska education savings program for children; and relating to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Reinbold, Costello. Signing do pass: Senators Begich, Hughes.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, University of Alaska

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 197

SENATE BILL NO. 197 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to direct health care agreements; and relating to unfair trade practices."

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

SB 198

SENATE BILL NO. 198 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act providing that Rampart School is located within the Yukon-Koyukuk School District regional educational attendance area; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education & Early Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 15:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill allowing the Rampart School to become part of the Yukon Koyukuk School District (YKSD).

The Rampart School is currently part of the Yukon Flats School District (YFSD). However, by mutual agreement, the YKSD has administered and operated the Rampart School for several years. The community of Rampart is culturally and historically aligned with the communities in the YKSD, and both school districts support placing the Rampart School in the YKSD.

This legislation allows for maximum local participation with the YKSD School Board. Currently, parents of children at the Rampart School cannot participate in YKSD School Board elections. The proposed legislation will result in a boundary change between the two regional educational attendance areas (REAs) thereby allowing parents of the Rampart School to participate in school board elections applicable to their community school.

REAs are part of the unorganized borough. Pursuant to Article X, Section 6 of the Alaska Constitution, the legislature serves as the assembly for the unorganized borough. Accordingly, the legislature is the appropriate entity to authorize allowing the Rampart School to become part of the YKSD.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

SB 199

SENATE BILL NO. 199 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 200

SENATE BILL NO. 200 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 201

SENATE BILL NO. 201 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to charitable gaming online ticket sales and activities; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

The presence of Senator Stedman was noted.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 72**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(FIN) "An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senators Hoffman, Bishop, Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(FIN) "An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 72(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Nays: Kiehl

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(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 effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 143

SENATE BILL NO. 143 "An Act relating to horizontal property regimes and common interest communities; and relating to mortgages, deeds of trust, and other property liens" was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Senator Hoffman objected and Senator Wielechowski was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 143 "An Act relating to horizontal property regimes and common interest communities; and relating to mortgages, deeds of trust, and other property liens" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 143

Third Reading - Final Passage

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. 143 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Miss America Emma Broyles
Senator(s) Revak
Representative(s) Shaw, Rasmussen

Honoring - Susan Pollard
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Naomi Bailey
Representative(s) Wool

Honoring - West Valley High School Boys' Cross Country Team
Representative(s) Wool, Hopkins
Senator(s) Kawasaki

Honoring - The Forty-Fifth Anniversary of Trans-Alaska Pipeline
System Operations
Representative(s) Nelson, Rauscher
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Karen Ann Kiss
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Byron Dux Da Neik, K'oo Del Ta' Mallott
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Keith Dennis McCavit
Senator(s) Wilson

In Memoriam - Senator Albert Matthew Kookesh
Senator(s) Stedman, Kiehl
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam - Pauline Fredrickson
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam - Marjorie Young
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins

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 81

Senator Shower, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 81 "An Act requiring background investigations of village public safety officer applicants by the Department of Public Safety; relating to the village public safety officer program; and providing for an effective date" for the State Affairs Committee meeting on February 17. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 150

Senator Shower, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent the State Affairs Committee referral be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day." Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, the bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 72

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(FIN) "An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 143

SENATE BILL NO. 143 "An Act relating to horizontal property regimes and common interest communities; and relating to mortgages, deeds of trust, and other property liens" 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 18, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:47 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

Feb 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 177	MICROREACTORS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Presentation: An Overview of Microreactor Concepts & Safety by Dr. Ashley Finan, Director, National Reactor Innovation Center		
+ SB 172	PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION		
	Presentation:		
	Sen. Bill Wielechowski & Nick Moe, Staff for Sen. Wielechowski		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

Feb 16	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
	Kim Bergey, Professional Teaching Practices Commission		
+= SB 34	STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS		
+ SB 174	ALLOW NATURAL HAIRSTYLES		
+ SB 112	STUDENT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		
	<Bill Hearing Canceled>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 18	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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FINANCE

Feb 16 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 164 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP
 Department of Education & Early Development FY23
 Capital Request
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 16 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 17 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Governor's FY23 Budget Amendments
 Neil Steininger, Director of OMB
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 17 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 18 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + PRS / TRS Update
 Ajay Desai, Director of Division of Retirement &
 Benefits
 Kevin Worley, Chief Finance Officer, Division of
 Retirement & Benefits
 Emily Ricci, Health Care Policy Administrator
 Jim Puckett, Chief Pension Officer
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 17 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 State Medical Board - Dr. Matt Heilala, David
 Wilson
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --
 + SB 184 SETTLEMENT TRUSTS & BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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JUDICIARY

Feb 16 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 182 INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 7 STATE TROOPER POLICIES: PUBLIC ACCESS
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 31 PROHIBITING BINDING CAUCUSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 18 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 16 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Alaska Labor Relations Agency
 -- Paula Harrison
 Board of Examiners in Optometry
 -- Kathleen Rice
 Board of Pharmacy
 -- Ramsey Bell
 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 -- Douglas Moore
 Board of Veterinary Examiners
 -- Ciara Vollaro
 Workers Compensation Appeals Commission
 -- Stephen Hagedorn
 -- Public Testimony on all appointees --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 26 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 18 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

REDISTRICTING BOARD

Feb 16 **Wednesday** **By Teleconference** **11:00 AM**
Adoption of December 15 meeting minutes
Review of Superior Court Decision, Matt Singer,
Schwabe
Executive Session if appropriate to discuss
litigation strategy
Possible board action re: litigation matters
<https://zoom.us/j/92867665317?pwd=NmlCVG50aDNudC9DVjNjcEIVbGp2QT09>

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 22 **Tuesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 22 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Affordable, Sustainable Housing
by Mindy O'Neill, Executive Director of the
Cold Climate Research Center
Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki