

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**January 20, 2023**

**Fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:31 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Dunbar, Kiehl were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Hoffman, Shower were absent.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Hoffman be excused from a call of the Senate today through evening plane time January 22. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30

Thank you, Lord that you promise rest for our souls.

I pray You give the Senators rest today as they labor together. Lift any burdens they may be carrying off their shoulders.

Be with them as they pursue their new assignments in the work of this legislative session.

I invoke Your presence here, O Lord, in the Senate chamber, as they meet together this day.

Thank You, Lord, that You are here now. I give glory to Your name.

May Your blessing be upon the Senators, now.

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Senator Bjorkman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the second and third legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated January 19 was read stating pursuant to AS 24.60.131 the House has ratified the following members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Representative D. Johnson  
Representative Hannan  
Representative Prax, alternate  
Representative Josephson, alternate

Message dated January 19 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-third Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7 for the purpose of hearing U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan's annual address in the House Chambers.

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

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

### **Communications**

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

#### Department of Revenue

Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Annual Report  
January 17, 2023  
in accordance with AS 06.65.350

Alaska Retirement Management Board (ARMB)  
Financial Condition of State Retirement Systems  
in accordance with AS 37.10.220

#### Department of Natural Resources

##### Division of Mining, Land and Water

Report on Identified RS-2477 Rights-of-Way  
in accordance with AS 19.30.400

Notification of Annual Mining Report  
in accordance with AS 27.05.060

Land Disposal Program Reports  
in accordance with AS 38.04.022

Notification of Annual Report on Water Removals and Exports  
in accordance with AS 46.15.020

Notification of Interim Classifications  
in accordance with AS 38.05.300

Summary of Cooperative Resource Management or Development  
Agreements  
in accordance with AS 38.05.027

Annual Summary of the Department's Efforts to Maintain or Enhance Access to and Along Fishing Streams  
in accordance with AS 38.04.205

Annual report of Aquatic Farm Lease Applications, Monetary and Job Estimates, and Recommendations  
in accordance with AS 38.05.035

Legislative Affairs Agency

A Report to the Thirty-Second State Legislature

Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes

December 2022

in accordance with AS 24.20.065

Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

2022 Annual Report, Unabridged and Condensed

January 17, 2023

in accordance with AS 24.20.311

Office of the Governor

Office of Management and Budget

Statutorily Required Reports and Other Non Required Reports

in accordance with AS 44.99.220

House Poverty and Opportunity Task Force

Annual Report

December 31, 2022

in accordance with House Resolve 8 2022

Department of Law

Federal Laws and Litigation Report

January 15, 2023

in accordance with AS 44.23.020

Disclosure letters received in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 1 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 1.

**Unfinished Business****Introduction of Floor Staff**

Senator Wielechowski, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the Chamber Staff of the first session of the Thirty-third Legislature as follows:

**Sergeant-at-Arms**

Matt Simpson, Big Lake

**Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms**

Jacob Pennell, Wasilla

**Senate Pages**

Jenna Carpenter, Nikiski

Bernard Damerval, Anchorage

Luma Diaz, Juneau

Sky Meersman, Juneau

Zaxon Tomaszewski, Fairbanks

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate this afternoon. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

**SB 27**

Senator Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be removed as prime sponsor and added as a cosponsor to SENATE BILL NO. 27 "An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be added as prime sponsor to SENATE BILL NO. 27 "An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 23**

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 23 "An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to municipal correctional officers and municipal correctional employees; making municipal police officers subject to police standards; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; relating to reports of incidents of use of force by state and municipal police, probation, parole, and correctional officers and municipal correctional facility employees; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 32**

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 32 "An Act prohibiting the use of chokeholds by peace officers; and relating to justification of use of force by peace officers." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 29**

Senators Tobin, Giessel, Bjorkman, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; establishing the Alaska Civics Education Commission; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SR 1**

Forthcoming fiscal information (page 10) for SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Rules Committee

**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 23, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Overview: Division of Community and Regional Affairs Overview by Sandra Moller, Director, Division of Community and Regional Affairs **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Presentation: Department of Education and Early Development by: Acting DEED Commissioner Heidi Teshner & Deputy Commissioner Lacy Sanders **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**EDUCATION  
(continued)**

**Jan 25                      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +                      Presentation: Public Education in Alaska Fiscal Challenges and Solutions by Alaska Council of School Administrators Executive Director Dr. Lisa Parady Coalition for Education Equity Executive Director Sarah Sledge Association of Alaska School Boards Executive Director Lon Garrison NEA Alaska President Tom Klaameyer  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Jan 27                      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +                      Presentation: Public Education - A Rural Perspective by Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Superintendent Clayton Holland Northwest Arctic Borough School District Superintendent Terri Walker  
 Presentation: How much does Alaska spend on K-12 Education? by Dayna Jean DeFeo, Director of the Center for Alaska Education Policy Research (CAEPR), Institute of Social and Economic Research Matthew Berman, Professor of Economics, Institute of Social and Economic Research  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

