

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

**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 1, 2023**

**Forty-fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Olson, Shower were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Kawasaki was absent.

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

Gracious God, we pray for the men and women  
who are gathered here in this chamber, who  
represent the people in the State of Alaska  
Legislature: that they may work together to  
uphold the dignity of all people, especially the  
poor and vulnerable. Amen.

Senator Wilson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

The presence of Senator Kawasaki was noted.

**Messages from the Governor****SCR 1**

Message dated February 28 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 1

**HJR 6**

Message dated February 28 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 2

**Communications**

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

Alaska Energy Authority  
2022 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 44.83.940

Department of Education & Early Development  
School Capital Project Funding Under SB 237  
Annual Report 2022  
in accordance with AS 14.11.035

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated February 27 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Finance Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

**Commissioner, Department of Revenue**  
Adam Crum

Signing the report: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Olson, Cochairs;  
Senators Wilson, Kiehl, Merrick, Bishop.

#### **SB 12**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 12 "An Act relating to confidentiality of information; relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12(STA) "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 22**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 22 "An Act establishing Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Administration  
Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Office of the Governor

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions**

**SJR 8**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 BY THE SENATE  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park  
Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods;  
and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the  
rule.

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

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Bills**

**SB 87**

SENATE BILL NO. 87 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to a lumber grading training program and lumber grading certificates; relating to use of lumber graded and certified by a person holding a lumber grading training program certificate; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 88**

SENATE BILL NO. 88 BY SENATORS GIESSEL, Bishop, Stevens, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 89**

SENATE BILL NO. 89 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, sell, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; 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**

Honoring - Silk Restaurant  
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson  
Representative(s) Josephson, Galvin

Honoring - The Patrons of the Pratt Society  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Vance

Honoring - Michael Trefon  
Representative(s) Edgmon  
Senator(s) Hoffman

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****SB 88**

Senators Kiehl, Kawasaki, Tobin, Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 88 "An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 89**

Senators Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kiehl, Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 89 "An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, sell, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 10 through March 12. Without objection, Senator Dunbar was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 6 through plane time, March 7. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

President Stevens made the following appointments:

**Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Board of Directors**

Senator Stedman

**Statewide Broadband Advisory Board**

Senator Dunbar, alternate

**NCSL Budgets and Revenue Committee**

Senator Gray-Jackson

**NCSL Education Committee**

Senator Tobin

Senator Bjorkman

Senator Stevens

**NCSL Health and Human Services Committee**

Senator Wilson

**NCSL Labor and Economic Development Committee**

Senator Kawasaki

Senator Bjorkman

Senator Wielechowski

**NCSL Natural Resources and Infrastructure Committee**

Senator Giessel  
Senator Kawasaki

**NCSL Task Force on Energy Supply**

Senator Kawasaki

**NCSL Task Force on State and Local Taxation**

Senator Kiehl

**NCSL Nuclear Legislative Working Group**

Senator Giessel  
Senator Bishop

**NCSL Task Force on Military and Veterans' Affairs**

Senator Kawasaki

**CSG National Interbranch Affairs Committee**

Senator Hughes

**Alaska Energy Security Task Force**

Senator Bishop

**Victims' Advocate Selection Committee**

Senator Wilson, Cochair  
Senator Kiehl  
Senator Hughes

**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., March 3, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:32 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**

<b>Mar 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ 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**

<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ 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**		

<b>Mar 03</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**FINANCE**

- 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

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- 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  
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

- 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**

**Mar 01      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**  
 += SB 70    OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>  
 Workforce Challenges in Alaska  
 Presentation by Gloria Burnett, MS, UAA Alaska  
 Center for Rural Health and Health Workforce  
 -- 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**

**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

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 02      Thursday                              Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 02      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 01      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              6:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 -- 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

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**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**

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

**CORRECTIONS (continued)**

- 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**              **12:30 PM**  
 +              Department of Education and Early Development  
 Budget  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
  
- Mar 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **1:00 PM**  
 +              -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Department of Education and Early Development  
 Budget  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**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**

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

**HEALTH (continued)**

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

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**JUDICIARY**

<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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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

<b>Mar 07</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	FY24 Proposed Budget Highlights		

<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	FY24 Marine Highways		

<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	FY24 Airports & Aviation		

<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	FY24 Highways & Roads		

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
+	Closeout		

**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		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Mar 01</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
+	Lunch & Learn Presentation:		
	Peace Corps in Alaska featuring Senator Forrest Dunbar & Brian Holst, Executive Director of the Juneau Economic Development Corporation		
	Sponsored by Senator Tobin		
<b>Mar 02</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Healthcare Startups and Innovation		
	Health TIE and the Alaska Mental Health Trust		
	Sponsored by Senator Kiehl		