

SENATE JOURNAL
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Monday

January 23, 2023

Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Shane Halverson, Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Holy God, You spoke and the mountains were raised from the seas and life was brought forth on the earth. Your very breath breathed into humanity brought us into existence and gave us a purpose to our being. Speak to us now, and breathe into us once again, breathe into the body of the 33rd Senate your word of truth, justice, mercy and compassion.

May each of them be faithful stewards of the positions they have been given, and may they lead with power and conviction. Give them eyes to see the issues more clearly and lead them to effective solutions to those issues. Grant them clear minds to understand the needs of the great state of Alaska. Grant them a love for the people they serve. Remind us that even after all the debate you will have the final word.

As we begin this new year, I pray that you would bring this 33rd Senate to life, give them new energy, and breathe into them the gift of creativity. Guide and direct them in their work and give them ears to listen to your truth and hold unswervingly to the faith we profess. Amen.

Senator Claman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the fourth through sixth legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 1 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated January 23 was read stating in accordance with Article VII, Section 3 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 14.40.150, I submit the following University of Alaska Regents for confirmation:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Dennis Michel – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/4/2027

Bethany Marcum – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/6/2031

Joey Crum – Palmer

Appointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/6/2031

John Jepsen – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/23/2021

Term Expires: 2/3/2023

Reappointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/6/2031

The appointments were referred to the Education Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Messages from the House

Message dated January 20 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 Wednesday, February 1 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree's State of the Judiciary address.

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:

Alaska Court System
Annual Report FY 2022
Statistical Report FY 2022
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority
FY 22 Reserve Fund Certification
January 7, 2023
in accordance with AS 44.85.270

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Alaska Energy Authority
Certification of Capital Reserve Fund Requirement
Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project
in accordance with AS 44.83.110

Unfinished Business

Oath of Office

A message dated January 23 was received stating Lieutenant Governor Dalhstrom administered the Oath of Office to the following Senator on January 23, 2023:

Senate District O Michael K. Shower

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:15 a.m.

Joint Session in the House

Speaker Tilton called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Senator Wilson and Representative McCabe to escort Governor Mike Dunleavy to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Matt Simpson, announced the Honorable Mike Dunleavy's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Mike Dunleavy was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Governor Dunleavy delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2.

Governor Mike Dunleavy received a standing ovation.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 7:49 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 25, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:53 p.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

Jan 24	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Overview: Division of Community and Regional Affairs Overview by Sandra Moller, Director, Division of Community and Regional Affairs		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Jan 26	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Jan 23	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- Teleconferenced --		
+	Presentation: Department of Education and Early Development by: Acting DEED Commissioner Heidi Teshner & Deputy Commissioner Lacey 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

FINANCE

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

SENATE JOURNAL

78

January 23, 2023

FINANCE (continued)

- 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**
+ SB 41 -- Teleconferenced --
 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

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

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 24 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- Teleconferenced --
 + Presentation: 2022 Elections Recap by
 Juli Lucky (Executive Director, Alaskans for
 Better Elections)
 Presentation: Alaska Election 2022: Data from The
 Statewide Primaries by Jeannette Lee (Alaska
 Research Director, Sightline Institute)
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

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

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Jan 24 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:00 PM**
 Committee Organization/Election of Chair & Vice
 Chair
 Overview of Committee Process
 a. Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor
 b. Alexei Painter, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

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

Feb 01 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice
 Daniel E. Winfree

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

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