**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

**FINANCE**  
**(continued)**

- Jan 23      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +              Savings, Reserves, and Investment Funds -  
                  Department of Revenue  
                  - Commissioner Designee Adam Crum  
                  - Treasury Director Pam Leary
- Jan 24      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              1:00 PM**  
 +    SB 40    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP  
                  - Office of Management & Budget
- Jan 25      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +              Alaska Mental Health Authority  
                  - Steve Williams, CEO  
                  - Anita Halterman, Board Chair
- Jan 26      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +    SB 41    APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL  
                  - Office of Management & Budget
- Jan 27      Friday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +              Deferred Maintenance  
                  - Office of Management & Budget  
                  - Department of Transportation  
                  - University of Alaska

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Jan 24      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +              Department of Health - Overview
- Jan 26      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +              Department of Family and Community Services -  
                  Overview

**JUDICIARY**

- Jan 23      Monday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 +                      Introductions and Committee Discussion of  
                             Judiciary Topics
- +    SB 38    **INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Jan 25      Wednesday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --
- +                      Presentation: Report on Alaska Court System  
                             Operations by  
                             Nancy Meade, General Counsel, Alaska Court  
                             System  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Jan 27      Friday    Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 37    **CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG**  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Jan 20      Friday    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 Department Overviews  
 - Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
 - Department of Commerce, Community and Economic  
 Development  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Jan 23      Monday    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Jan 25      Wednesday    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --
- +                      Workforce Overview from the Medical Industry  
                             Perspective  
                             Presentation: Alaska State Hospital and Nursing  
                             Home Association by Jared Kosin, President & CEO  
                             Additional Presenters TBA  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**LABOR & COMMERCE**  
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**Jan 27            Friday                                    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                                    1:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +            Workforce Overview from the Vocational/Technical  
                  Education Perspective  
                  Presentation: AVTEC-Alaska Vocational Technical  
                  Center by Cathy LeCompte, Director  
                  Additional Presenters TBA  
                  \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**RESOURCES**

**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> --

**Jan 23            Monday                                    Butrovich 205                                    3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +            Presentation: Alaska North Slope Oil and Gas  
                  Resources by  
                  Derek Nottingham – Director, Division of Oil  
                  and Gas  
                  John Crowther – Deputy Commissioner, Department  
                  of Natural Resources  
                  John Boyle – Commissioner-Designee, Department  
                  of Natural Resources  
                  Sean Clifton – Policy & Program Specialist,  
                  Division of Oil and Gas  
                  Haley Paine – Deputy Director, Division of Oil  
                  and Gas  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**RESOURCES**  
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- Jan 25            Wednesday                            Butrovich 205                    3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +                    Presentation: Introducing the Frontiers  
                      Collaboration by Idaho National Laboratory by  
                      Dr. Steven Aumeier, Senior Advisor, Strategic  
                      Programs;  
                      Paul Kjellander, Senior Advisor, Regulatory  
                      Policy; and  
                      Marcio Paes Barreto, Director of Industrial  
                      Development, Wyoming Energy Authority  
                      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
                      \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Jan 27            Friday                                        Butrovich 205                    3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 Presentation: Yukon and Kuskokwim Fisheries  
 Collapse Update by  
 Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner  
 Doug Vincent-Lang  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 +    SB 10        HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING: DISABLED VETS  
                      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
                      \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

- Jan 24            Tuesday                                    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +                    Presentation: 2022 Elections Recap by  
                      Juli Lucky (Alaskans for Better Elections,  
                      Executive Director)  
                      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**STATE AFFAIRS  
(continued)**

**Jan 26                      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconferenced --  
 +                      Presentation: 2022 Elections Recap by  
                          Division of Elections  
                          Presentation: 2022 Elections Recap/Rural Voting  
                          Challenges by  
                          Michelle (Macuar) Sparck (Cook Inlet Tribal  
                          Council: Get Out the Native Vote, Director of  
                          Strategic Initiatives)  
                          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 24                      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 +                      Discussion on Committee Direction and  
                          Transportation Issues  
                          \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Jan 26                      Thursday                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 +                      Presentation: Overview: DOT&PF Structure,  
                          Organization, & Direction by  
                          Ryan Anderson, Commissioner  
                          John Binder, Deputy Commissioner  
                          Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner  
                          Joe Kemp, Acting Northern Region Director  
                          Wolfgang Junge, Central Region Director  
                          Lance Mearig, Southcoast Region Director  
                          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
                          \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Jan 23**                      **Monday**                                      **House Chamber**                      **7:00 PM**  
 + State of the State Address by Governor Mike  
 Dunleavy

**Feb 07**                      **Tuesday**                                      **House Chamber**                      **11:00 AM**  
 U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan's Annual Address  
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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

**Jan 26**                      **Thursday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn Presentation:  
 Services offered by the UA Alumni Association by:  
 - Marybeth Loewen, President UAF Alumni Assn.  
 Board of Directors  
 -Katie Bender, President UAA Alumni Assn. Board  
 of Directors  
 Sponsored by Senator Bishop, Senator Kawasaki and  
 Representative Carrick

**Feb 03**                      **Friday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn Presentation:  
 University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship  
 Program  
 Sponsored by Senator Kiehl