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Seventieth Day

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

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Dani Cherian, Valley Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Thank you for this new day and for calling each Senator and their staff here, to accomplish your will today. I ask that you refresh and bless them and give them energy as they make decisions for Alaska.

Lord, Give them wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and guidance so that success will come from their effort.

“Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.” (Prov 11:14)

If wisdom is needed, you say to ask you and you will give it to those who ask.

As decisions that need to be made pass through their hands, I pray that you would give them wise counsel to make just decisions for our state.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

Senator Kawasaki led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Standing Committee Reports

HB 79

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Olson, Cochairs; Senators Kiehl, Merrick, Bishop.

The bill is on today's calendar.

HJR 10

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods; and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the rule.

Signing do pass: Senators Bishop, Giessel, Cochairs; Senators Dunbar, Kaufman, Wielechowski. Signing no recommendation: Senator Claman. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Resources Committee.

The resolution is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 115**

SENATE BILL NO. 115 BY SENATOR TOBIN BY REQUEST,
entitled:

"An Act relating to physician assistants; relating to physicians; and relating to health care insurance policies."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Labor and Commerce Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of House Bills****HB 79**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 79(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) 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.

Senator Giessel moved for the adoption of the constitutional budget reserve fund section(s).

The question being: "Shall the constitutional budget reserve fund section(s) (Article IX, Section 17(c) Constitution of the State of Alaska) be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 79(FIN)

Adopt Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund Section(s)?

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

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

Nays: Shower

and so, the constitutional budget reserve fund section was adopted, and the bill was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Second Reading of House Resolutions**HJR 10**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 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 second time.

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

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods; and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the rule, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 10

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Kiehl, Tobin

and so, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Third Reading of House Resolutions**HJR 4**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 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, was read the third time.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 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, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 4

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

and so, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Commemorating – Law Enforcement Memorial Day January 9, 2023
Representative(s) Tilton

Honoring – Gail Fenumiai
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

Honoring – Lieutenant General Craig Campbell
Representative(s) Allard

Honoring – Lindsay Weaver
Representative(s) Stapp, Tomaszewski
Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam – Robert Lee Smay
Senator(s) Kaufman
Representative(s) Shaw, Coulombe

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 29. Without objection, Senator Shower was excused.

SB 13

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act relating to costs of and charges for textbooks and other course materials required for University of Alaska courses; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 111

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to payment of legislator salaries; disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; 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 29, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:30 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 28	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 103	PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING PROGRAM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 77	MUNI PROP TAX EXEMPTION/TAX BLIGHTED PROP		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 30	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 27	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Presentation: Alaska Early Environmental Scan		
	by Tamar Ben-Yosef, Executive Director of the All		
	Alaska Pediatric Partnership		
	Presentation: Challenges Facing Alaska's		
	Childcare Sector by Stephanie Bergland, CEO of		
	Thread Alaska		
	Presentation: Kids Count Data Book by		
	Trevor Storrs, President and CEO of the Alaska		
	Children's Trust		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION (continued)

Mar 29	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 99	FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE IN SCHOOLS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Presentation: Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program by Herb Schroeder, Vice Provost and Founder of ANSEP		
	Presentation: Alaska EXCEL by Carol Wilson, Executive Director; Billijo Mills, Deputy Director; Christa Wilson, Director of Finance; Ole Chief, Instructor		
	Presentation: Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center by Doug Walrath, NACTEC Director		
	Presentation: Alaska Technical Center by Terri Walker, Superintendent of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District		
	Karl Kowalski, Director of the Alaska Technical Center		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 31	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 27	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ HB 79	APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Overview: Governor's Amendments to FY24 Operating & FY23 Supplemental		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 28	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 12	ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 57	ADULT HOME CARE; MED ASSISTANCE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 62	RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Mar 29	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Consideration of Governor's Appointee: Anita Halterman, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Overview: University of Alaska - FY24 Operating and Capital - Subcommittee of the Whole Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+			
Mar 30	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Presentation: Retirement Income Comparisons - Pensions vs. 401(k) by David Teal, Consultant to the Senate Finance Committee Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+			
Mar 31	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 98	POWER COST EQUALIZATION ENDOWMENT FUND		
+ SB 114	OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; INCOME TAX		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 28	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: David Paulson - State Medical Board; Anita Halterman, John Morris - Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+			
Mar 30	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SJR 10	MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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JUDICIARY

