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Monday

March 21, 2022

Sixty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 10:35 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Hughes, Revak were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Dan Wiese, Church of the Nazarene. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious God, I come before you today on behalf of these, our elected representatives. They are your servants with a great responsibility to represent the lives of all Alaskans, a monumental task to be sure. With that task and all the challenges that task encompasses, I pray for your help, guidance and wisdom as they do their work over the next few weeks. I pray for insight as to how they can come together to accomplish many things that will enhance the lives of all Alaskans. And I pray that in the midst of their work, your will would be done, as you, Jesus, taught us to pray, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

I want to offer special prayer for the family of Representative Don Young. I thank you for his life and his long service to the state of Alaska. I pray for comfort, strength and help for his family and loved ones.

I pray for each official in this room, for their health, for the concerns that weigh on their hearts, for their families and the communities they represent. I pray this pandemic would soon end and we would no longer have to carry the concerns it has brought on our state, our nation and our world. To You, O Lord, I give you thanks and praise for this opportunity to pray for these servants of Yours. So, I bring them before you and I pray this in the name of Jesus, my Savior, Amen.

Senator Gray-Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Costello, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Hughes, Revak be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Hughes, Revak were excused.

Certification

Senator Costello, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the sixtieth through sixty-second legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

SJR 25

Message dated March 18 was read stating the House passed and returned:

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.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

HB 3

Message dated March 18 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3(JUD), thus adopting:

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

Message dated March 18 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HJR 34

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34 BY REPRESENTATIVES PATKOTAK, Rasmussen, Thompson, Cronk, Rauscher, Gillham, McCabe, McKay, Nelson, Schrage, Vance, Kaufman, Fields, Tilton, McCarty, Merrick, Hopkins, Johnson, Stutes, Josephson, Kurka,

Supporting oil and gas leasing and development within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

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

**First Reading and Reference of
House Bills**

HB 90

HOUSE BILL NO. 90 am(efd fld) BY REPRESENTATIVE WOOL,
entitled:

"An Act relating to rental vehicles; relating to vehicle
rental networks; relating to vehicle rental taxes; and
relating to vehicle rental fees."

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

Standing Committee Reports

SJR 23

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 23 Expressing the support of the Alaska State
Legislature for naming the mountain between Cedar Ridge and Hope
Peak south of Anchorage after Gail Phillips.

Signing do pass: Senator Micciche, Vice Chair; Senators Kiehl,
Kawasaki, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 168

SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act relating to program receipts; and
relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the
purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities" was read the third
time.

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

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 168

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Hughes, Revak

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 168 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 185

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) "An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage" was read the third time.

Senators Bishop, Wilson, Stedman, Shower, von Imhof 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. 185(L&C) "An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 185(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Hughes, Revak

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - 50th Anniversary of Doyon, Limited
Senator(s) Bishop, Kawasaki

Honoring - Emil Notti
Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring - Quannah Chasinghorse
Representative(s) Zulkosky
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson, Bishop

Honoring - Linn Weeda
Representative(s) Claman

In Memoriam - Thomas E. Cashen
Senator(s) Bishop, Kiehl
Representative(s) Hannan

In Memoriam - Gladys Dart
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Richelle Lynette Anne Binkowski
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Spohnholz, Nelson

In Memoriam - Virginia Agnes Pinion
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Spohnholz, Nelson

In Memoriam - Victorino Romero Peregrino
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Spohnholz, Nelson

In Memoriam - Patricia Stiles
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Ann M. Curtis
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Rodelito Quinola Nagal
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Robert Eugene Julian
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Betty Jean Malhiot
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Ruth Sheridan
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Anthony B. Resch
Senator(s) Myers, Hughes, Bishop

In Memoriam - Andrew Paul Firman
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Margaret "Tootsie" Guinn
Representative(s) Zulkosky
Senator(s) Hoffman

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

Unfinished Business**HB 62**

Senators Kiehl, Gray-Jackson, Begich moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 62(JUD) am "An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; relating to solemnization of marriage; and relating to consent to marriage." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 214

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 214 "An Act relating to civil liability for censorship of speech by a social media platform." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 24 through evening plane time, March 27. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 1 through evening plane time, April 3. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

EO 121

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and AS 24.08.210, action was not taken on the following Executive Order and it was returned to the Office of the Governor at 3:50 p.m., March 21, 2022:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 121
Reorganizing Department of Health and Social
Services into Department of Health and Department
of Family & Community Services.

EO 122

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and AS 24.08.210, action was not taken on the following Executive Order and it was returned to the Office of the Governor at 3:50 p.m., March 21, 2022:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122

Relating to the transfer of certain functions from the Department of Administration to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

EO 123

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and AS 24.08.210, action was not taken on the following Executive Order and it was returned to the Office of the Governor at 3:50 p.m., March 21, 2022:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123

Renaming the Division of Forestry as the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 168**

SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 185

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) "An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Special Orders

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate observe a moment of silence in memory of the Honorable Donald Edwin Young, who served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1973-2022. Without objection, the Senate observed a moment of silence.

Adjournment

Senator Costello, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 23, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:08 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 22** **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

- Mar 24** **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
-- Rescheduled from 03/17/22 --
+ Presentation: Update from Broadband Taskforce
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

- Mar 21** **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
No Meeting Scheduled

- Mar 23** **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
+= SB 225 TEACHER REGISTERED APPRENTICE PROGRAMS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Mar 25** **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
+ SB 236 FACILITIES CONSTITUTING A SCHOOL
SB 196 PUBLIC ED: SPEECH, DISCLOSE INST MATERIAL
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE

Mar 21 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 186 EXTEND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 190 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 222 EXTEND PT & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 21 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

- += SB 81 VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER GRANTS
- + SB 203 PURPLE HEART TRAIL
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 22 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- += SB 132 CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT VETERINARIAN
- + SB 235 NO STATE INVESTMENT IN RUSSIAN FEDERATION
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Presentation: Spring Revenue Forecast by Dan Stickel - Chief Economist, Dept. of Revenue
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 23 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 94 EDUCATION & SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN PROGRAMS
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- += SB 45 AGE FOR NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG.
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 23** **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 24** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 25** **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 22** **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+= SB 124 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS
Presentation: Alaska's State of Health by Dr. Anne Zink, Chief
Medical Officer
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 24** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Mar 21** **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Mar 23** **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 34 STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS
+ SB 124 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 3/25/22>
 <Pending Referral>
+ SB 229 STATE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS; CRIMES
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 25** **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+= SB 189 CRIME OF SEX/HUMAN TRAFFICKING
+= SB 124 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES & MEDS
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/23/22>
 <Pending Referral>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 21 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + HB 111 DENTAL HYGIENIST ADVANCED PRAC PERMIT
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 193 EXTEND BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 197 DIRECT HEALTH CARE AGREEMENTS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + HB 19 LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 23 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 160 FLOOD INSURANCE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 234 BROADBAND: OFFICE, GRANTS, PARITY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + HB 133 AK ED SAVINGS PROGRAMS/ELIGIBILITY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 233 PFD ALLOWABLE ABSENCE/MERCHANT MARINE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 25 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
Board of Massage Therapists Kelli Shew, Amanda Nosich
Board of Chiropractic Examiners-Dr. Walter Campbell
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 232 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF EMPLOYEES
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 21 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 177 MICROREACTORS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + HB 79 SALTWATER SPORTFISHING OPERATORS/GUIDES
Streamed live on AKL.tv

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RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 230 TRAPPING CABINS: FEE FOR CONSTRUCTION
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Mar 25 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + Department of Law Presentation
- + Senate Bill: ROYALTY IN KIND
- <Pending Introduction & Referral>
- Public & Invited Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 22 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- += SB 142 SOVEREIGNTY OF STATE ELECTIONS
- Public Testimony --
- += SB 129 ELECTION PAMPHLET INFORMATION RE: JUDGES
- <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 03/24/22>
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- += SB 207 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS
- Invited & Public Testimony --
- += SB 214 LIABILITY: SOCIAL MEDIA CENSORSHIP
- Invited Testimony --
- += SJR 20 URGE PASSAGE OF HEARING PROTECTION ACT
- Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Mar 24 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
Alaska Police Standards Council
Michael Craig
David Knapp
Jeff Brown
David Ross
Lanette Blodgett

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STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

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- + = HB 157 APOC; REPORT REFERENDA/RECALL CONTRIBUTOR
- + = SB 126 REPEAL 90 DAY SESSION LIMIT
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + = SB 129 ELECTION PAMPHLET INFORMATION RE: JUDGES
- <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 03/22/22>
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 22 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + = SB 170 MARINE HIGHWAY CORPORATION
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + = SB 170 MARINE HIGHWAY CORPORATION
 + SB 231 AK RAILROAD CORP; EXEC BUDGET ACT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 22 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
 + Overview of FY23 Operating Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LAW

Mar 22 Tuesday Butrovich 205 7:30 AM
 + FY 2023 Budget Overview - Subcommittee
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 29 Tuesday Butrovich 205 7:30 AM
 + FY 2023 Budget Overview - Subcommittee Closeout
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
+ Overview of FY23 Operating Budget
Streamed live on AKL.tv

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 24 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
Department Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 31 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
FY 2023 Budget
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 30 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM
+ DOT Operating Budget Closeout

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mar 23 Wednesday Adams 519 7:30 AM
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv
I. Committee Business-Executive Session
a. RFP 651-Alaska State Capital Roof Replacement
b. Bid Preparation Discussion-Telephone Replacement
c. Cyber Security Briefing
+ II. Committee Business
a. Sanctioning of Charitable Events:
-Sham Jam, Legislative Skits, Kenai River Junior Classic, Ted Stevens Kenai River Classic, Kenai River Women's Classic
b. FY23 Computer Hardware Refresh

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