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Seventy-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Micciche at 11:10 a.m.

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senator Costello was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Begich, Kawasaki, Olson, Revak were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Yosef Greenberg, Lubavitch Jewish Center of Alaska. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty G-d, Master of the Universe, I stand before you, in prayer. In these troubling times internationally when innocent men, women, and children have lost their lives, and millions fled their homeland due to the catastrophic war in Ukraine. In a time when locally, our great State is facing an ongoing struggle with domestic violence, suicide, and troubled youth.

In the words of King David, Psalms Chapter 121 "I lift my eyes to the mountains - from where will my help come? My help will come from the Lord, Maker of heaven and earth."

May you, Almighty G-d, grant the members of the Alaska State Senate wisdom and understanding, that the ultimate way to bring true healing to our State and the world is by embodying the universal values of the Seven Commandments issued to Noah after the great flood, as transmitted through G-d to Moses on Mount Sinai.

Almighty G-d, I beseech you to bless this body, assembled today to fulfil one of Your seven commandments to govern by just laws. And in the merit of the global spiritual giant and leader, Your servant, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, whose 120th birthday will be celebrated next week on the 11th day of Nissan, Tuesday, April 12th.

In 1978, the US Congress established the Rebbe's birthday as Education and Sharing Day and it is also proclaimed annually by Alaskan leadership throughout the state, in recognition of the Rebbe's global campaign to bring awareness and educate our youth about these ethical values of the Seven Noahide Laws as the basis for a just and compassionate society.

Almighty G-d, may it be in the merit of realizing the Rebbe's vision for humanity, we speedily see the fulfillment of Isaiah's promise, "nation shall not lift the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." With the coming of Moshiach, Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Senator Kiehl, Acting Minority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Begich, Olson be excused from a call of the Senate from today through April 8. Without objection, Senators Begich, Olson were excused.

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

Certification

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated April 4 was read stating on January 31, 2022 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 appointee has withdrawn herself from consideration, effective immediately:

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Taylor Friend

Messages from the House

Message dated April 4 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 106**

HOUSE BILL NO. 106 BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to missing persons under 21 years of age."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Health and Social Services Committees.

HB 227

HOUSE BILL NO. 227 BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHRAGE, Claman, Fields, Spohnholz, Tarr, Snyder, Josephson, Wool, Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal energy and resilience improvement assessment programs; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

HB 297

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 297(HSS)(title am) BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Family and Community Services; relating to child protection; and relating to children of active duty military members."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Health and Social Services Committees.

Communications

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

Alaska Railroad Corporation
2021 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 42.40.260

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated April 6 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Finance 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
Agnes Moran

Signing the report: Senators Stedman, Bishop, Cochairs; Senators Hoffman, Wilson, Wielechowski, von Imhof.

SB 85

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act relating to forest land use plans; relating to forest land use plan appeals; relating to negotiated timber sales; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 85(RES) "An Act relating to forest land use plans; relating to forest land use plan appeals; relating to negotiated timber sales; relating to disposal procedures for selling timber; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Micciche, Vice Chair; Senators von Imhof, Stevens. Signing do not pass: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 173

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 173 "An Act relating to the practice of dentistry; relating to dental radiological equipment; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 173(FIN)

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 193

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 193 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 193(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; requiring a report on audit compliance by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 204

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 204 "An Act relating to auctions or raffles for hunting harvest permits and big game tags; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 2051.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 223

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 223 "An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain state records relating to animals; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 223(RES)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 225

Forthcoming fiscal information (page 2180) for CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 225(EDC) "An Act relating to a paraprofessional training program; creating a limited 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 recruitment and retention fund" was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Education and Early Development

SB 239

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 239 "An Act approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Petro Star Inc.; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Cochair; Senators Hoffman, von Imhof. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senators Wilson, Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 240

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 240 "An Act approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Marathon Petroleum Supply and Trading Company LLC; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bishop, Cochair; Senators Hoffman, von Imhof. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senators Wilson, Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 85

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85(L&C) "An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 1620.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Environmental
Conservation

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 148

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 148 am "An Act relating to the Alaska Coordinate System of 2022."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 209

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 209(FIN) "An Act relating to emergency firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 190**

SENATE BILL NO. 190 "An Act extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bishop, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 2164. Senator Kiehl, Acting Minority Leader, objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations regarding refuse utilities; relating to the powers and duties of the legislative audit division; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Micciche stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190(FIN) will advance to third reading on the April 8 calendar.

SB 193

SENATE BILL NO. 193 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bishop, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered today. Senator Kiehl, Acting Minority Leader, objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 193(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; requiring a report on audit compliance by the Board of Chiropractic Examiners; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Micciche stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 193(FIN) will advance to third reading on the April 8 calendar.