Mar 27	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 104	CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+			

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 29	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Commission on Judicial Conduct Todd Fletcher - Anchorage -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Consideration of Governor's Appointees: State Board of Parole Sarah Possenti - Fairbanks -- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 37	CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 53	FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 31	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 64	CONTROLLED SUB.;HOMICIDE;GOOD TIME DEDUC. -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 27	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 74	PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 75	AUD. & SPEECH-LANG INTERSTATE COMPACT -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 84	MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 45	DIRECT HEALTH AGREEMENT: NOT INSURANCE -- Invited & Public Testimony -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 29	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 83	PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+ SB 93	FISHERMEN'S FUND: VESSEL OWNER CLAIMS		
+ SB 88	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT. -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 31 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 83 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 84 MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 89 AGE FOR TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Mar 27 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HJR 11 ADDRESS AIR POLLUTION IN FAIRBANKS
 <Pending Referral>
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Nick Czarnecki, Fairbanks North Star Borough Air
 Quality Manager
 Presentation: Alaska Bycatch Review Task Force
 Overview by Stephanie Madsen, Alaska Bycatch
 Review Task (ABRT) Member, Co-chair of Western
 Alaska Salmon Committee; and Linda Kozak, ABRT
 Member, Chair of Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska
 Crab Committee
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 34 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMM ON FEDERAL AREAS
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 29 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += HJR 11 ADDRESS AIR POLLUTION IN FAIRBANKS
 <Pending Referral>
 Nick Czarnecki, Fairbanks North Star Borough Air
 Quality Manager
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 92 STATE OWNERSHIP OF SUBMERGED LAND
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Brent Goodrum, Deputy Commissioner, Department of
 Natural Resources (DNR); Jim Walker, Chief Public
 Access Assertion and Defense (PAAD) Section,
 Division of Mining, Land And Water (DMLW), DNR;
 Daniel Hovancsek, Natural Resource Specialist,

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PAAD, DMLW, DNR; Mike Sewright, Retired Assistant Attorney General; and John Sturgeon, President, Safari Club International Alaska Club
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 31 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Presentation: Cook Inlet Update by Colleen Glover, Tax Division Director, Department of Revenue; and Dan Stickel, Chief Economist, Department of Revenue
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 28 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 30 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Presentation: Alaska Defense Force Overview by Dr. Craig Christensen, Deputy Commissioner Military and Veterans Affairs; Brigadier General Simon Brown AK Defense Force; Angela Laflamme Legislative Liaison, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
 + SB 71 PAY FOR AK DEFENSE FORCE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Mar 30 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SJR 11 WESTERN AK/ARCTIC OIL SPILL RESPONSE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Mar 28 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled to 04/13/23 --
 + Department of Family & Community Services
 Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Apr 13 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled from 03/28/23 --
 + Department of Family & Community Services
 Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

HEALTH

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

Mar 29 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:30 PM
 -- Rescheduled to 04/13/23 --
 Department of Health Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Apr 13 Thursday Butrovich 205 4:00 PM
 -- Rescheduled from 03/29/23 --
 Department of Health Budget Overview
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 28 +	Tuesday FY24 Marine Highways	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Apr 04 +	Tuesday Closeout	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

OTHER MEETINGS**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

Mar 27	Monday Lunch and Learn Presentation: Alaska's Diverse Manufacturing Industry and Opportunities for Growth By: Dr. Alyssa Rodrigues Sponsored by: Senator Dunbar	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Mar 28	Tuesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska's Changing Arctic: Energy Issues and Trends by Amy Lovecraft, Director, Center for Arctic Policy Studies Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki	Davis 106	12:00 PM
Mar 28	Tuesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Healthcare Startups and Innovation in Alaska by Jacqueline Summers, Executive Director of Health TIE Sponsored by Senator Kiehl	Butrovich 205	12:01 PM
Mar 29	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: An Introduction to the Uniform Law Commission by Andrew Hemenway, Uniform Law Commission Alaska Delegate and Rebecca Polizzotto, Alaska Delegation Chair Sponsored by Senator Donald Olson	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM