

SENATE JOURNAL
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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

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		

EDUCATION

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

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	
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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

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>	
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+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

JUDICIARY

Mar 01	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 80	2023 REVISOR'S BILL -- Invited & Public Testimony --	
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Mar 03	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 03 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

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

STATE AFFAIRS

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

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TRANSPORTATION

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

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		

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

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

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CORRECTIONS (continued)

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	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**		

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> --		

HEALTH

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

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HEALTH (continued)

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

JUDICIARY

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

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

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 07	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY24 Proposed Budget Highlights		

Mar 14	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY24 Marine Highways		

Mar 21	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY24 Airports & Aviation		

Mar 28	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY24 Highways & Roads		

Apr 04	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	Closeout		

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JOINT COMMITTEES

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 09	Thursday	Anch Lio Denali Rm	11:00 AM
-- 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 01	Wednesday	Davis 106	12:00 PM
+	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		
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			