

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**January 30, 2023**

**Fourteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Kawasaki was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Greg Weinert, Emmanuel Baptist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest reverence for the beliefs of all Alaskans, I invite you into a time of reflection on our solemn covenant as servants of the people. Our Father, creator of this magnificent, beautiful, and boundless land, we praise your inspiration and holiness.

I invoke your divine guidance on the people of this chamber, so dedicated to service and entrusted with the stewardship of this state and its people's welfare. Send them wisdom and discernment and embolden them with the courage to make difficult decisions. Help them to do and say what is right and just, and not what is simply expedient.

Protect them from the pettiness of partisanship, but rather open their hearts and minds to a deeper respect for You and your creation, including the dignity of the human soul. We are called to this as a sacred task: to extend grace for all, to love not only our neighbors, but our enemies as well.

As Alaskans, we have been blessed with the bounty of the land, the sea, and the sky. You, Father, have delivered these provisions, in your providence. Let the abundance You have provided for us inspire us to provide for those who are in need; to bind up the wounds of all those who are in pain; and to speak for those who have no voice.

This we petition, not to our glory, Lord, but to you and you alone. I pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

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

### **Certification**

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

The presence of Senator Kawasaki was noted.

### **Communications**

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

Commission on Postsecondary Education  
Department of Education and Early Development  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development and  
University of Alaska

Joint report:

Alaska Performance Scholarship Outcomes Report 2023  
in accordance with AS 14.43.840

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
Alaska Energy Authority  
Renewable Energy Fund  
Evaluation Process Overview  
in accordance with AS 42.45.045

Department of Environmental Conservation  
Annual Loan Fund Report FY 2022  
Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds  
in accordance with AS 37.05.035 and AS 46.03.032

Division of Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR)  
Annual Report FY 2022  
in accordance with AS 46.08.060

### **Select Committee on Legislative Ethics - Ratification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to take up the nomination of Deborah Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, which had been held on the Secretary's desk (page 104). Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate ratify Deborah Fancher as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics. Without objection, the ratification was before the Senate.

The question being: "Shall Deborah Fancher be ratified as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Shall Deborah Fancher be Ratified as a Public Member  
to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?

**YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

and so, Deborah Fancher was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

In Memoriam - Noel Merrill Wien  
Senator(s) Giessel

In Memoriam - Margaret Piggott  
Senator Kiehl  
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

In Memoriam - Dr. Jon Robert "Rob" Duke  
Representative(s) Carrick, Stapp

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

**Unfinished Business****SB 46**

Senators Myers, Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Kawasaki, Kaufman, Merrick moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 46 "An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 27**

Senators Dunbar, Kawasaki, Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on 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 43**

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 43 "An Act relating to health and personal safety education; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 10**

Senators Kaufman, Kawasaki, Wielechowski, Tobin, Hughes, Dunbar, Bjorkman, Merrick, Claman, Bishop, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 10 "An Act providing for trapping licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves without charge; making sport fishing, hunting, and trapping permanent identification cards available to certain disabled veterans without charge; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., February 1, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:17 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**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Alaska Municipal League Overview by Nils Andreassen, Executive Director of Alaska Municipal League **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Overview: Department of Public Safety by Commissioner Jim Cockrell Overview: Department of Corrections by Commissioner-Designee Jen Winkelman **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Challenges Facing Public Education in Alaska by Dillingham City School District Superintendent Amy Brower Sandy Thompson Wallace, President of APEA/AFT -- Public Testimony -- Public testimony on the issue of public education funding in Alaska. Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**EDUCATION (continued)**

<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Cost Estimates for a Base Student Allocation Increase by Alexei Painter, Director of the Legislative Finance Division -- Public Testimony -- Public testimony on the issue of education funding in Alaska. SENATE BILL: INCREASE BSA <Pending Introduction & Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 14	RIP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/TEACHERS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- SENATE BILL: INCREASE BSA <Pending Introduction & Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 40	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP		
+ SB 41	APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL		
+ SB 42	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET Legislative Finance Overview of Proposed FY24 Budget by Alexei Painter, Director of Legislative Finance Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Administration Response to Prior Meetings - Department of Revenue - Department of Natural Resources - Office of Management & Budget Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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## FINANCE (continued)

<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	State Debt Summary & Credit Review - Ryan Williams, State Debt Manager Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Order of Operations - Alaska's Oil Tax Regime - Dan Stickel, Chief Economist - Dept. of Revenue Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Department of Health by Commissioner-designee Heidi Hedberg Deputy Commissioner Emily Ricci Assistant Commissioner Josie Stern Deputy Director Heather Carpenter		
<b>Feb 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

## JUDICIARY

<b>Jan 30</b> += SB 38	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	INTERFERENCE WITH EMERGENCY SERVICES Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		



**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Workforce Overview from the Nonprofit Perspective Presentation: by Laurie Wolf, President /CEO The Foraker Group **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**RESOURCES**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Cook Inlet Gas Update by John Boyle, Commissioner-Designee, Department of Natural Resources John Crowther, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources Derek Nottingham, Director, DNR Division of Oil and Gas -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Alaska Utilities Panel by Brad Janorschke, General Manager of Homer Electric Association Arthur Miller, Chief Executive Officer of Chugach Electric Association Tony Izzo, Chief Executive Officer of Matanuska Electric Association John Burns, President and Chief Executive Officer of Golden Valley Electric Association Presentation: Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Overview by Frank Richards, President of Alaska Gasline Development Corporation -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**RESOURCES (continued)**

<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 31</b> + SB 26	<b>Tuesday</b> LICENSE PLATES: FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS -- Invited & Public Testimony --	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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<b>Feb 02</b> + SB 12	<b>Thursday</b> ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Presentation: Federal & State Funding to DOT&PF Overview Department of Transportation and Public Facilities -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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<b>Feb 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b> -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- Presentation: Overview of Alaska Marine Highway by Department of Transportation and Public Facilities & Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan's Annual Address	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator -----	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Lunch & Learn Presentation: Learn about the impact, needs and services for seniors in Alaska by Marge Stoneking, Associate Director - AARP Alaska	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Friday</b> -- Rescheduled to 02/06/2023 -- Lunch & Learn Presentation: University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship Program Sponsored by Senator Kiehl	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
<b>Feb 06</b>	<b>Monday</b> -- Rescheduled from 02/03/2023 -- Lunch & Learn Presentation: University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship Program Sponsored by Senator Kiehl	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>