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Forty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:34 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senator Hoffman was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Costello, Myers, Olson, Stevens, Wilson were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey, Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Let us take a few moments and pause, Gracious God, we ask of you to help us open our hearts for the people in Ukraine as they suffer in war.

Let us hope and pray that Peace will descend upon them soon. We give you thanks for our freedom here in the United States, which you here in this chamber are called to uphold. Amen.

Senator Shower led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letters dated February 25 and March 1 were read stating in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, Sections 26 and 27, I submit the following list of appointees for confirmation:

State Commission for Human Rights

Mae Marsh-Prax – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/24/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Lonzo Henderson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The appointments were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Board of Dental Examiners

Dominic Wenzell – Girdwood

Appointed: 3/1/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Board of Massage Therapists

Kelli Shew – Chugiak

Appointed: 2/24/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Amanda Nosich – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Board of Marine Pilots

Joseph Tougas – Seward

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The appointment was referred to the Transportation Committee.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Emma Melkerson – Kivalina

Appointed: 3/1/2022 Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Adam Reid – Anchorage

Appointed: 4/1/2020 Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022 Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Lem Wheelles – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/1/2019 Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022 Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Deborah Riddle – Juneau

Appointed: 7/20/2021 Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022 Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The appointments were referred to the Education Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 2 was read stating the House transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions**

HSCR 2

HOUSE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 121.

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

Communications

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

The following letter was received from Lieutenant Governor Kevin Meyer and is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Letter dated March 2 certifying the proper filing of an initiative entitled: "An Act providing for State of Alaska recognition of federally recognized tribes."

Office of the Governor
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights
2021 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 18.80.150

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
2021 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 41.08.030

Special Report 76
Alaska's Mineral Industry 2020
in accordance with AS 41.08.030

Department of Education & Early Development
School Capital Project Funding Under SB 237
Annual Report 2022
in accordance with AS 14.11.035

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Training Program Performance for Participants Exiting
Programs
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020
In accordance with AS 23.15.580

Alaska Energy Authority
2021 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.83.940

Power Cost Equalization Program
Statistical Report FY 2021
in accordance with AS 44.83.940

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated February 25 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

David Knapp

Violent Crime Compensation Board

Gregory Bringham

State Commission for Human Rights

Jessie Ruffridge
Zackary Gottshall

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

SB 31

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 31 "An Act relating to binding votes by or for a legislator under the Legislative Ethics Act" and recommended the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 980.

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Myers, Hughes, Shower. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 115

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 115 "An Act relating to confidentiality of information; relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Shower, Chair; Senators Costello, Kawasaki.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Reinbold, Holland.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 132

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 132 "An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Costello, Chair; Senator Revak.
Signing do pass: Senator Gray-Jackson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

President Micciche added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 136

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 136 "An Act relating to firearms and other weapons restrictions" and recommended the adoption of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 1145.

Signing do pass: Senator Shower, Chair; Senators Costello, Holland.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Reinbold, Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 145

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 145 "An Act relating to per diem for legislators; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Shower, Chair; Senator Holland. Signing no recommendation: Senators Reinbold, Kawasaki. Signing amend: Senator Costello.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Legislative Agency

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 151

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Bishop, Cochairs; Senator Hoffman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wilson, Wielechowski, Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 161

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 161 "An Act relating to the definition of 'political party'; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Shower; Chair; Senators Costello, Reinbold, Holland. Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 182

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 182 "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator Holland, Chair; Senators Myers, Hughes.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Shower, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 203

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 203 "An Act designating portions of the Parks, Glenn, Seward, and Sterling Highways as a part of the State's Purple Heart Trail and relating to signage and informational displays for the trail."

Signing do pass: Senator Myers, Chair; Senator Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Shower.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 218

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 218 "An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue revenue bonds to finance the replacement of the Alaska Railroad Corporation's passenger dock and related terminal facility in Seward, Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Myers, Chair. Signing do pass: Senator Kiehl. Signing do not pass: Senator Shower. Signing amend: Senator Bishop.

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 Finance Committee.

SJR 12

The Finance Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Bishop, Cochairs; Senators Hoffman, Wilson, Wielechowski, Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Senate Finance Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SJR 24

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use the oil and gas resources of the state to offset the loss of imported oil and to increase oil and gas production in this state and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation.

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

SJR 25

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine; condemning the illegal invasion of Ukraine; endorsing the sanctions and export controls directed at the Russian Federation by the United States government; urging the United States Congress and the President to consider further sanctions and actions; demanding the Russian Federation immediately stop all hostilities against Ukraine and withdraw from Ukrainian territory; and supporting the United States in urging the Russian Federation to immediately stop its assault on Ukraine.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 225**

SENATE BILL NO. 225 BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to a paraprofessional training program; creating a teacher resident certificate; creating a teacher residency program; relating to requirements to issue a teacher certificate; relating to subject-matter expert limited teacher certificates; relating to limited teacher certificates; creating a teacher registered apprenticeship program; and creating a teacher registered apprenticeship program fund."

was read the first time and referred to the Education, Labor and Commerce, and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 7**

SENATE BILL NO. 7 "An Act requiring the Department of Public Safety to publish certain policies and procedures on the department's Internet website" was read the second time.

Senator Holland, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Committee Substitute offered on page 1839. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7(JUD) was adopted.

President Micciche stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 7(JUD) will advance to third reading on the March 8 calendar.

SB 198

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" was read the second time.

President Micciche stated SENATE BILL NO. 198 will advance to third reading on the March 8 calendar.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 3**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3(JUD) "An Act relating to the definition of 'disaster'" was read the second time.

Senator Holland, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 1724. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3(JUD) was adopted.

President Micciche stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3(JUD) will advance to third reading on the March 8 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - Frederick George Hamilton, Sr.
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring - The City of Craig's 100th Anniversary
Representative(s) Kreiss-Tomkins
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Richard Baurick
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Wool

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 Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 7 through evening plane time, March 14. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 7 through evening plane time, March 12. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

SJR 24

Senator Revak, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use the oil and gas resources of the state to offset the loss of imported oil and to increase oil and gas production in this state and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation, for the Resources Committee meeting today at 3:30 p.m. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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., March 8, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

+= SB 225 TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
+ Presentation: University of Alaska Teacher Programs by
Amy Vinlove, University of Alaska
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

+= SB 146 UNIVERSITY: TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS COST
+= SB 34 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS
+ HB 132 SCHOOL APPRENTICESHIP PROGS; TAX CREDITS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 12 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM

+= SB 140 DESIGNATE SEX FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTS
-- Public Testimony --

FINANCE

Mar 04 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= SB 111 EARLY EDUCATION; READING INTERVENTION
-Dr. Michael Johnson, Commissioner, DEED
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 07 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 08 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 09 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 11 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HCR 10 AMERICAN HEART MONTH
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 124 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 175 HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY TELEHEALTH
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 192 BOARD OF LICENSED MIDWIVES
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY

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
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 07 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 118 CMTE ON NULLIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAWS
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 += SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 += SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 11 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 187 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 += SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 04 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 07 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ SB 186 EXTEND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ SB 222 EXTEND PT & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 09 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ Alaska Aerospace Day at the Capitol - Presentation
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer
- Dr. Cathy Cahill, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Dr. Robert McCoy, University of Alaska Fairbanks
- Milton Keeter, Jr., Alaska Aerospace Corporation
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 11 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 04 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SJR 24 END IMPORT OF O&G FROM RUSSIA
<Uniform Rule 23(a) Waived>
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ GaffneyCline Alaska LNG Presentation
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 07 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 223 CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANIMAL RECORDS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 11 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HB 54 INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SR 3 NGO SUPPORT FOR STATE VETERANS
 += SB 152 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS IN ANCHORAGE
 += SJR 20 URGE PASSAGE OF HEARING PROTECTION ACT
 += SB 92 MISSING PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OLD
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 10 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 207 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS
 += HB 123 STATE RECOGNITION OF TRIBES
 + HB 187 STATE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS
 + SB 129 ELECTION PAMPHLET INFORMATION RE: JUDGES
 + SB 214 LIABILITY: SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 08 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 10 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

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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> --		

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 04	Friday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation:		
	Dementia in Alaska - Statistics and plan to address the incoming public health crisis		
	Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		