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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**April 3, 2023**

**Seventy-seventh Day**

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

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Hughes, Myers, Shower were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Zaxon Tomaszewski, Senate Page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our  
debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into  
temptation but deliver from evil. For Thine is the  
Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever, Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Hughes, Myers, Shower be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Hughes, Myers, Shower were excused.

**Messages from the Governor****HJR 4**

Message dated March 31 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:

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.

**Legislative Resolve No. 4**

Letter dated March 31 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 appointee(s) for confirmation:

**Board of Fisheries**

Gerad Godfrey – Eagle River

Appointed: 7/1/2023

Term Expires: 7/1/2026

Greg Svendsen – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2023

Term Expires: 7/1/2026

Mike Wood – Talkeetna

Appointed: 7/1/2023

Term Expires: 7/1/2026

**Board of Game**

Jacob Fletcher – Talkeetna

Appointed: 6/30/2020

Term Expires: 7/1/2023

Reappointed: 7/1/2023

Term Expires: 7/1/2026

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Stanley Hoffman – Bethel

Appointed: 11/13/2008

Term Expired: 7/1/2011

Reappointed: 7/1/2011

Term Expired: 7/1/2014

Reappointed: 7/1/2014

Term Expired: 7/1/2017

Reappointed: 7/1/2017

Term Expired: 6/30/2020

Reappointed: 6/30/2020

Term Expires: 7/1/2023

Reappointed: 7/1/2023

Term Expires: 7/1/2026

David Lorrington – Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/1/2023

Term Expires: 7/1/2026

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

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

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated March 31 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

### **First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

#### **HB 23**

HOUSE BILL NO. 23 BY REPRESENTATIVES MINA, Himschoot, Schrage, Wright, Groh, Ruffridge, Edgmon, Carpenter, Foster, Prax, Coulombe, Allard, Sumner, Shaw, Cronk, D.Johnson, Mears, Story, Tomaszewski, McCormick, Armstrong, Gray, Galvin, Ortiz, Fields, Josephson, Stutes, Tilton, entitled:

"An Act establishing the month of October as  
Filipino American History Month."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 78**

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCORMICK, Schrage, Groh, Dibert, Fields, Carrick, Himschoot, Armstrong, Edgmon, Josephson, Cronk, Story, C.Johnson, Galvin, Mina, Mears, Ortiz, Tomaszewski, Stapp, Stutes, Wright, entitled:

"An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 12**

The Finance 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 the adoption of the Judiciary Committee Substitute offered on page 507.

Signing do pass: Senators Olson, Hoffman, Cochairs; Senator Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senators Merrick, Bishop. Signing amend: Senator Wilson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 84**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 84 "An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to money transmission licenses, licensure requirements, and registration through the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to money transmission license exemptions; relating to payroll processing services; repealing currency exchange licenses; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Bishop, Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 122**

SENATE BILL NO. 122 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state; relating to highly digitized businesses subject to the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Citations**

Honoring – Homer High School Mariners Football Team  
Representative(s) Vance

Honoring – 2023 Alaska School Activities Association Alaska High  
School Hall of Fame Inductees  
Representative(s) Cronk  
Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring – Jason Mackey, 2023 Iditarod Red Lantern Award Musher  
Representative(s) Tomaszewski  
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.

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 – Junior Achievement of Alaska  
Senator(s) Bjorkman, Wielechowski

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**

**HB 78**

Senators Kawasaki, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 78 "An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**HB 78**

Senator Dunbar, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Community and Regional Affairs Committee referral be waived on HOUSE BILL NO. 78 "An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day." The Community and Regional Affairs Committee passed SENATE BILL NO. 16 (a similar bill) out of committee (page 452) with a do pass recommendation. Without objection, the bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from the morning of April 14 through the evening of April 16. Without objection, Senator Dunbar was excused.

**HB 23**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Merrick, Claman, Bishop, Kawasaki, Wielechowski, Tobin, Kiehl, Dunbar, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 23 "An Act establishing the month of October as Filipino American History Month." 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., April 5, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:14 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**

**Apr 04      Tuesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      1:30 PM**

+ = SB 103 PEER SUPPORT COUNSELING PROGRAM  
Presentation: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit Alaska Working Group by Kendra Kloster, Co-Director, Law & Policy, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center; Kelsey Potdevin, Education and Outreach Manager, Alaska Native Justice Center; Emily Edenshaw, President & CEO, Alaska Native Heritage Center; Dr. Charlene Aqpik Apok, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Data For Indigenous Justice  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 06      Thursday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      1:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled



**EDUCATION**

**Apr 03      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**

- + SB 113 REAA FUND: MT. EDGE CUMBE, TEACHER HOUSING  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 97 TEACHER RECRUITMENT; LUMP SUM PAYMENT  
- Invited & Public Testimony -
- + SB 110 SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSUR  
--- Invited & Public Testimony ---  
Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
University of AK Board of Regents - Joey Crum  
-- Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 05      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**

- + SB 99 FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE IN SCHOOLS  
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 120 EXTEND EDUCATION TAX CREDITS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
University of AK Board of Regents - John Jepson  
-- Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 07      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              3:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Apr 03      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- + SB 55 EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD
- + SB 12 ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM
- + HB 62 RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT FUND
- + SB 58 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY: POSTPARTUM MOTHERS

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 22	PROCLAIM JUNETEENTH DAY A HOLIDAY <Invited & Public Testimony> <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ SB 74	PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT <Invited & Public Testimony> <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ SB 75	AUD. & SPEECH-LANG INTERSTATE COMPACT <Invited & Public Testimony> <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 106	HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED WAIVER SERVICES -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**JUDICIARY**

<b>Apr 03</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: - State Commission for Human Rights - Alaska Police Standards Council -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+ SB 37	CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Apr 05      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 += SB 53 FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 20 APPROPRIATION LIMIT; GOV BUDGET  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SJR 4 CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 07      Friday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Apr 03      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 94 PROFESSION OF PHARMACY  
                  -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 89 AGE FOR TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG  
                  -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
                  \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 05      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 85 PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY  
                  -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
                  -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 45 DIRECT HEALTH AGREEMENT: NOT INSURANCE  
                  -- Public Testimony -- <Time Limit May Be Set>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
                  \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 07      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

<b>Apr 03</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Board of Fisheries: Stanley Zuray		
	Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Big Game Commercial Services Board: Larry Kunder		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ HB 103	EXTEND ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 78	HUNT/FISH LICENSE FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENT		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Presentation: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)		
	Overview by Curtis Thayer, Executive Director of Alaska Energy Authority and Bryan Carey, Director of Owed Assets, Alaska Energy Authority		
	Presentation: Interior Gas Utility (IGU) Update		
	by Dan Britton, General Manager, Interior Gas Utility and Elena Sudduth, Director of Public Relations and Customer Service, Interior Gas Utility		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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STATE AFFAIRS

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Apr 04</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Edward Sinclair, Board of Marine Pilots		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:40 PM</b>
	Budget Closeout		

**CORRECTIONS**

<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:20 PM</b>
	Budget Closeout		

**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

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

HEALTH

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

<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	Budget Closeout		
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TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

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