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Fifty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Bishop at 10:35 a.m.

The roll showed fifteen members present. Senators Bjorkman, Dunbar, Merrick were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Shower, Stevens were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Thank you God for Fridays. Thank you for endings and hopefully a promise of rest.

Thank you for all those who once sat in these chairs and served in this place. Those who've died, who've moved to other vocations, who've experienced defeat; those who were easy company and those who were challenging. Thank you for endings that keep life and time in perspective; the comfort of knowing this too shall pass.

Thank you for endings so we may know beginnings. Out of death comes life, out of the dust comes new creation. This Friday, help us give thanks for endings instead of fearing them. Then may we have the courage to use our time wisely here and now. Give us grace to listen for wisdom in our opponent's view even if it goes against our agenda.

Give us the humility to remember we all will end and pass this land, this state onto generations to come. Give us hope to see abundance and possibility instead of scarcity and fear.

Thank you God for Fridays. Thank you for the leaders gathered here today and for the legacy they leave. Amen.

Senator Claman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated March 9 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submit the following list of appointees for confirmation:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

John Morris – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/8/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Eric Feige – Chickaloon

Appointed: 3/8/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Michael Flores – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/11/2020 Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/8/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The appointment was referred to the Resources Committee.

Board of Social Work Examiners

Stacy Stone – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/8/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

State Commission for Human Rights

Shiela Cernich – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/8/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Communications

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

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
2022 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 16.43.980

Notice of Availability:
Alaska Judicial Council
Thirty-First Report 2021 - 2022
to the Legislature and Supreme Court
in accordance with art. IV, sec. 9, Constitution of the State of Alaska

Standing Committee Reports**SB 16**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day."

Signing do pass: Senator Dunbar, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 51

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 51 "An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Tobin, Kaufman, Dunbar, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 53

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to involuntary civil commitments" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(HSS) "An Act relating to competency to stand trial; relating to involuntary civil commitments; relating to victims' rights during certain civil commitment proceedings; and amending Rule 42(a), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure."

Signing amend: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senator Tobin. Signing no recommendation: Senators Dunbar, Giessel, Kaufman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Family and Community Services

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 57

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 57 "An Act relating to medical assistance for recipients of Medicaid waivers; establishing an adult care home license and procedures; providing for the transition of individuals from foster care to adult home care settings; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 6

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Honoring the Alaska-Korea relationship; and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and the 120th anniversary of the first Korean immigration to the United States, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 4

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 4 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.

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

SJR 9

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent
fund, appropriations from the permanent fund, and
the permanent fund dividend.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 20

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 20 BY
SENATOR KAUFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to
the budget responsibilities of the governor; and
providing for an effective date."

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

SB 99

SENATE BILL NO. 99 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act establishing a financial literacy education course for public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 100

SENATE BILL NO. 100 BY SENATOR TOBIN, entitled:

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam - Connie Louise Ford
Representative(s) Groh
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Tobin

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Chris Etwiler
Senator(s) Stevens

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business**SB 99**

Senators Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Tobin, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 99 "An Act establishing a financial literacy education course for public schools; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 100

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 100 "An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 95

Senator Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 95 "An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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., March 13, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:46 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

Mar 14 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 16 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 77 MUNI PROP TAX EXEMPTION/TAX BLIGHTED PROP
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Presentation: Housing Alaskans - A Public
 Private Partnership by Preston Simmons,
 DSc. Chair Michele Brown, Senior Fellow,
 Rasmusson Foundation
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION

Mar 10 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Presentation: Public Education Funding in Alaska:
 Constitutional Requirements and Legal Precedents
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 Presentation: Foundation Funding Formula for
 Public Education in Alaska by Legislative Finance
 Division
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 13 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + SB 13 UNIVERSITY: TEXTBOOKS/MATERIALS COST
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Dr. Paul Layer, Vice President: Academics,
 Students & Research, University of Alaska
 System; Michael Ciri, Vice Chancellor for
 Administration, UAS; Denise Runge, Provost, UAA
 Presentation: Public Education Funding in
 Alaska: Constitutional Requirements and Legal
 Precedents by Howard Trickey,
 Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
 Presentation: Pupil Transportation by
 Alaska Department of EED
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 15 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:30 AM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 Presentation: Alaska State Board of Education
 and Early Development by James Fields, State
 Board Chair;
 Heidi Teshner, DEED Acting Commissioner
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 17 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Mar 10 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 Presentation: Power Cost Equalization Endowment
 Fund Performance by Department of Revenue
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 14 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 81 OFFICE OF VICTIMS' RIGHTS: COMPENSATION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 29 CIVICS EDUCATION; EST AK CVCS ED COMM
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 98 POWER COST EQUALIZATION ENDOWMENT FUND
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 15 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Presentation: Alaska Industrial Development &
 Export Authority by Randy Ruaro, Ex. Director
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Presentation: Alaska's Economy by Dan Robinson,
 Research Chief, Dept. of Labor; Brett Watson ISER
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 17 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Presentation: 404 Primacy - Clean Water Act
 Permitting by Randy Bates, Dept of
 Environmental Conservation
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 14 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Commissioner-Designee Kim Kovol, Department of
 Family and Community Services
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 16 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + SB 53 FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 13 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + SB 61 US PRESIDENT ELECT. POPULAR VOTE COMPACT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 15 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 += SB 53 FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 12 ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 17 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Mar 10 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Mar 13 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 88 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 15 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 88 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Mar 17 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 += SB 70 OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 88 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

- Mar 10 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + SB 49 CARBON STORAGE
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 - **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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- Mar 13 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + HJR 5 ALASKA FISHERIES; TROLL FISHERIES
 - Invited & Public Testimony --
 - Amy Daugherty, Executive Director, Alaska Trollers Association; Tim O'Connor, Craig Mayor; Dani Evenson, ADF&G, Alaska Treaty Coordinator
 - + SB 67 PFAS USE FIREFIGHTING
 - Public Testimony --
 - + SB 49 CARBON STORAGE
 - Kevin Connors, Assistant Director for Regulatory Compliance and Energy Policy with the Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC)
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 - **Streamed live on AKL.tv**
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- Mar 15 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + SB 68 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR WATER RIGHTS
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 - Christy Colles, Director, Dept. of Mining Land and Water (DNR); Tom Barrett, Section Chief of Water, DMLW, DNR
 - + SB 34 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMM ON FEDERAL AREAS
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 - Tina Cuning, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Expert; Ted Spraker, President, Safari Club International, Kenai
 - + SB 87 LUMBER GRADING PROGRAM
 - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 - Jeremy Douse, Northern Region Forester, DNR Division of Forestry and Fire Protection; Helge Eng, Director, DNR Division of Forestry and Fire Protection
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 - **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

RESOURCES (continued)

Mar 17 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 72 NATL. RES. WATER NOMINATION/DESIGNATION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Randy Bates, Director, Division of Water, (DEC)
 Presentation: Heavy Oil Recovery by
 Abhijit Dandekar, Ph.D, Professor and Chair,
 Department of Petroleum Engineering, UAF
 College of Engineering and Mines
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 14 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + SB 46 BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 21 STRATEGIC PLANS FOR STATE AGENCIES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 9 ALASKA SUNSET COMMISSION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 16 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 14 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Presentation: Advanced Air Mobility by
 Nick Adkins, Deputy Director of Alaska Center
 for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration, UAF
 Ryan Marlow, CMS, UAS Program Coordinator,
 DOTP&F Statewide Aviation
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Mar 16 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
Presentation: Alaska Railroad Corporation
Overview by Bill O'Leary, President & CEO,
Alaska Railroad Corporation
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

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

CORRECTIONS

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

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mar 14 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
+ Department of Family & Community Services
Budget Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 28 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
+ Department of Family & Community Services
Budget Overview
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FISH & GAME

- Mar 16 Thursday Senate Finance 532 11:00 AM**
 -- Rescheduled from 03/09/23 --
 Budget Overview
- Mar 21 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 11:00 AM**
 Budget Overview

HEALTH

- Mar 15 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Department of Health Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Mar 16 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + -- Please Note Time Change --
 Department of Health Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Mar 27 Monday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM**
 + Department of Health Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

JUDICIARY

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

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Mar 10 Friday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM**
 + FY24 Department Overview

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 16 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ FY24 Budget Overview

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 14 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ FY24 Highways & Roads

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

Mar 28 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ FY24 Marine Highways

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