SB 222

SENATE BILL NO. 222 "An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Micciche stated SENATE BILL NO. 222 will advance to third reading on the April 8 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - William G. Moran, Jr.
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring - The Top Ten 2022 Iditarod Finishers
Senator(s) Hoffman, Olson
Representative(s) Zulkosky

Honoring - Rhiana C. Gay
Representative(s) Nelson
Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson & Education and Sharing Day
Representative(s) Drummond
Senator(s) Hughes

Honoring - Coach Todd Boonstra
Representative(s) Gillham

Honoring - Soldotna Montessori Charter School
Representative(s) Gillham

In Memoriam - Captain Stephan Merrill Hoffman
Senator(s) Hoffman

In Memoriam - Julia "Tagar" Hunter
Senator(s) Hoffman

In Memoriam - Henry Paul Guinotte
Representative(s) Johnson

In Memoriam - Paul Huppert
Representative(s) Johnson

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 Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 2211) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from April 22 through April 24. Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson 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 10:30 a.m., April 8, 2022. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:44 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

Apr 07 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

-- MEETING CANCELED --

+ HB 227 MUNI ENERGY IMPROVEMNT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 12 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

Streamed live on AKL.tv

+ = HB 227 MUNI ENERGY IMPROVEMNT ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Apr 06 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

+ = SB 140 DESIGNATE SEX FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED SPORTS

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 08 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
Professional Teaching Practices Commission
-Emma Melkerson
-Adam Reid
-Lem Wheelles
-Deborah Riddle

+ SB 157 HEALTH AND PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Apr 06 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + SB 236 FACILITIES CONSTITUTING A SCHOOL
- Invited Testimony --
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Agnes Moran, AK Mental Health Trust Authority
- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- += SB 239 APPROVE PETRO STAR INC. ROYALTY OIL SALE
- += SB 240 APPROVE MARATHON PETRO ROYALTY OIL SALE
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Apr 06 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

- += SB 162 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
- += SB 163 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + SB 241 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; CAPITAL
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Apr 07 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Interior, Fairbanks, Copper River Valley, & Offnets
- Call In/Sign Up By 10:30am, Time Limit:90 Seconds
- += SB 162 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
- += SB 163 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- += SB 164 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

Apr 07 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Nome, Bethel, Kotzebue, Utqiagvik, Unalaska, Dillingham, & Offnets
- Call In/Sign Up By 2:30pm, Time Limit:90 Seconds
- += SB 162 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
- += SB 163 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- += SB 164 APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP; SUPP
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

RESOURCES (continued)

- Apr 08 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + SB 227 STATE OWNERSHIP OF SUBMERGED LAND
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
 - + SB 228 OUTSTANDING NAT'L RESOURCE WATER
<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 4/6/22>
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 - += SB 177 MICROREACTORS
<Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 4/6/22>
Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

- Apr 07 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + HB 234 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION LIMITS
 - + SB 215 REVIEW & REPORTING OF FED. RECEIPTS; LB&A
 - + SB 205 DIGITAL ABSENTEE VOTING SYSTEM
 - + SB 57 ALASKA SUNSET COMMISSION
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

- Apr 07 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
- + Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board of Marine Pilots - Joseph Tougas, Seward
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

- Apr 08 Friday Senate Finance 532 7:45 AM**
- Executive Session
 - A. Procurement - Legislative Audit
 - B. Strategic Plan - Legislative Audit
 - Adjournment

REDISTRICTING BOARD

Apr 06 **Wednesday** **Anch Lio Denali Rm** **10:00 AM**

Public Testimony: Districts 29, 30 and 36
 Possible Adoption of a Proposed Plan Revision
 Public Testimony all topics
 Consideration of alternative pairing proposals
 Also via Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81645951458?pwd=ejlodmVHMTIzYUY1WU93UGNnMkh2QT09>

Apr 07 **Thursday** **Anch Lio Denali Rm** **12:00 PM**

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 For the purpose of public testimony
 Anchorage: 907-563-9085
 Juneau: 907-586-9085
 Other: 844-586-9085
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89928032095?pwd=aHVxTXdNVEhNNTNvL0xMeVhkaXc3QT09>
<http://notice.alaska.gov/206133>

Apr 08 **Friday** **Anch Lio Denali Rm** **10:00 AM**

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 For the purposes of public testimony
 Anchorage: 907-563-9085
 Juneau: 907-586-9085
 Other: 844-586-9085
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84824044220?pwd=L2luNm9GeEQzeGdUemVTZ3p2ZnBsdz09>
<http://notice.alaska.gov/206134>

Apr 09 **Saturday** **Anch Lio Denali Rm** **12:00 PM**

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 For the purposes of public testimony
 Debate / Decision on Senate Pairings
 Anchorage: 907-563-9085
 Juneau: 907-586-9085
 Other: 844-586-9085
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85100763957?pwd=YUZUL01xb2NNU0xjUGIxUnRmbU5PZz09>
<http://notice.alaska.gov/206135>

REDISTRICTING BOARD (continued)

Apr 13 Wednesday Anch Lio Denali Rm 10:00 AM

+ For the purposes of public testimony
+ Debate / Decision on Senate Pairings
Anchorage: 907-563-9085
Juneau: 907-586-9085
Other: 844-586-9085

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88213358324?pwd=NIVUZitKcVZoYzVRRnUzY1UvV1A3QT09>
<http://notice.alaska.gov/206137>

Apr 14 Thursday Anch Lio Denali Rm 10:00 AM

+ For the purposes of public testimony
+ Debate / Decision on Senate Pairings
Anchorage: 907-563-9085
Juneau: 907-586-9085
Other: 844-586-9085

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Apr 11 Monday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM

+ Lunch & Learn: The Alaska State Hospital and
Nursing Home Association briefing on the "Alaska
Health Care Work Analysis"
Sponsored by Senator Wilson