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Thirty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:38 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senator Bishop was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Costello, Kawasaki, Revak, Shower, von Imhof were 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 praise your holy name this day, O Lord. I give glory and honor to You as I come before You to pray for the Senate. Bless the Senators now as they gather together to represent their districts from all around Alaska.

Give them clarity of mind as they finish this week's work and be with those who are traveling home. Keep them safe, Lord. Renew their strength and grant them rest over the weekend. I also pray for divine connections in their comings and goings and that You would answer their heart's desires.

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1,2

I pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator Wilson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 9 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

The following is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Resolution No. 14 (Relating to an application to Congress for the calling of an Article V convention of states to propose certain amendments to the United States Constitution which place limits on the federal government) from the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature

Letter dated January 18 was received from Daniel E. Winfree, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating in accordance with AS 24.60.130(b) he has nominated H. Connor Thomas to serve as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics - Ratification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent H. Connor Thomas be ratified as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Ratify H. Connor Thomas as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Ratify H. Connor Thomas
as a Public Member to the
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 5

Yeas: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Holland, Hughes, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Olson, Reinbold, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop

Absent: Costello, Kawasaki, Revak, Shower, von Imhof

and so, H. Connor Thomas was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 23 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary 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 Police Standards Council

Jeff Brown

Michael Craig

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

Jedediah Cox

State Board of Parole

Jason Wilson

Signing the report: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Myers, Hughes, Kiehl.

SB 148

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 148 "An Act relating to mandatory boating safety education; relating to operating a boat; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, and 27, ch. 28, SLA 2000, sec. 3, ch. 119, SLA 2003, sec. 2, ch. 31, SLA 2012, and secs. 5 and 8, ch. 111, SLA 2018; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 148(RES) "An Act relating to required boating safety education; relating to operating a boat; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, and 27, ch. 28, SLA 2000, sec. 3, ch. 119, SLA 2003, sec. 2, ch. 31, SLA 2012, and secs. 5 and 8, ch. 111, SLA 2018; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Revak, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Kawasaki, Stevens, Kiehl, Micciche.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 169

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 169 "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" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 169(HSS)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Health and Social Services Committee

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 174

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 174 "An Act relating to dress codes and natural hairstyles" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 174(EDC)

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hughes, Stevens, Begich, Micciche.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 198

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 198 "An Act providing that Rampart School is located within the Yukon-Koyukuk School District regional educational attendance area; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam - Jules Winslow Wright
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Nadine Gillespie
Representative(s) Rauscher
Senator(s) Shower

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam - Marie Eileen Stevenson Holmes
Representative(s) McCabe, Cronk
Senator(s) Bishop

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 1869) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 4 through morning plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Kawasaki be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 3 and March 4. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

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., February 28, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:54 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

Mar 01 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + SB 144 DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 03 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

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

Feb 28 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Presentation: "Update on Teacher Recruitment
 and Retention Task Force" by
 Barbara Adams
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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EDUCATION (continued)

- Mar 02 Wednesday Davis 106 8:30 AM**
+ Joint with House Education
 -- Please Note Time & Location Change --
 Presentation: Annual Report by
 State Board of Education
- Mar 03 Thursday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
+ SB 34 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS
+ SB 140 DESIGNATE SEX FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 04 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

- Feb 25 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 28 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Kevin
 Fimon, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 Board of Trustees
+ SB 81 VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 01 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+= SB 151 EXTEND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
+= SJR 12 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT REDUCTION REPEAL
+ SB 224 FUNDS SUBJECT TO CBR SWEEP PROVISION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 02 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Oil & Gas Severance Tax - Order of Operations
 -Dan Stickel, Chief Economist, Department of
 Revenue
 -Colleen Glover, Director, Tax Division
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Mar 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Competitiveness of Alaska's Oil & Gas Regime
 -GaffneyCline & Associates
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Mar 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**
 + Executive Order 121 - Divide DHSS into
 Department of Health and Department of Family &
 Community Services
 -Adam Crum, Commissioner, DHSS
 -Sylvan Robb, Assistant Commissioner, DHSS
 -Stacie Kraly, Director, Civil Division, LAW
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Mar 04 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 111 EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION
 -Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner, DEED
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 01 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + SB 156 PROHIBIT COVID-19 VACCINE DISCRIMINATION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Mar 03 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + SB 192 BOARD OF LICENSED MIDWIVES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 175 HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY TELEHEALTH
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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JUDICIARY

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 Bringham, Violent Crime Compensation Board
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 182 INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES

Feb 28 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 31 PROHIBITING BINDING CAUCUSES
 += SB 182 INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES
 + SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 02 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 04 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 182 INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

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

Feb 28 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 174 ALLOW NATURAL HAIRSTYLES
 <Pending Referral>

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 190 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 193 EXTEND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 185 ELIMINATE MINIMUM WAGE EXEMPTION
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 02 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM

- Please Note Time Change --
- Consideration of Governor's Appointees
- Alaska Workers' Compensation Board:
Michael Dennis
- Board of Marital and Family Therapy:
Tristian Monterastelli
- State Board of Registration for Architects,
Engineers, and Land Surveyors: Brent Cole
- Board of Chiropractic Examiners: Walter Campbell
- Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy:
Elizabeth Stuart
- Marijuana Control Board: Bruce Schulte
- Board of Pharmacy: Ashley Schaber
- Board of Social Work Examiners: Sharon Woodward
- Public Testimony on All Appointees --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 02 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Workforce Development and Infrastructure
Investment Presentation
- Alaska State Pipe Trades
- Northwest Carpenter's Union
- International Brotherhood of Electrical
Workers
- International Union of Operating Engineers
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 04 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

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RESOURCES

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

- Feb 28 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Mining Industry Update
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Mar 02 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 202 RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 204 HUNTING PERMIT/TAG AUCTIONS/RAFFLES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Mar 04 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + GaffneyCline Alaska LNG Presentation
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

- Mar 01 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SR 3 NGO SUPPORT FOR STATE VETERANS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SJR 20 URGE PASSAGE OF HEARING PROTECTION ACT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 92 MISSING PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OLD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 145 LEGISLATOR RETROACTIVE PER DIEM
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += HB 157 APOC; REPORT REFERENDA/RECALL CONTRIBUTOR
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 115 ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 161 POLITICAL PARTY DEFINITION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Mar 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 136	LIMITATIONS ON FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS		
+ SB 152	LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN ANCHORAGE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 167	ELECTIONS; FRAUD; BALLOTS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 123	STATE RECOGNITION OF TRIBES		
	-- Invited Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		



TRANSPORTATION

Mar 01	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 218	LEG. APPROVAL: AK RAILROAD REVENUE BONDS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 04	Friday	Senate Finance 532	7:45 AM
+	Alaska's Medicaid Program Update		
+	Division of Public Assistance Update		
+	Office of Children's Services Update		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

JUDICIARY

Mar 01 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:15 PM**
 + FY23 Budget Request
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Doug Wooliver, Deputy Administrative Director,
 Alaska Court System
 Rhonda McLeod, Chief Financial Officer, Alaska
 Court System

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 03 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:30 AM**
 + FY23 Budget Request
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Craig Christenson, Deputy Commissioner, DMVA
 Robert Ernisse, Administrative Services Director,
 Office of Management & Budget

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