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Wednesday

April 26, 2023

One Hundredth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:03 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Bill Nelson, United Pentecostal Church of Juneau. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,

Thank You Lord, for Your loving care for all of us. I call upon You with the desire that You will be here today and that Your presence will be felt by all.

Grant us Your wisdom and understanding, let Your peace abide upon us. Lord, I ask for Your blessing upon this great state of Alaska and all the people who live here. I pray for continued peace and prosperity for all.

I pray for Your blessing upon these Legislators and upon their families and upon the work that they do to ensure a bright future for all of us. For all of this, I
Thank You Lord, Amen.

Senator Gray-Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated April 25 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs 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.

Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Jen Winkelman

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Eric Feige

Signing the report: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Bjorkman.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 139

SENATE BILL NO. 139 BY SENATOR BISHOP, entitled:

"An Act relating to trapping cabins on state land; and relating to trapping cabin permit fees."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 93**

SENATE BILL NO. 93 "An Act relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 625. Senator Wielechowski objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(L&C) "An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fishermen's fund; relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(L&C) will advance to third reading on the April 28 calendar.

Second Reading of House Bills**HB 62**

HOUSE BILL NO. 62 "An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Olson, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 666. Senator Wielechowski objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 62(FIN) was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 62(FIN) will advance to third reading on the April 28 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 87**

SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to a lumber grading training program and lumber grading certificates; relating to use of lumber graded and certified by a person holding a lumber grading training program certificate; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to a lumber grading training program and lumber grading certificates; relating to use of lumber graded and certified by a person holding a lumber grading training program certificate; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 87

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Excused: Shower, Wilson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 87 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 – Doug Tansy

Senator(s) Dunbar, Bishop, Kawasaki

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Honoring – Pier One Theatre
Senator(s) Stevens
Representative(s) Vance

Honoring – Jeremy Narus and Rowan Wollrich
Senator(s) Giessel

Honoring – Sarge Truesdell
Representative(s) Ruffridge
Senator(s) Bjorkman

Honoring – Arnold Ibias
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring – Elizabeth Congdon–McGee
Representative(s) Josephson

Honoring – Blake Stewart and Darren Albertson
Representative(s) Josephson

Honoring – Cooper Roberts
Representative(s) Josephson

Honoring – Kelly Shrein
Representative(s) Josephson

In Memoriam – Dr. Loren Dean Halter
Senator(s) Stevens
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam – Irene Cadiente
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam – Hari Pariyar
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Stevens

In Memoriam – Wayne Fredeen
Representative(s) Allard

In Memoriam – Ralph William “Billy” Foster
Representative(s) Allard

In Memoriam – Manuel R. Agramonte
Representative(s) Allard

In Memoriam – Donna Jayne Shaw
Representative(s) Josephson

In Memoriam – Dennis L. Smythe
Representative(s) Josephson

In Memoriam – Lorrie Horning
Representative(s) Josephson

In Memoriam – Sadie Jane Huffer
Representative(s) Josephson, Saddler, Allard

In Memoriam – Gladys Mae Yuth
Representative(s) Vance

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 – Gina Spartz
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

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

Senator Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, July 15 through evening plane time, August 6; and from morning plane time, September 1 through evening plane time, October 6. Without objection, Senator Claman was excused.

HB 62

Senators Bishop, Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 62 "An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements**SB 138**

Senator Kawasaki, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 138 "An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to the crime of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree; relating to campaign signs; relating to the reporting of financial and business interests by certain municipal officers and former officers and candidates for municipal office; relating to the Redistricting Board; and providing for an effective date" for the State Affairs Committee meeting on April 27 at 3:30 p.m. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 87**

SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to a lumber grading training program and lumber grading certificates; relating to use of lumber graded and certified by a person holding a lumber grading training program certificate; 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 28, 2023. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:23 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 27 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += HB 69 RECLASSIFICATION OF FIRST CLASS CITIES
 + HB 123 ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR ANCSA CORPS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Apr 26 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += SB 56 AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 120 EXTEND EDUCATION TAX CREDITS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 132 EMPLOYMENT TAX FOR EDUCATION FACILITIES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 28 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

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FINANCE

Apr 26 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 Overview: Alaska Gasline Development Corporation - Update & FY24 Request
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 + SB 113 REAA FUND: MT. EDGE CUMBE, TEACHER HOUSING
 -- Invited and Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 26 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
 += HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 114 OIL & GAS PRODUCTION TAX; INCOME TAX
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 05/01/23>
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 27 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
 += HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 28 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += HB 39 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUND; SUPP
 += HB 41 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 28 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Informational Hearing on Department of Justice
 Investigation of the State of Alaska's
 Behavioral Health System for Children
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 28 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HB 75 OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 70 OWNER & CONTRACTOR CONTROLLED INSURANCE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time & Location Change --
 += SB 94 PROFESSION OF PHARMACY
 += SB 88 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Presentations: Defined Contribution and Defined
 Benefits Retirement Plans by Reason Foundation
 and National Institute on Retirement Security-Dan
 Doonan
 += SB 123 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: COMM. DRIVERS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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Apr 28 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 88 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 + SB 116 ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 123 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: COMM. DRIVERS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Apr 26 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += SB 68 PUBLIC NOTICE FOR WATER RIGHTS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 48 CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM ON STATE LAND
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 28 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 48 CARBON OFFSET PROGRAM ON STATE LAND
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Overview: Area M Fisheries, Part I of II
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Alaska Department of Fish & Game
 Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 27 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + SB 17 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 19 ELECTIONS; BALLOTS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 138 ELECTIONS; VOTER REG.; CAMPAIGNS
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Overview: Ports and Harbors of Alaska: Part 2 by
 the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port
 Administrators and Port Representatives
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv