

SENATE JOURNAL

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THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Tuesday

January 17, 2023

First Day

Pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the Senate of the State of Alaska assembled in the Senate chamber for the first regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature. The Senate was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by the Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor.

Colors

The following members of the Girl Scouts of Alaska, led by troop coordinator Alenita Danner, presented the colors:

Sigrid Bogert, Troop 22085
Isabel Danner, Troop 4007
Cagney Davis, Troop 4007
Joya McClain, Troop 102
Gabrielle Williams, Troop 22085
Cora Williams, Troop 22085

The Girl Scouts of Alaska led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alaska Flag Song

"Alaska's Flag" was performed by the following members of Young Voices of Alaska, under the direction of Missouri Smyth, Artistic Director:

Cagney Davis
Charlotte Gomez
Hilary Nguyen

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Johnathan Gee-Miles
Marlaine Pedersen
Lelehua Fujimoto Vertido
Shayla Jaravata

Invocation

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Blue, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Today, in the Tradition, we remember Antony of Egypt. Creator, as you enabled your servant Antony to withstand the temptations of the world, so give us grace to follow you with pure hearts and minds.

Spirit of justice, Creator Spirit, help this Senate to make and keep the great State of Alaska a home for all its peoples. You have made us many peoples, but of one blood. Preserve our many cultures and make us also of one mind.

We give you thanks and praise for our Great Land, and for the good achieved by past Legislatures.

Creator, you know better than we the temptations that will bring us down. Protect us and guide our feet into the way of peace.

May you be with these Senators, they have been called by the people into service. Give them strength to bear their own and one another's burdens. Bless them so that their example may give to the people a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, and they may direct our liberty to bring blessings upon the future generations of Alaska. Amen.

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Election Certification

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom read the certificate of election:

I, Gail Fenumiai, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 8th day of November 2022, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following are the certified results for the office designated:

Senate District A	Bert K. Stedman	4 year term
Senate District B	Jesse Kiehl	2 year term
Senate District C	Gary Stevens	4 year term
Senate District D	Jesse J. Bjorkman	2 year term
Senate District E	Cathy Giessel	4 year term
Senate District F	James D. Kaufman	2 year term
Senate District G	Elvi Gray-Jackson	4 year term
Senate District H	Matt Claman	2 year term
Senate District I	Löki G. Tobin	4 year term
Senate District J	Forrest Dunbar	2 year term
Senate District K	Bill Wielechowski	4 year term
Senate District L	Kelly R. Merrick	2 year term
Senate District M	Shelley Hughes	4 year term
Senate District N	David S. Wilson	2 year term
Senate District O	Michael K. Shower	4 year term
Senate District P	Scott Kawasaki	2 year term
Senate District Q	Robert H. Myers Jr.	4 year term
Senate District R	Click Bishop	2 year term
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman	4 year term

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 30th day of November, A.D. 2022.

/s/

Gail Fenumiai, Director
Division of Elections

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Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District A	Bert K. Stedman	4 year term
Senate District B	Jesse Kiehl	2 year term
Senate District C	Gary Stevens	4 year term
Senate District D	Jesse J. Bjorkman	2 year term
Senate District E	Cathy Giessel	4 year term

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office:

Senate District F	James D. Kaufman	2 year term
Senate District G	Elvi Gray-Jackson	4 year term
Senate District H	Matt Claman	2 year term
Senate District I	Löki G. Tobin	4 year term
Senate District J	Forrest Dunbar	2 year term

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Senate District K	Bill Wielechowski	4 year term
Senate District L	Kelly R. Merrick	2 year term
Senate District M	Shelley Hughes	4 year term
Senate District N	David S. Wilson	2 year term

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

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Senate District P	Scott Kawasaki	2 year term
Senate District Q	Robert H. Myers Jr.	4 year term
Senate District R	Click Bishop	2 year term
Senate District S	Lyman F. Hoffman	4 year term

The Lieutenant Governor administered the Oath of Office to the Senators.

The following Senator will take the Oath of Office at a later date:

Senate District O Michael K. Shower

President Pro Tempore

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom announced nominations were in order for President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Bishop be nominated President pro tempore of the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent nominations for President pro tempore of the Senate be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Bishop be elected President pro tempore. There being no objection, Senator Bishop was elected President pro tempore of the Senate.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested Senator Merrick and Senator Olson escort the President pro tempore to the rostrum.

President pro tempore Bishop requested Senator Merrick and Senator Olson escort the Lieutenant Governor from the chamber.

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President pro tempore Bishop announced that pursuant to AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules in effect during the previous legislature would serve as the rules of the Thirty-third Alaska State Legislature until adoption of permanent rules.

President

President pro tempore Bishop announced nominations were in order for President of the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Stevens be nominated President of the Senate for the Thirty-third Legislature.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Stevens be elected President of the Senate for the Thirty-third Legislature. Without objection, Senator Stevens was elected Senate President.

President pro tempore Bishop requested Senator Stedman and Senator Hoffman escort President Stevens to the podium.

In accordance with Uniform Rule 1(e), President Stevens made the following appointments:

Committee on Committees

Senator Stevens, Chair
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Giessel
Senator Bishop
Senator Hoffman

President Stevens appointed Senator Bjorkman and Senator Gray-Jackson to inform the Governor the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

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President Stevens appointed Senator Claman and Senator Kaufman to inform the House the Senate was organized and ready to do business.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 1:47 p.m.

After Recess

The Senate reconvened at 2:09 p.m.

Committee on Committees Report

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Mister President:

The Committee on Committees has met and submits to the Senate for its consideration chairs and members of the ten standing committees as approved by the Committee on Committees:

Community and Regional Affairs Committee

Senator Dunbar, Chair
Senator Olson, Vice Chair
Senator Gray-Jackson
Senator Bjorkman
Senator Giessel

Education Committee

Senator Tobin, Chair
Senator Stevens, Vice Chair
Senator Bjorkman
Senator Kiehl
Senator Gray-Jackson

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Finance Committee

Senator Stedman, Cochair
Senator Hoffman, Cochair
Senator Olson, Cochair
Senator Bishop
Senator Merrick
Senator Kiehl
Senator Wilson

Health and Social Services Committee

Senator Wilson, Chair
Senator Kaufman, Vice Chair
Senator Tobin
Senator Dunbar
Senator Giessel

Judiciary Committee

Senator Claman, Chair
Senator Kiehl, Vice Chair
Senator Kaufman
Senator Giessel
Senator Olson

Labor and Commerce Committee

Senator Bjorkman, Chair
Senator Bishop, Vice Chair
Senator Gray-Jackson
Senator Merrick
Senator Dunbar

Resources Committee

Senator Bishop, Cochair
Senator Giessel, Cochair
Senator Wielechowski, Vice Chair
Senator Kawasaki
Senator Kaufman
Senator Dunbar
Senator Claman

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Rules Committee

Senator Wielechowski, Chair
Senator Stedman, Vice Chair
Senator Stevens
Senator Giessel
Senator Hoffman

State Affairs Committee

Senator Kawasaki, Chair
Senator Claman, Vice Chair
Senator Bjorkman
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Merrick

Transportation Committee

Senator Kaufman, Chair
Senator Wilson, Vice Chair
Senator Tobin
Senator Kiehl
Senator Myers

The report was signed by Senator Stevens, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Giessel, Bishop, Hoffman.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Committee on Committees Report be adopted. Senator Hughes objected.

The question being: "Shall the Committee on Committees Report be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall the Committee on Committees Report be adopted?

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Nay: Hughes, Myers

Absent: Shower

and so, the Committee on Committees Report was adopted.

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President Stevens announced Senator Giessel will serve as Majority Leader for the Thirty-third Legislature.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated January 11 was read stating:

Under the provision of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I hereby request the opportunity to address a joint session of the Thirty-third Alaska State Legislature on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for presentation of the State of the State Address.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the Governor's invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SR 1

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade.

was read the first time.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 be taken up. Without objection, the resolution was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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SR 1

Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Absent: Shower

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the further introduction and reference of senate resolutions be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the introduction and reference of senate bills be held one legislative day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Unfinished Business

Election of Senate Secretary

In accordance with Uniform Rule 3(a) and AS 24.10.030, Senator Wielechowski, Rules Committee Chair, nominated Liz Clark to serve as Senate Secretary for the Thirty-third Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent the nominations be closed. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent Liz Clark be elected Senate Secretary for the Thirty-third Legislature. There being no objection, Liz Clark was elected Senate Secretary for the Thirty-third Legislature.

