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Wednesday

February 1, 2023

Sixteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:33 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Stedman 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.

Father, almighty God, may Your grace cover each aspect of this session. I invoke your guidance on the people of this chamber. Impart on them Your divine discernment and vision.

We pray that all voices will be heard, all concerns addressed, and that a mindset of inclusivity pervade. May this be a safe space for Alaskans to express their opinions, and a place where ideas matter more than titles, people more than regulations, and mercy more than vengeance.

Faced with the daunting tasks before the people of this chamber, protect them from the false gods of petty arrogance, and hopeless; help them to persevere and to stand firm. 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 Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

The presence of Senator Stedman was noted.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated January 31 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Section 25 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submit the following nominations for department heads for confirmation:

Commissioner, Department of Health

Heidi Hedberg – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/19/2022

Commissioner, Department of Family and Community Services

Kim Kovol – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/30/2023

The appointments were referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

John Boyle – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/16/2022

The appointment was referred to the Resources Committee.

Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Jen Winkelman – Juneau

Appointed: 1/11/2023

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Commissioner, Department of Revenue

Adam Crum – Wasilla

Appointed: 11/16/2022

The appointment was referred to the Finance Committee.

In accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submit the following list of appointees for confirmation:

Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

Mike Chenault – Kenai

Appointed: 4/11/2022

Term Expires: 12/1/2026

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Brett Huber – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/09/2023

Term Expires: 3/01/2027

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Larry Kunder – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/01/2026

Board of Fisheries

Thomas Carpenter – Cordova

Appointed: 7/1/2022

Term Expires: 7/1/2025

Stanley Zuray – Tanana

Appointed: 12/29/2022

Term Expires: 7/01/2025

Board of Game

Beatrice Cusack – Chugiak

Appointed: 7/1/2022

Term Expires: 7/1/2025

Allen Barrette – Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/1/2022

Term Expires: 7/1/2025

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Robert Doyle – Wasilla

Appointed: 5/23/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

Alaska Police Standards Council

Bryan Barlow – Anchorage

Appointed: 10/6/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Steven Heidemann – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Marc Stemp – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives

Darcy Lucey – Wasilla

Appointed: 6/22/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Board of Dental Examiners

Kenley Michaud – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Board of Massage Therapists

Annetta Atwell – North Pole

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Board of Nursing

Vianne Smith – North Pole

Appointed: 8/3/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Board of Pharmacy

Carla Hebert – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Board of Professional Counselors

Teresa Cotton – Bethel

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Rachel Buddin-Young – Eagle River

Appointed: 8/3/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Board of Social Work Examiners

Ann Applebee – Palmer

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/01/2025

Amber Taylor – JBER

Appointed: 8/3/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Real Estate Commission

Devon Thomas – Wasilla

Appointed: 10/22/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Tina McLean – Seward

Appointed: 6/22/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Lindsey Hill – Sterling

Appointed: 8/3/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Valerie Phelps – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/3/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Bryan Murphy – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

State Medical Board

David Paulson – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

Board of Marine Pilots

James Cunningham – Homer

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The appointment was referred to the Transportation Committee.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Mary Carlson – Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/22/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The appointment was referred to the Education Committee.

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

Communications

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

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska
Impact Mitigation Grant Program
Report to the First Session of the Thirty-third Alaska Legislature
January 2023
in accordance with AS 37.05.530

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Division of Investments
Combined Annual State Loan, Reinstatements and Fisheries
Enhancement Term Extension Report
in accordance with AS 37.05.035 and AS 16.10.510

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Report of the Alaska Minerals Commission
January 2023
in accordance with AS 44.33.431

Department of Education and Early Development
Annual Report to the Legislature
January 2023
in accordance with AS 14.07.168

Department of Public Safety
Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU)
2022 Annual Drug Report
January 2023
in accordance with AS 18.65.085

Department of Corrections
Interstate Compact Commission Annual Report
January 31, 2023
in accordance with AS 33.36.135

Department of Administration
Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions for 2022
January 31, 2023
in accordance with AS 37.05.210

Standing Committee Reports

SB 38

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 38 "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications." Signing do pass: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Giessel, Kaufman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Tobin, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Corrections
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law
Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Public Safety

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 50

SENATE BILL NO. 50 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the assessment of property for the purposes of the oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property tax; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

SB 51

SENATE BILL NO. 51 BY SENATOR TOBIN, entitled:

"An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Labor and Commerce Committees.

SB 52

SENATE BILL NO. 52 BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Finance Committees.

SB 53

SENATE BILL NO. 53 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to involuntary civil commitments."

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

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SB 54

SENATE BILL NO. 54 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 31:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital expenses for fiscal year 2023.

This appropriation bill includes \$105.1 million in unrestricted general funds, \$32.2 million in designated general funds, \$51.9 million in other state funds, and \$203.8 million in federal funds.

The items in this supplemental appropriation bill are necessary for continued operations for the current fiscal year, and I urge quick action on this bill by the Legislature.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the supplemental items in this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 55

SENATE BILL NO. 55 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

In Memoriam - Anthony Lawrence Radford
Representative(s) Rauscher
Senator(s) Shower

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

Unfinished Business**SB 51**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Myers, Wilson, Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 51 "An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Merrick moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 2 through evening plane time, February 5. Without objection, Senator Merrick was excused.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:53 a.m.

After Recess**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 11:03 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree's State of the Judiciary address.

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 Claman and Representative Vance to escort Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Matt Simpson, announced Chief Justice Winfree's entrance to the House Chamber.

Chief Justice Winfree was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Tilton.

The Honorable Daniel E. Winfree delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 3.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 11:43 a.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 11:47 a.m.

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 3, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:56 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

Feb 02	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	Overview: Department of Public Safety by Commissioner Jim Cockrell		
	Overview: Department of Corrections by Commissioner-Designee Jen Winkelman		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

Feb 01	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	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.		
+ SB 52	INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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EDUCATION (continued)

Feb 03	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ SB 14	RIP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/TEACHERS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 52	INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

FINANCE

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 02	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 01	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 03	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 01	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Feb 03	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

RESOURCES

Feb 01	Wednesday 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 <Below Items Removed from Agenda> Overview: Tax Structure in Cook Inlet by Department of Revenue, Tax Division 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**	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Feb 03	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 02 + SB 12	Thursday ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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TRANSPORTATION

Feb 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

-- 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

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

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

Feb 22 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM

Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Presentation:

Learn about the impact, needs and services for
seniors in Alaska by Marge Stoneking, Associate
Director - AARP Alaska

Feb 03 Friday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM

-- Rescheduled to 02/06/2023 --

Lunch & Learn Presentation:

University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship
Program

Sponsored by Senator Kiehl

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Feb 06	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 02/03/2023 --		
	Lunch & Learn Presentation:		
	University of Alaska Ted Stevens Internship		
	Program		
	Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		