

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

**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**February 27, 2023**

**Forty-second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:07 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Myers was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey, Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O God, we pray for our government leaders who are gathered here in this chamber: listen to the needs of the people in the state of Alaska, respond to them with honesty and humility, and also pray for a just and lasting peace in nations that have been torn apart by violence that they will have one day soon a lasting peace. Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the thirty-ninth through forty-first legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities  
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act Annual Report  
2022 Progress Report  
in accordance with AS 44.42.067

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 86**

Senator Olson, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent SENATE BILL NO. 86 "An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date" be waived from the Finance Committee. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The bill is on today's calendar.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 86**

SENATE BILL NO. 86 "An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following fiscal information be adopted:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

Without objection, Fiscal Note No. 1 was adopted.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 86 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 86 "An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 86

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Myers

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 86 passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Third Reading of House Resolutions**

#### **HJR 6**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am 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 third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am 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, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 6(RES) am  
Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Myers

and so, CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

### Citations

Honoring - Karen Perdue  
Senator(s) Kawasaki  
Representative(s) Dibert, Stapp

Honoring - Alaska Chadu Network  
Senator(s) Stevens, Kaufman  
Representative(s) Stutes, Schrage

In Memoriam - John Peter "Jay" Sommer V  
Representative(s) Carrick  
Senator(s) Kawasaki

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**

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 13 and March 20. Without objection, Senator Shower was excused.

**HJR 6**

Senators Bjorkman, Gray-Jackson, Shower, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am 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. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 2 through evening plane time, March 3. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 86**

SENATE BILL NO. 86 "An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 1, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:35 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 28                      Tuesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 02                      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 16 AK COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE APPRECIATION DAY  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Feb 27                      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 Presentation: State of Alaska School Districts by Dr. Lisa Parady, Alaska Council of School Administrators Executive Director  
 Dr. Bridget Weiss, Superintendent of the Juneau School District, President of the Alaska Superintendents Association  
 Brendan Wilson, President of the Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals  
 Josh Gill, Alaska Association of Elementary School Principals  
 Yodean Armour, President of the Alaska Association of School Business Officials  
 Andy Ratliff, Past-President of the Alaska Association of School Business Officials  
 Presentation: Anchorage School District Update by Dr. Jharrett Bryantt, Anchorage School District Superintendent  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Mar 01**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **3:30 PM**  
+ SB 43      HEALTH AND PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Dr. Robin Holmes, Medical Director for the  
Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic  
Nicole Morentson, PPGNHAIK Education Manager  
Taylor Stewart, Teen Council Member  
Taralynn Chesley, Teen Council Member  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 03**      **Friday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Feb 27**      **Monday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
Confirmation of Governor's Appointee  
- Adam Crum, Commissioner-designee for Revenue  
Presentation: Medicaid Enrollment & Spending  
Forecast (FY23-FY43) by Ted Helvoigt, Vice  
President, Evergreen Economics  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 28**      **Tuesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 01**      **Wednesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
Presentation: Alaska's Municipalities - Post  
COVID Update by Nils Andreassen, Executive  
Director, Alaska Municipal League  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 02**      **Thursday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
Presentation: SNAP & Medicaid Eligibility  
Redetermination by Division of Public Assistance  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 03**      **Friday**    **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Feb 28                      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += SB 53 FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS  
 + SB 51 CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT VETERINARIAN  
     -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 59 RUNAWAYS; DFCS/DOH: DUTIES/LICENSING/INFO  
     -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- Mar 02                      Thursday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**  
 + SB 57 ADULT HOME CARE; MED ASSISTANCE  
     -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 += SB 8 REPEAL CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

- Feb 27                      Monday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 Presentation: Uniform Crime Report Analysis by  
 Troy Payne, Associate Professor, UAA Justice  
 Center; Director, Alaska Justice Information  
 Center, University of Alaska Anchorage  
     -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 01                      Wednesday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 80 2023 REVISOR'S BILL  
     -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 03                      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled



**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Feb 27 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 60 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 01 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 70 OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 Workforce Challenges in Alaska  
 Presenters to be announced  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 03 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

- Feb 27 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 Presentation: Department of Environmental  
 Conservation: 404 Primacy Feasibility Study  
 (cont'd from 2/13/23) by Commissioner Jason  
 Brune, Department of Environmental Conservation  
 Shannon Miller, 404 Program Manager, DEC  
 Julie Pack, Department of Law  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 67 PFAS USE FIREFIGHTING  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Presentation: Mining Industry Update by  
 Karen Matthias, Executive Director, Council of  
 Alaska Producers (CAP)  
 Deantha Skibinski, Executive Director, Alaska  
 Miners Association (AMA)  
 Mike Satre, Governmental Affairs, Hecla Ltd.  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 03 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 30	FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SJR 6	HONORING THE ALASKA-KOREA RELATIONSHIP		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
= SB 12	ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM		
	-- Public Testimony --		
= SB 22	PROCLAIM JUNETEENTH DAY A HOLIDAY		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
 <b>Mar 02</b>	 <b>Thursday</b>	 <b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	 <b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Non-Motorized Transportation & Vulnerable Road Users by the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities		
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
 <b>Mar 02</b>	 <b>Thursday</b>	 <b>Butrovich 205</b>	 <b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Administration Budget		

**ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

<b>Mar 08</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Administration Budget		
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Administration Budget		

**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

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

**CORRECTIONS**

<b>Mar 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Corrections Budget		
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Corrections Budget		
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Corrections Budget		

**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

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

**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Mar 01**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 +      Department of Family & Community Services  
 Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 +      Department of Family & Community Services  
 Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**HEALTH**

**Feb 27**      **Monday**                              **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 +      Department of Health Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 28**      **Tuesday**                              **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 +      Department of Health Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 06**      **Monday**                              **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 +      Department of Health Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 07**      **Tuesday**                              **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 +      Department of Health Budget Overview  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Judiciary Budget		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Judiciary Budget		
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
+	Judiciary Budget		

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**REVENUE**

<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Overview: Department of Revenue by Commissioner - Designee Adam Crum and Eric Demoulin, Director, Admin Services Division		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Anch Lio Denali Rm</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
	SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE		
	1. Call to Order		
	2. Public Comment		
	3. Election of House Subcommittee Chairs for 2023-2024 (+)		
	4. Executive Session		
	5. Public Session		
	6. Other Business		
	7. Adjourn		
	(Meeting will be teleconferenced)		
	Anchorage Only: 907-563-9085		
	Juneau Only: 907-586-9085		
	Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085		

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

**Mar 02      Thursday                      Butrovich 205                      12:00 PM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Healthcare  
Startups and Innovation  
Health TIE and the Alaska Mental Health Trust  
Sponsored by Senator Kiehl