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Thirty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:05 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father,

“I have called upon You, for You will hear me
O God; incline your ear to me and hear my prayer.”
Psalms 17:6

Let Your presence abide here in the Senate and guide them in all of their work of this day. Bless them as they labor together. Light their path, Lord, give them renewed vision for the days ahead.

I pray you keep them healthy and strong, mentally and physically. You are the God who heals, touch anyone here who may be dealing with sickness and heal them, now. Bring refreshing to them, Lord.

I pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator Reinbold led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the thirty sixth legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 11 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated February 22 was read stating on January 31 in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointees have withdrawn themselves from consideration, effective immediately:

Board of Professional Counselors

Christine Alvarez – Eagle River

State Medical Board

Sola Olamikan – Anchorage

Communications

Disclosure letters received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, in accordance with AS 24.60, will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 9 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 22 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Health and Social Services 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 Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Kevin Fimon

Signing the report: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Reinbold, Costello, Hughes.

SB 181

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 181 "An Act relating to identification requirements for contractors" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 181(CRA) "An Act relating to identification requirements for contractors and home inspectors."

Signing do pass: Senator Hughes, Chair; Senator Gray-Jackson.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Myers, Wilson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

HB 28

The Resources committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) "An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 28(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Micciche.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Kawasaki, von Imhof.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 224**

SENATE BILL NO. 224 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska marine highway system fund; relating to the budget reserve fund established under art. IX, sec. 17(d), Constitution of the State of Alaska; relating to the Alaska higher education investment fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 150**

SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 150

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Absent: Shower, Stedman

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 150 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Kevin Murphy
Senator(s) Hoffman
Representative(s) Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Gerd Wendler
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Leon Van Wyhe
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Gregory Nicholas
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Joanne Schorum Oehring
Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Betty Moore
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam - Norman Wayne Stiles
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson

In Memoriam - Blake Rinckey
Representative(s) Merrick

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 be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 7 through evening plane time, April 10. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

SB 150

Senators Bishop, Revak, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Holland moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 26 and February 27. Without objection, Senator Holland was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 150**

SENATE BILL NO. 150 "An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day" 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 25, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:41 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 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION

Feb 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 174 ALLOW NATURAL HAIRSTYLES
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 34 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 25 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 198 RAMPART SCHOOL: YUKON-KOYUKUK DISTRICT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 146 UNIVERSITY: TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS COST
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 23 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

-- MEETING CANCELED --

- += SB 199 PERM FUND; PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND
- += SB 200 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND; 25/75 POMV SPLIT
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 23 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

-- MEETING CANCELED --

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 151 EXTEND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 173 DENTIST SPEC. LICENSE/RADIOLOGIC EQUIP
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SJR 12 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT REDUCTION REPEAL
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 25 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 24 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
Sola Olamikan, State Medical Board
- Public Testimony --
- <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
- + SB 175 HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY TELEHEALTH
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- += SB 169 SMOKE/FIRE DAMPERS & SMOKE CTRL SYSTEMS

JUDICIARY

Feb 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Jedediah Cox, Board of Governors of the Alaska
 Bar
 Jason Wilson, State Board of Parole
 Jeff Brown, Alaska Police Standards Council
 Michael Craig, Alaska Police Standards Council
 + SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 25 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Jessie Ruffridge, State Commission for Human
 Rights
 Zackary Gottshall, State Commission for Human
 Rights
 David Knapp, Alaska Police Standards Council
 Greg Bringhurst, Violent Crime Compensation Board
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 23 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 179 UTILITIES: RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 132 CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT VETERINARIAN
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 25 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Delayed to a Call of the Chair --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 148 BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION REQUIREMENT
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 25 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 24 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Board of Marine Pilots
 DOT Commissioner
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 01 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 03 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 203 PURPLE HEART TRAIL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 212 NAMING THE INSOOK BAIK BRIDGE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 23 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Department of Environmental Conservation
 Budget Overview

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 03 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:00 PM**
 + Approval of Minutes
 a. January 17, 2022
 b. January 27, 2022
 Status Update
 a. Top 10 Audit Findings & Resolutions
 - Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
 b. Office of Information Technology -Audit Review
 Procurement - Legislative Audit
 Special Audit Request - Division of Workers'
 Compensation

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 23 **Wednesday** **Adams 519** **7:00 AM**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 -- Teleconference Listen Only --
 I. Committee Business - Executive Session
 a. Juneau Warehouse Storage Space Lease
 b. Briefing on Forward Funding Education, HB 69
 Effective Date, Alaska Higher Education
 Investment Fund Litigation
 + II. Committee Business
 a. Leg Council/Legislature FY23 Budget
 b. Assembly Building Utilization Subcommittee
 Recommendation
 c. FY21 Legislature Audit
 d. Review of Legislative Council COVID-19
 Mitigation Policy
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 24	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Protecting Water Quality & Health In Alaska: Understanding PFAS Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		