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April 12, 2023

Eighty-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, Pastor Eugene Williams, First Baptist Church Juneau. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of all glory,

How shall we present ourselves to You this day but in such a way as to plead our total dependence upon You? As Creator, You have established our presence upon this planet. You will sustain our very lives until the day of our last breath. You have provided ample opportunities for everyone in this place to respond to the glorious salvation found in Your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

I plead in the name of Jesus this morning that You would grant each of us more opportunities to recognize and to respond to Your will for mankind. Help us today to worship You and not to worship Your creation. Strengthen these Senators today and in the days ahead to accomplish thorough research, to set forth well thought out recommendations and to cast votes that will please and honor You.

Continue to remind us of our own weaknesses in the light of Your majestic might. And may we never forget that our time on this earth is fleeting. Help us to accomplish the tasks that we have been assigned with a fervor not unlike that exhibited through Elijah on Mount Carmel as You defeated the false prophets. And then help each of us not to be fearful of any threats from others as Elijah was intimidated by Jezebel. Remind us of our Savior's words in the gospel of Matthew: "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (10:28).

Lord God, the work before us is great and the distractions are many. But You are greater than all. Help us this day.

I pray these things this day in the name of Jesus, the one and only living Son of God. Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the eighty-fifth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

Disclosure letters received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, in accordance with AS 24.60, will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 4.

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated April 11 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Health and Social Services 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.

State Medical Board

David Barnes

Signing the report: Senator Wilson, Chair; Senators Tobin, Kaufman, Dunbar, Giessel.

SB 106

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 106 "An Act relating to home- and community-based services under the medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 127**

SENATE BILL NO. 127 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to vehicle rental taxes; relating to the issuance of subpoenas related to tax records; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 128

SENATE BILL NO. 128 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act temporarily closing the commercial salmon fishery in a portion of the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 81**

SENATE BILL NO. 81 "An Act relating to the office of victims' rights; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 81 will advance to third reading on the April 14 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 55**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 55(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 SENATE BILL NO. 55(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 and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Grace Christian School Grizzlies 2023 3A Girls Basketball State Champions
Representative(s) Coulombe, Shaw

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Representative(s) Coulombe, Shaw

Honoring – Denali Elementary School
Representative(s) Dibert
Senator(s) Kawasaki

Honoring – Scott Roleff
Representative(s) Allard

Honoring – Nome Arts Council's Fiftieth Anniversary
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson

Honoring – 2022 Anchorage Eagle Scouts
Representative(s) Groh, Fields, Gray

Honoring – 2022 Gold Award Girl Scouts
Representative(s) Groh, Galvin, Himschoot

In Memoriam – Larry J. Hackenmiller
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Prax, Stapp

In Memoriam – Charles “Chuck” Leo Milles
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Myers
Representative(s) Tomaszewski

In Memoriam – Carol Ann Heeks Brice
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam – Dwight Eduard Morris
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam – Clayton Lowell Ellington
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Stevens

In Memoriam – George Jeffrey Cobb
Representative(s) Carrick, Cronk

In Memoriam – Lucinda Miranda
Representative(s) Allard

In Memoriam – William “Bill” Black
Representative(s) Dibert
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam – Sam Foist-Swat
Representative(s) Rauscher
Senator(s) Shower

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 Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, April 19 through morning plane time, April 20. Without objection, Senator Tobin was excused.

SB 119

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 119 "An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to state identifications issued by the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to misconduct involving confidential information; relating to voter identification; relating to identification for fishing permits; relating to identification for debtor financing statements; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent President Stevens be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, May 18 through evening plane time, May 21. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 55**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., April 14, 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 13 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Apr 12 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: State Board of Education and Early Development - James Fields
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 110 SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSUR
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Presentation: Parents as Teachers Program by Alaska Department of Education and Early Development
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 14 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 99 FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE IN SCHOOLS
 += SB 120 EXTEND EDUCATION TAX CREDITS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE

- Apr 12 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+= SB 107 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND; POMV SPLIT
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 12 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**
-- Please Note Time Change --
+ SB 67 PFAS USE FIREFIGHTING
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ SB 87 LUMBER GRADING PROGRAM
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ SB 104 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+= SB 114 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; INCOME TAX
- Apr 13 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ SB 52 INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 13 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM**
-- Please Note Time Change --
+ SB 52 INCREASE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 14 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+= SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
Presentation: Earnings Reserve Account by
Deven Mitchell, CEO, APFC
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 13 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 12 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 -- Delayed to 2:30 PM --
 + SB 28 **WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 14 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 12 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 83 **PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS**
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 + SB 126 **ARCHITECT/ENGINEER REGISTRATION BOARD**
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 += SB 94 **PROFESSION OF PHARMACY**
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 73 **REGISTER INTERIOR DESIGNERS**
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 04/10/23>
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 14 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Apr 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Board
 of Game: Jacob Fletcher
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 92 STATE OWNERSHIP OF SUBMERGED LAND
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 69 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Presentation: Alaska’s Geothermal by
 Bernie Karl, President, Chena Power
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 78 HUNT/FISH LICENSE FOR NONRESIDENT STUDENT
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 14 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 92 STATE OWNERSHIP OF SUBMERGED LAND
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Consideration of Governor’s Appointees: Board
 of Fisheries Appointees: Gerad Godfrey, Greg
 Svendsen, Mike Wood
 Big Game Commercial Services Board:
 Michael Flores
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 13 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 71 PAY FOR AK DEFENSE FORCE
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 32 CHOKEHOLD BAN
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 119 STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR PRISONERS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 13 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 123 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: COMM. DRIVERS
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Apr 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 6:40 PM
Budget Closeout

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Apr 12 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 8:15 AM
+ Department of Commerce, Community & Economic
Development Budget Closeout
Streamed live on AKL.tv

CORRECTIONS

Apr 12 Wednesday Butrovich 205 6:20 PM
Budget Closeout

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Apr 12 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
+ Department of Education & Early Development
Budget Closeout
Streamed live on AKL.tv

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Apr 13 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:00 AM**
+ Overview: Subcommittee Closeout

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

FISH & GAME

Apr 12 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:30 AM**
+ Department of Fish & Game Budget Closeout
Streamed live on AKL.tv

GOVERNOR

Apr 14 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **12:00 PM**
Subcommittee Budget Closeout

HEALTH

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

JUDICIARY

Apr 12 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **6:00 PM**
Budget Closeout

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Apr 14 +	Friday FY 24 Operating Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
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LAW

Apr 13 +	Thursday Finance Subcommittee Close-Out Meeting	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
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Apr 13 +	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Finance Subcommittee Close-Out Meeting	Senate Finance 532	6:30 PM
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LEGISLATURE

Apr 14	Friday Subcommittee Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	12:05 PM
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MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Apr 13 +	Thursday Overview: Subcommittee Closeout	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:30 AM
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Apr 13 +	Thursday FY 24 Operating Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Apr 13 +	Thursday Finance Subcommittee Close-Out Meeting	Senate Finance 532	5:15 PM
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REVENUE

Apr 13 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:15 AM**
+ Overview: Subcommittee Closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Apr 13 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **12:00 PM**
 Subcommittee Budget Closeout