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Monday

April 17, 2023

Ninety-first Day

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Wilson was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Kermit Wilson, Safe Harbor Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your love and grace that sustains us this day. I ask for your blessings upon our legislators, their staff, and families. Thank you for the sacrifice that they are making for the good of Alaska. Grant greater wisdom, insight and partnership as they make serve the peoples of Alaska.

I humbly ask you watch over our fellow Alaskans. Grant them safety, and provision for every need. God, may the decisions made this day be for the good of all Alaskans.

Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated April 14 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 69**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(CRA) BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the reclassification of first class cities as second class cities; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 123

HOUSE BILL NO. 123 BY REPRESENTATIVES C.JOHNSON, Edgmon, McCormick, Foster, Galvin, Ruffridge, Mina, Patkotak, Cronk, Stapp, Story, McKay, entitled:

"An Act relating to an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a corporation organized under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alaska Energy Authority
Round 15 Renewable Energy Fund
Status Report
in accordance with AS 42.45.045

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated April 14 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Resources 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.

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Michael Flores

Board of Fisheries

Mike Wood
Greg Svendsen
Gerad Godfrey

Signing the report: Senators Bishop, Giessel, Cochairs; Senators Kawasaki, Claman, Wielechowski, Kaufman.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 130**

SENATE BILL NO. 130 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 58**

SENATE BILL NO. 58 "An Act relating to Medicaid eligibility; expanding eligibility for postpartum mothers; conditioning the expansion of eligibility on approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 58 will advance to third reading on the April 19 calendar.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 78**

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 "An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE BILL NO. 78 will advance to third reading on the April 19 calendar.

Third Reading of House Bills**HB 103**

HOUSE BILL NO. 103 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 103 "An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 103

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Wilson

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 103 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

Citations

Honoring – Jeff Landfield
 Senator(s) Kaufman, Gray-Jackson
 Representative(s) Josephson

Honoring – Justus Trayer
 Senator(s) Wielechowski
 Representative(s) Mears

Honoring – Zori Opanasevych
 Senator(s) Wielechowski
 Representative(s) Mears

Honoring – University of Alaska Anchorage Culinary Arts Program
 Representative(s) Wright
 Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Police Department
 Representative(s) Wright
 Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring – University of Alaska Anchorage & Alaska Pacific
 University Consortium Library
 Representative(s) Wright
 Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring – Glacier Kings Hockey Team
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Stevens

Honoring – Niniichik High School Boys Basketball 2023 2A State
Champions
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Stevens

In Memoriam – John W. Sipary
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam – Evan “Toby” Tobler
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Wright

In Memoriam – Lieutenant Colonel Harold Braspeninckx (Ret.)
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Wright

In Memoriam - Gregory & Edithanne Gabriel
Representative(s) Ruffridge
Senator(s) Bjorkman

In Memoriam – Louis Hayden Green, Sr.
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson, Tobin

In Memoriam – Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.
Representative(s) Saddler
Senator(s) Stedman, Merrick

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**SB 103**

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 103 "An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 12

Senators Tobin, Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on 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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from April 19 through April 21. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

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 19, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:27 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 18 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 79 RECLASSIFICATION OF FIRST CLASS CITIES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 20 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 79 RECLASSIFICATION OF FIRST CLASS CITIES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Overview: ANCSA 14(c)(3) and the Municipal
 Lands Trustee Program
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Apr 17 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 99 FINANCIAL LITERACY COURSE IN SCHOOLS
 Presentation: Parents as Teachers Program
 Update from the Alaska Department of Health by
 Emily Urlacher, Public Health Specialist II
 Mack Wood, Public Health Informaticist II
 Christie Reinhardt, Health Program Manager III
 Presentation: Special Education in Alaska by
 Elwin Blackwell, DEED School Finance Manager
 Donald Enoch, DEED Special Education
 Administrator
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION (continued)

- Apr 19 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 Presentation: Teachers Like Us: Strategies for
 Increasing Educator Diversity by
 Lynn Olson, former Deputy Director of the Bill
 and Melinda Gates Foundation
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 21 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
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FINANCE

- Apr 17 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 Subcommittee of the Whole - University of
 Alaska FY24 Budget Closeout
 += SB 98 POWER COST EQUALIZATION ENDOWMENT FUND
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 107 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND; POMV SPLIT
- Apr 17 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 + SB 34 CITIZEN ADVISORY COMM ON FEDERAL AREAS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 + SB 122 APPORTION TAXABLE INCOME;DIGITAL BUSINESS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 18 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + HB 54 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; REAPPROP; AMENDING
 <Pending Referral>
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 += SB 54 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; REAPPROP; AMENDING
 Overview by Neil Steininger, Director, Office of
 Management and Budget
 += SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
 Overview by Neil Steininger, Director, Office of
 Management and Budget

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

- + SB 29 CIVICS EDUCATION; EST AK CVCS ED COMM
- + SB 87 LUMBER GRADING PROGRAM
- + SB 104 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 18 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

- + SB 74 PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT
- + SB 75 AUD. & SPEECH-LANG INTERSTATE COMPACT
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 19 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

- + HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
<Pending Referral>
- + HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
<Pending Referral>
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 19 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

- + SB 53 FIVE-YEAR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
<Time Limit May Be Set>
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 20 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

For Juneau, Southeast, Prince William Sound, &
Kodiak Please Sign Up By 10:15 am

- + HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
<Pending Referral>
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
<Pending Referral>
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
<Time Limit May Be Set For All Public
Testimony>
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Apr 20 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

For Fairbanks, Interior, & Copper River Valley

Please Sign Up by 2:45 pm

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
<Pending Referral>

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
<Pending Referral>

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 21 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

For Nome, Bethel, Kotzebue, Utqiagvik,

Unalaska, Dillingham & Offnets

Please sign up by 10:15 am

+ HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
<Pending Referral>

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
<Pending Referral>

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 21 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM

For Anchorage, Mat-Su Valley, Kenai

Peninsula Please sign up by 2:45 pm

+ HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
<Pending Referral>

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
<Pending Referral>

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 41 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 17 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Alaska
 Judicial Council - Dennis DeWitt
 + -- Public Testimony --
 Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Board
 of Governors of the Alaska Bar - William Granger
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 61 US PRESIDENT ELECT. POPULAR VOTE COMPACT
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 19 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 65 HARASSMENT; SEX OFFENDERS & OFFENSES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 70 OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 21 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 84 MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 128 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY CLOSURE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 17 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 83 PROFESSIONAL LICENSING; TEMP PERMITS
- + SB 94 PROFESSION OF PHARMACY
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + HB 56 CONTROLLED SUB. DATA: EXEMPT ANIMAL RX
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 19 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 45 DIRECT HEALTH AGREEMENT: NOT INSURANCE
- + SB 85 PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 126 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER REGISTRATION BOARD
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 21 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 89 AGE FOR TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG; TAX E-CIG
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 123 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: COMM. DRIVERS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Apr 17 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 69 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + HJR 11 ADDRESS AIR POLLUTION IN FAIRBANKS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Jason Olds, Acting Director Division of Air
Quality, Department of Environmental Conservation
- + SB 82 COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA;PERMIT BUYBACK
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + SB 92 STATE OWNERSHIP OF SUBMERGED LAND
Streamed live on AKL.tv

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Apr 18	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:30 PM
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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

a. January 16, 2023

b. February 21, 2023

IV. Ratification of Charity Events

a. Sham Jam 2023 – April 8, 2023

b. Legislative Skits – April 29 & 30, 2023

c. Kenai River Junior Classic – August 9, 2023

d. Ted Stevens Kenai River Classic - August 23, 24 & 25, 2023

e. Kenai River Women’s Classic – September 14, 15 & 16, 2023

V. Contract Approvals

a. Ketchikan Lease Extension

b. Fairbanks Lease Renewal

c. Mat-Su Lease Extension Renewal

d. FY24 Microsoft Enterprise Software Renewal Agreement

VI. Committee Business – Executive Session

a. Lease Extension Renewal

VII. Committee Business

a. 40-Hour Work Week

b. FY24 Hardware Refresh

c. Amendment to COVID-19 Mitigation Policy

VIII. Other Committee Business

a. Announcement of Subcommittees

b. 2022 Agency Report

c. Preview of Upcoming Items

IX. Adjourn

Streamed live on AKL.tv

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Apr 18	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch and Learn Presentation: A screening of the documentary "At Home/In Home: Rural Alaska Childcare in Crisis, followed by a Q & A with Tracey and Bailey Schaeffer via Teams. The presenter will be Laura Norton-Cruz.		