

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**February 20, 2023**

**Thirty-fifth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator Wielechowski was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bjorkman, Giessel were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Adam Bauer of Bahá'í of Juneau. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O Thou kind Lord! This gathering is turning to Thee. These hearts are radiant with Thy love. These minds and spirits are exhilarated by the message of Thy glad-tidings.

O God! Let this American democracy become glorious in spiritual degrees even as it has aspired to material degrees and render this just government victorious.

Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Most Great Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praise-worthy among all the nations of the world. O God! This American nation is worthy of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal.

Abdu'l-Bahá

Senator Shower led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Kiehl, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the thirty-second through thirty-fourth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kiehl, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Bjorkman, Giessel be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Bjorkman, Giessel were excused.

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated February 17 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

#### **Alaska Police Standards Council**

Bryan Barlow

### **Communications**

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

Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Alaska Training Program Performance for Participants Exiting  
Programs  
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2021  
In accordance with AS 23.15.580

Department of Revenue  
Summary of Calendar Year 2022 Alaska Education Tax Credits  
in accordance with AS 43.05.010

Department of Education and Early Development  
Annual Report  
February 15, 2023  
in accordance with AS 14.03.078

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Division of Insurance  
2022 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 21.06.110

Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys  
2022 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 41.08.030

Department of Fish and Game  
Board of Game Allocation Report  
February 1, 2023  
in accordance with AS 16.05.050

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 26**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 26 "An Act relating to special registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 26(STA)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Bjorkman, Merrick. Signing do pass: Senators Wielechowski, Claman.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 76**

SENATE BILL NO. 76 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

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

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 17:

Dear President Stevens:

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

This appropriation bill includes supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2023 that are of an urgent nature. I am requesting expedited consideration of these items to ensure the state's continued ability to provide for fair and speedy trials and to ensure the timely delivery of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits to Alaskans in need.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the prompt passage and implementation of these items.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

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

Honoring - Bill Hill  
Senator(s) Hoffman  
Representative(s) Edgmon

Honoring - Michael Swain, Jr.  
Senator(s) Hoffman  
Representative(s) Edgmon

Honoring - North Pole High School Unified Champion School  
Senator(s) Myers, Kawasaki  
Representative(s) Prax

In Memoriam - Dorothy "Dory" Stucky  
Representative(s) Galvin  
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson

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

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Kiehl, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., February 22, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate



**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Feb 24      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**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

**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

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 20 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + 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 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\*\*
- 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  
 Presenters to be announced.  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**RESOURCES**

**Feb 20                      Monday    Butrovich 205    3:30 PM**

Presentation: Carbon Offset: Forestry Panel by  
Helge Eng, Director of Forestry and Alaska  
State Forester, Department of Natural Resources  
Brian Kleinhenz, President of Terra Vera  
Nathan Lojewski, Forestry Manager of  
Chugachmiut  
Chris Maisch, President of Society of American  
Foresters

Josh Strauss, Senior Vice President of Natural  
Climate Solutions

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Feb 22                      Wednesday    Butrovich 205    3:30 PM**

Presentation: Carbon Offset: Financial  
Questions by  
Dr. Melanie Werdon, Minerals Resources Section  
Chief, Department of Geological & Geophysical  
Surveys, Department of Natural Resources  
Sean Carney, President of Finite Carbon  
Anthony Mallott, President of Sealaska  
Aaron Schutt, President and Chief Executive  
Officer of Doyon, Limited

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Feb 24                      Friday    Butrovich 205    3:30 PM**

+ SB 48 CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM ON STATE LAND

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 21                      Tuesday    Beltz 105 (tsbldg)    3:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

- Feb 23 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 28 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 31 SELECTION AND REVIEW OF JUDGES  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 32 CHOKEHOLD BAN  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

- Feb 21 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: Roads, Highways, & Bridges by  
 Department of Transportation & Public  
 Facilities  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Feb 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

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**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

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

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

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**JUDICIARY**

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

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

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

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

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

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**LAW**

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

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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**REVENUE**

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

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Feb 21                    Tuesday    Senate Finance 532    5:30 PM**

- 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
  - <Above Item V (a)(b)(c) Removed from Agenda>
  - 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\*\*

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Feb 22                    Wednesday    House Chamber    11:00 AM**

Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

- Feb 21**      **Tuesday**      **Butrovich 205**      **12:00 PM**  
 + Lunch & Learn Presentation:  
 Economic Benefits of Alaska's Construction Industry by Associated General Contractors and McKinley Research  
 Sponsored by Senator Merrick
- 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