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Fifty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:14 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Bishop, Costello, Olson, Stedman were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Hoffman, von Imhof were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious and living spirit of love, grant peace among nations and among people. Be present in this assembly, with these public servants, as they discern what is just and life giving in a world that feels chaotic and destructive.

We pray for all those impacted by violence and fear, especially our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and the courageous protestors in Russia. May wisdom, peace and justice prevail.

Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, self-righteousness and ill will, fear and desire for revenge.

Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail.

Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the fiftieth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated March 8, authorizing Public Assistance for the City of Hooper Bay as the result of a high storm surge which began February 24, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Standing Committee Reports

SB 156

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 156 "An Act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; and relating to objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine." and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(HSS) "An Act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights; relating to objection to the administration of a COVID-19 vaccine; relating to COVID-19 vaccination status and eligibility for health care insurance; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 177

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 177 "An Act relating to microreactors."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 10

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE,

Proclaiming Alaska Aerospace Day at the state capitol.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 226

SENATE BILL NO. 226 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska marine highway system fund and the Alaska marine highway system vessel replacement fund; establishing the Alaska marine highway system fund and the Alaska marine highway system vessel replacement fund outside the

general fund; authorizing the commissioner of transportation and public facilities to expend money from the Alaska marine highway system fund and the Alaska marine highway system vessel replacement fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 3, Office of the Governor

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 8:

Dear President Micciche:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the removal of the Alaska Marine Highway System fund (AMHS fund) and the Vessel Replacement fund from the general fund, authorizing that money appropriated to the AMHS fund or the Vessel Replacement fund may be spent by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) without further appropriation, and defining purposes for which funds may be expended from the AMHS fund.

This bill provides a framework for funding sources for legislative appropriation into the AMHS fund and provides stability to the AMHS fund and the Vessel Replacement fund by establishing both funds outside the general fund.

This bill permits the DOT&PF Commissioner to use the AMHS fund to pay costs incurred through the operation of the Alaska Marine Highway System, excluding capital improvements, and otherwise fund and support the operation of Alaska Marine Highway System without the need of additional legislative appropriations. Additionally, the bill permits the DOT&PF Commissioner to use the Vessel Replacement

fund for refurbishment of existing state ferry vessels, acquisition of additional state ferry vessels, and replacement of retired or outmoded state ferry vessels without further legislative appropriation.

Passage of this bill will ensure a stable accounting and operating budget for the Alaska Marine Highway System.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 151

SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 151

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

Yeas: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Costello, Hoffman, Olson, Stedman

Absent: von Imhof

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 151 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 182

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD) "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD) "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 182(JUD)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

Yeas: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Costello, Hoffman, Olson, Stedman

Absent: von Imhof

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Senate Bills in Third Reading**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" which had been held in third reading (page 1959) was before the Senate.

The question being: "Shall 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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 198

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

Yeas: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Costello, Hoffman, Olson, Stedman

Absent: von Imhof

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 198 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.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 12

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, was read the second time.

President Micciche stated SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 will advance to third reading on the March 11 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Resolutions**SJR 24**

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(RES) Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use American oil and gas resources to replace oil imported from the Russian Federation and to increase oil and gas production in the State of Alaska and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation, was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(RES) Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use American oil and gas resources to replace oil imported from the Russian Federation and to increase oil and gas production in the State of Alaska and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSJR 24(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

Yeas: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Costello, Hoffman, Olson, Stedman

Absent: von Imhof

and so, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(RES) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SJR 25

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 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 third time.

Senator Stevens moved the resolution be returned to second reading for specific amendments. Without objection, the resolution was returned to second reading.

Senator Stevens offered Amendment No.1:

Page 1, line 13:

Delete "following the collapse of the Soviet Union"

Insert "on December 1, 1991"

Page 1, line 14:

Delete "nation"

Insert "State"

Delete "Russia"

Insert "the Soviet Union"

Senator Stevens moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Senator Shower offered Amendment No. 2:

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "**further sanctions and actions**"

Insert "**measured and appropriate sanctions and humanitarian and nonlethal aid**"

Page 3, lines 16 - 17:

Delete "further sanctions or actions"

Insert "measured and appropriate sanctions and humanitarian and nonlethal aid"

Senator Shower moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 2. Objections were heard. Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 2. Without objection, Amendment No. 2 was withdrawn.

Senator Shower offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "**further sanctions and actions**"

Insert "**measured and appropriate sanctions and actions**"

Page 3, lines 16 - 17:

Delete "further sanctions or actions"

Insert "measured and appropriate sanctions and actions"

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of Amendment No. 3. Senator Begich objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am 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 measured and appropriate 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, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 25 am

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

Yeas: Begich, Gray-Jackson, Holland, Hughes, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Micciche, Myers, Reinbold, Revak, Shower, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Costello, Hoffman, Olson, Stedman

Absent: von Imhof

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Unfinished Business**SB 140**

Senators Reinbold, Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 140 "An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 12

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on 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. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from May 18 through May 24, and from June 1 through June 12. Without objection, Senator Begich was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 151**

SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 182

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD) "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

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 engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SJR 24

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(RES) Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use American oil and gas resources to replace oil imported from the Russian Federation and to increase oil and gas production in the State of Alaska and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

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Adjournment

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 11, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:14 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

Mar 10 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 225 TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
 + 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 --

Mar 14 Monday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 225 TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 16 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 225 TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 18 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 += SB 225 TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

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 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 09 Wednesday 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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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		

LABOR & COMMERCE

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
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

RESOURCES

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		

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STATE AFFAIRS

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
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
+ SB 214 LIABILITY: SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

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

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Mar 15 Tuesday Adams 519 5:00 PM
Procurement, Legislative Audit
a. Medicaid Eligibility I.T. Controls Review (ARIES)
Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Investigation

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 24 Thursday 1:00 PM
+ Ethics Committee Meeting
Meeting will be teleconferenced
Anchorage Only: 907-563-9085
Juneau Only: 907-586-9085
Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
EXECUTIVE SESSION
PUBLIC SESSION
OTHER BUSINESS