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President Stevens made the following appointments:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

(in accordance with AS 24.60.130 and AS 24.60.131)

Senator Stevens

Senator Tobin

Senator Wilson, alternate

Senator Olson, alternate

Senator Giessel moved Senator Stevens and Senator Tobin be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Tobin be ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Stevens and Senator Tobin

be ratified as members to the

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Absent: Shower

and so, Senator Stevens and Senator Tobin were ratified as members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

Senator Giessel moved Senator Wilson and Senator Olson be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall Senator Wilson and Senator Olson be ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Senator Wilson and Senator Olson

be ratified as alternate members to the

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

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YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Bishop, Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Absent: Shower

and so, Senator Wilson and Senator Olson were ratified as alternate members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

President Stevens made the following appointments:

Legislative Council

Senator Gray-Jackson, Chair
Senator Stevens
Senator Kiehl
Senator Bishop
Senator Olson
Senator Hoffman
Senator Claman
Senator Stedman, alternate

Legislative Budget & Audit

Senator Stedman, Vice Chair
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Hoffman
Senator Kaufman
Senator Kawasaki
Senator Bishop, alternate

Joint Armed Services Committee

Senator Kawasaki, Cochair
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Shower
Senator Merrick
Senator Dunbar

SR 1**Senate Special Committee on World Trade**

Senator Hoffman, Cochair

Senator Stevens, Cochair

Senator Olson

Senator Stedman

Senator Wielechowski

Senator Bishop

Senator Giessel

Senator Hughes

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 18, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- Teleconference --		
	Production Forecast - Department of Natural Resources		
Jan 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 20	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- Teleconference --		
	Revenue Forecast - Department of Revenue		
	- Adam Crum, Commissioner of Revenue		
	- Dan Stickel, Chief Economist		
	- Colleen Glover, Tax Director		

RESOURCES

Jan 18	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	4:00 PM
	-- Teleconference --		
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
	Committee Discussion of Resource Topics		

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Jan 20	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
-- Teleconference --			
Presentation: University of Alaska's Land Grant by			
Chad Hutchinson (Director of State relations for the University of Alaska System); Adrienne Stolpe (University of Alaska Land Management Director)			
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --			

JOINT COMMITTEES

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 19	Thursday	Butrovich 205	2:00 PM
-- Teleconference --			
1. Call Meeting to Order			
2. Approval of Agenda			
3. Approval of Minutes			
a. House Subcommittee October 13, 2022			
b. House Subcommittee November 18, 2022			
4. Public Comment			
5. Election of Committee Chairs for 2023-2024			
a. Article 3 Ethics Committee Election Procedure			
6. Chair/Staff Report			
a. Management Log Review			
b. Public Member Committee Appointment Update			
c. Ethics Disclosures			
i. Total Disclosures by Type in 2022			
ii. Yearly Comparison of Total Disclosures 2019-2022			
d. Publications			
i. 2022 Public Decisions Booklet - AS 24.60.150(a)(2)			
ii. 2022 Advisory Opinion Booklet - AS 24.60.150(a)(2)			
iii. 2023 Standards of Conduct Handbook - AS 24.60.150(a)(3)			
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 - a. FY23 Budget Summary
 - b. FY24 Budget Request Detail
9. Contract Report
 - a. Outside Counsel
 - i. Brent Cole
 - ii. Kevin Fitzgerald
 - b. Investigator
 - i. Monique Rapuzzi
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn
(Meeting will be teleconferenced)
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Juneau Only: 586-9085
Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085

Jan 19	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:00 PM
	-- Teleconference -- SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Call Meeting to Order2. Approval of Agenda3. Public Comment4. Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss matters which by law must remain confidential under AS 24.60.160, Uniform Rule 22(b) regarding executive sessions and Rules of Procedure Section 5: Executive Sessions and discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of would adversely affect the finances of a governmental unit, and discussion of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person.5. Executive Session6. Public Session7. Other Business8. Adjourn (Meeting will be teleconferenced) Anchorage Only: 563-9085 Juneau Only: 586-9085 Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085		