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Monday

March 13, 2023

Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Guy Crockroft, Executive Director of Love In The Name of Christ. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for this day and for this body, the Alaska Senate, as they meet together to do the people's business. Bless them as they serve and grant them the ability to love each other, even when they have differences of opinion.

As we read in I Corinthians 13 "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Lord, in accordance with your unconditional love, may you help each Senator as they work together today.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen.

Senator Dunbar led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Standing Committee Reports**SB 38**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 38 "An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."

Signing do pass: Senator Olson, Cochair; Senators Wilson, Merrick.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Administration

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SJR 10**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 BY SENATOR GIESSEL,

Encouraging Alaska's Congressional delegation and the federal government to raise Medicare reimbursement rates to meet the actual cost of care for the state's senior citizens.

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 80**

SENATE BILL NO. 80 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 80 will advance to third reading on the March 15 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - Theresa Bannister
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

Honoring - Nick Carpenter
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

Honoring - Salome Hanauer
Senator(s) Myers

Honoring - Lathrop High School Football Team, 2022 Alaska State Champions
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Tomaszewski, Dibert

Honoring - Richard "Dick" Olson
Senator(s) Myers

Honoring - Michael Armstrong
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Stevens

In Memoriam - Timothy McKay
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - Ruth May
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - Dr. Fredric M. Husby
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - John Edward Ellis
Senator(s) Myers

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

SJR 10

Senators Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski, Tobin, Dunbar, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 Encouraging Alaska's Congressional delegation and the federal government to raise Medicare reimbursement rates to meet the actual cost of care for the state's senior citizens. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 67

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 67 "An Act relating to firefighting substances; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 99

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor 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.

Announcements

Senator Tobin, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived for the Education Committee meeting on March 15. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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 15, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:24 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 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,		

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EDUCATION (continued)**(Continued from Previous Page)**

Williamson & Wyatt
 Presentation: Pupil Transportation by
 Alaska Department of EED
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 15 Wednesday Davis 106 8:30 AM

-- Please Note Time & Location Change --
 Uniform Rule 23(a) Waived
 Joint meeting with the House Education Committee
 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 13 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

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

FINANCE (continued)

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 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 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 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

RESOURCES (continued)

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

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

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

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

Mar 14	Tuesday 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	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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Mar 16	Thursday Presentation: Alaska Railroad Corporation Overview by Bill O'Leary, President & CEO, Alaska Railroad Corporation -- Teleconference <Listen Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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		