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February 10, 2023

Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:32 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Ally Karpel, student Rabbi, Congregation Sukkat Shalom. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Source of Life, grant moral clarity, foresight, and wisdom to the elected officials in this chamber; those who have dedicated their *lives* to the greater good of the public.

Sustainer of Creation, let the legislation that is created here help sustain the wellbeing of all Alaskans.

Root of All That Is, may today's session be rooted in collaboration, goodwill, and integrity. May the seeds that are planted today lead to a more just and peaceful tomorrow. May the Senators in this chamber cultivate patience and purpose, sharp minds and open hearts.

And may all of us here today work to fulfill that which the prophet Jeremiah aspired to, for our deeds and our lives to be like a tree planted near water: enduring, able to sustain ourselves and others.

Ken Yehi Ratzon—May it come to be. Thank you.

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

SCR 1

Message dated February 8 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1
Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" and relating to standing committees; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 7

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 BY THE SENATE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Supporting oil and gas leasing and development within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and urging President Biden and the United States Department of the Interior to approve the Willow Master Development Plan.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 67

SENATE BILL NO. 67 BY SENATOR KIEHL, entitled:

"An Act relating to firefighting substances; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 68

SENATE BILL NO. 68 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to public notice for a sale, appropriation, or removal of water, or for filing a declaration of a right of water; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Charlie Young
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop
Representative(s) Carrick

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 19**

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act relating to elections; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 67

Senators Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Giessel, Claman, Kawasaki, Tobin, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 67 "An Act relating to firefighting substances; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 24 through evening plane time, February 26. Without objection, Senator Claman was excused.

President Stevens made the following appointments:

Energy Council

Senator Giessel
Senator Kawasaki

Alaska Aerospace Corporation Board of Directors

Senator Stevens
Senator Kaufman, alternate

Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee

Senator Wilson

Governor's Council on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons

Senator Myers

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council

Senator Gray-Jackson

Senator Shower

Alaska Food Security and Independence Task Force

Senator Hughes

Governor's Council on Human and Sex Trafficking

Senator Kiehl

Education Commission of the States

Senator Stevens

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Senator Tobin

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Board of Directors

Senator Stevens

Senator Hoffman

Senator Kawasaki, alternate

Governor's Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation

Senator Claman

Senator Wilson

Statewide Broadband Advisory Board

Senator Hoffman

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Enrollment**SCR 1**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" and relating to standing committees; and providing for an effective date for the amendments, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:17 p.m., February 9, 2023.

Legislative Resolve No. 1

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 13, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:54 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 14	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 16	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Overview: Alaska Office of Broadband by Thomas Lochner, Director		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

Feb 10	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 14	RIP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES/TEACHERS -- Public Testimony --		
+= SB 52	INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 13	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: School Bond Debt, Regional Educational Attendance Areas, and Major Maintenance by Representatives from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development		
+	Presentation: Alaska Reads Act Regulations by Heidi Teshner, Acting DEED Commissioner		
	Susan McKenzie, Director of Innovation and Educational Excellence		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

EDUCATION (continued)

- Feb 15** **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
 + Presentation: Update on Alaska's Educational Assessments by Representatives from the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 17** **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
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FINANCE

- Feb 10** **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Feb 13** **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
 - Deven Mitchell, CEO
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 14** **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Alaska Retirement Management Board
 - Pam Leary, Treasury Director
 - Bob Williams, ARM Board Chair
 + PRS / TRS Update
 - Ajay Desai, Director of Division of Retirement & Benefits
 - Kevin Worley, Chief Financial Officer
 - Betsy Wood, Chief Health Administrator
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 15** **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Federal Infrastructure Funding in Alaska
 - Mike Anderson, Acting Infrastructure Investment Coordinator
 - Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner DOT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

- Feb 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Callan - Capital Markets & Permanent Fund
 Sustainability
 - Greg Allen, CEO & Chief Research Officer
 - Steven Center, Senior Vice President
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Update on Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment
 (BEAD) in Alaska
 - Thomas Lochner, Director of the Alaska
 Broadband Office
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Feb 14 Tuesday Davis 106 3:30 PM**
 Joint Meeting with House Health and Social
 Services
 -- Please Note Location Change --
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Presentation: Alaska's Citizen Review Panel
 + Presentation: Office of Children's Services
 Response
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 16 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 8 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 + Presentation: Governor's Council on
 Disabilities and Special Education
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 10	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Commissioner, Department of Corrections Jen Winkelman – Juneau -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Presentation: Department of Corrections Overview by Commissioner-Designee Jen Winkelman -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 13	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 15	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Presentation: Department of Law Criminal Division Overview by John Skidmore, Deputy Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Law		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 17	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Presentation: Public Defender Agency Overview by Samantha Cherot, Public Defender, Public Defender Agency		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 10	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	-- Teleconferenced -- -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Workforce Overview from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL) Perspective Presentation by Director Sylvan Robb **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

- Feb 13 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Workforce Challenges in Alaska
 from the Perspective of Public Education
 Presenters:
 - Dr. Lisa Parady, Executive Director, Alaska
 Council of School Administrators
 - Tom Klaameyer, President, NEA-Alaska
 - Lon Garrison, Executive Director, Association
 of Alaska School Boards
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 15 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Workforce Challenges in Alaska
 From the Perspective of Labor Unions
 Presenters:
 - Joelle Hall, Executive President, AFL-CIO
 - Shannon Adamson, Vice-President, Masters, Mates
 and Pilots, Retired
 - Jordan Adams, Business Manager, Public
 Employees Local 71
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 17 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Workforce Challenges in Alaska
 from the Perspective of Alaska Municipal League
 Presentation from Nils Andreassen, Executive
 Director
 + SB 55 EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

- Feb 10 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 10 HUNTING/TRAPPING/FISHING: DISABLED VETS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Presentation: Alaska Department of Fish and
 Game: Dept. Overview by
 Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 13 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 33 RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Presentation: Department of Environmental
 Conservation: Dept. Overview and 404 Primacy
 Feasibility Study by
 Commissioner Jason Brune, Department of
 Environmental Conservation (DEC)
 Randy Bates, Director of Water, DEC
 Shannon Miller, 404 Program Manager, DEC
 Julie Pack, Department of Law
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 15 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + SB 33 RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Overview: Statehood Defense by
 Commissioner-Designee John Boyle, Department of
 Natural Resources
 Commissioner Jason Brune, Department of
 Environmental Conservation
 Deputy Commissioner Ben Mulligan, Department of
 Fish and Game
 Deputy Attorney General Cori Mills, Department
 of Law
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 17 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Outstanding Federal Lawsuits by Deputy Attorney General Cory Mills, Department of Law
 Assistant Attorney Generals Julie Pack, Cody Doig, Ron Opshal, and Thad Atkins, Department of Law
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 14 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 26 LICENSE PLATES: FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 22 PROCLAIM JUNETEENTH DAY A HOLIDAY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --

Feb 16 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 14 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Teleconference --
 Presentation: Planning Data in Transportation by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 16 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 62 -- Teleconference --
 ELECTRIC-ASSISTED BICYCLES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 22	Wednesday -- Teleconference -- Administration Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	6:30 PM
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Mar 01	Wednesday -- Teleconference -- Administration Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	6:30 PM
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Mar 08	Wednesday -- Teleconference -- Administration Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	6:00 PM
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Mar 15	Wednesday -- Teleconference -- Administration Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	6:00 PM
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CORRECTIONS

Feb 23	Thursday -- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget	Butrovich 205	6:00 PM
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Mar 02	Thursday -- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget	Butrovich 205	6:00 PM
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Mar 09	Thursday -- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget	Butrovich 205	6:00 PM
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Mar 16	Thursday -- Teleconference -- Corrections Budget	Butrovich 205	6:00 PM
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 14 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **8:00 AM**
 + Overview: Department of Environmental
 Conservation Budget by Commissioner Jason Brune &
 ASD Meg Kohler

JUDICIARY

Feb 20 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Judiciary Budget

Feb 27 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Judiciary Budget

Mar 06 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Judiciary Budget

Mar 13 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Judiciary Budget

LAW

Feb 16 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:15 PM**
 Department of Law Budget

Feb 22 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:15 PM**
 Department of Law Budget

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 14 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **12:30 PM**
+ Overview: Department of Military & Veterans'
Affairs Budget by Deputy Commissioner
Craig Christenson and ASD Bob Ernisse

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 22 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator