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Thirty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 9:30 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Hughes, Merrick, Shower were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, First Vice President Jackie Pata, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Tribes. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Haa Shagéinyaa

Dikée Aankáawu

Haa Shagóon.

Haa Shuká.

Gunalchéesh yáa yagiyee ka yáa kustí haa jeet yeeteeyí.

Alaska Senate kaa shaadéi náxx'i yáax' yei has yatee.

Has du yá kei jisataan.

Has du tundataaní g ak'éiyít, ka yaa has kukg asgéiyít.

Has du yá kei jisataan.

Haa shagóoni has du latseení haa tóo yéi ng atee wooch een yéi jinax tooneiyít.

Woosh x 'éide kunax toos.aax

Yá yeedát ya tl'átgi kát wutoo.áadi aa uhwáan haa tuwáa sigoo wtushagóogu aade ya tl'átgi káa has kuwstéeyin yé haa shagóoni has; wooch yáx yadál ldakát át.

Gunalchéesh.

Gunalchéesh, ho, ho.

Haa Shagéinyaa.

English translation provided by the Chaplain:

Our Creator

Heavenly Father

Everything We Have Been, Are, and Will Be.

Our Ancestors.

Thank you for giving us this day and this life.

The Alaska Senate house leaders are here.

Bless them.

So that their way of thinking is good, and so they are wise.

Bless them.

We call upon our Protecting Power to instill in us the strength to do our work.

Let's listen to each other.

We who now walk this land seek to learn the ways of our Ancestors, to live in harmony and balance on this land.

We are thankful.

We are very thankful.

Our Protecting Power.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the thirtieth and thirty-first legislative days, Senate Journal Supplement No. 2 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Hughes, Shower be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Hughes, Shower were excused.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated February 15 was read stating on January 31, 2023, in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

Having already been confirmed, the following appointees are withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

Board of Game

Beatrice "Ruth" Cusack

Allen "Al" Barrette

Board of Fisheries

Thomas Carpenter

Standing Committee Reports**SB 33**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Giessel, Bishop, Cochairs; Senators Dunbar, Kaufman, Claman, Wielechowski. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 58

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 58 "An Act relating to Medicaid eligibility; expanding eligibility for postpartum mothers; conditioning the expansion of eligibility on approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Giessel, Dunbar.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Kaufman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 70

President Stevens added a Judiciary Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 70 "An Act relating to coverage for additional insureds under owner and contractor controlled insurance programs; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 72**

SENATE BILL NO. 72 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to designation of state water as outstanding national resource water; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 73

SENATE BILL NO. 73 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design; renaming the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors the State Board of Registration for Design Professionals; relating to the State Board of Registration for Design Professionals; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of interior design services; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to an interstate physical therapy licensure compact; relating to the licensure of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 75

SENATE BILL NO. 75 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to an audiology and speech-language interstate compact; relating to the practice of audiology and the practice of speech-language pathology; and providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 20 to 1:30 p.m. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 23 through evening plane time, February 26. Without objection, Senator Dunbar 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 9:38 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 10:01 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Mary Sattler Peltola, U.S. Representative.

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 Tobin and Representative McCormick to escort U.S. Representative Mary Sattler Peltola to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Matt Simpson, announced the Honorable Mary Sattler Peltola's entrance to the House Chamber.

Representative Mary Sattler Peltola was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Tilton.

Representative Peltola delivered her address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6.

Following her address, there was a question and answer period. Representative Peltola received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Representative McCormick and Senator Tobin.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 10:34 a.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

Senator Claman moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Unfinished Business. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

Unfinished Business (continued)

Senator Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 2 through morning plane time, March 6. Without objection, Senator Claman was excused.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Merrick be excused from a call of the Senate today through February 22. Without objection, Senator Merrick was excused.

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., February 20, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

EDUCATION (continued)

- Feb 22 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 + SB 29 CIVICS EDUCATION; EST AK CVCS ED COMM
 + SB 24 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 24 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
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FINANCE

- Feb 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Update on Broadband Equity, Access, & Deployment
 (BEAD) in Alaska
 - Thomas Lochner, Director of the Alaska
 Broadband Office
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 20 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Overview of Governor's Budget Amendments
 Neil Steininger, Director, Office of Management
 and Budget
 += SB 40 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
 += SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
 += SB 42 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 += SB 54 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; REAPPROP; AMENDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Fiscal Position with Governor's Budget Amendments
 Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division
 += SB 40 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
 += SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
 += SB 42 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 += SB 54 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; REAPPROP; AMENDING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Feb 22 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 23 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
PERS/TRS Tier Comparisons
Ajay Desai, Director, Division of Retirement and Benefits
Kevin Worley, Chief Finance Officer, Division of Retirement and Benefits
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 24 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
Update on Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) in Alaska
Thomas Lochner, Director, Alaska Broadband Office
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 53 FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+= SB 8 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+= SB 45 DIRECT HEALTH AGREEMENT: NOT INSURANCE

Feb 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 44 NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+= SB 45 DIRECT HEALTH AGREEMENT: NOT INSURANCE

JUDICIARY

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

JUDICIARY (continued)

Feb 20	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 22	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Alaska Police Standards Council Bryan Barlow – Anchorage -- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Presentation: Proposal for Alaska-specific Police Policy Manual by Chief Steve Dutra, President, Alaska Association of Chiefs of Police -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

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**	
Feb 20	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- 80th Percentile Presentation from Lori Wing-Heier Director, Division of Insurance		
+	SB 70	OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE -- Invited and Public Testimony -- <Time Limit May Be Set>	
+=	SB 55	EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 22 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Workforce Challenges from the Oil and Gas,
 Resource Development and Tourism Industry
 Perspective
 Presentations by:
 Kara Moriarty, Executive Director, Alaska Oil
 & Gas Association
 Leila Kimbrell, Executive Director, Resource
 Development Council
 Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director, Alaska
 Miners Association
 and other industry representatives to be
 announced.
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 24 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Workforce Challenges in Alaska
 Presenteres to be announced.
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Feb 17 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SJR 7 NAT'L PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Uniform Rule 23(a) Waived
 + Presentation: Outstanding Federal Lawsuits by
 Deputy Attorney General Cory Mills, Department
 of Law
 Assistant Attorneys General Julie Pack, Cody
 Doig, Ron Opshal, and Thad Atkins, Department
 of Law
 + -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

Mar 15 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Administration Budget

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 07 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **12:30 PM**
 + Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
 Development Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

CORRECTIONS

Feb 23 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Corrections Budget

Mar 02 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Corrections Budget

Mar 09 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Corrections Budget

Mar 16 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
 + -- Teleconference --
 Corrections Budget

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 08 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
 + Department of Education and Early Development
 Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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 22	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	5:15 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Department of Law Budget		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 22	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	5:15 PM
+	General Department Overview		

REVENUE

Feb 24	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	12:00 PM
+	Overview: Dept. of Revenue Budget		

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 21 +	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
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I. Call to Order
 II. Committee Organization
 a. Election of the Chair
 b. Election of the Vice Chair
 III. Committee Policies
 a. Quorum and Voting Requirements
 b. Alternate Members
 c. Sanctioning Charity Events
 d. Subcommittees
 IV. Approval of Minutes
 a. December 19, 2022
 V. Ratification of Charity Events
 a. Governor’s Inaugural Celebration JUNEAU –
 January 20, 2023
 b. Governor’s Inaugural Celebration FAIRBANKS –
 January 28, 2023
 c. Governor’s Inaugural Celebration ANCHORAGE –
 February 18, 2023
 VI. Committee Business
 a. 2023 Manual of Legislative Drafting
 b. Office of Victims' Rights Compensation
 c. 2023 Revisor's Bill
 d. FY22 Legislature Audit
 e. FY24 Legislative Council Budget
 VII. Adjourn
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 17 +	Friday	House Chamber	10:00 AM
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Address by Mary Sattler Peltola,
 U.S. Representative

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

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Presentation:

Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation: History,
Structure, Investment, and Use of the Fund
Presented by APFC Executive Director, Deven
Mitchell

*This event is not catered, welcome to bring your
own lunch.*

New Staff and Legislators are Encouraged to Attend
Hosted by Joint Rules Chairs-Senator Wielechowski
& Representative Craig Johnson