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First Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Olson was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Blue, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Creator of life, redeemer of the afflicted and spirit of grace, In this season, the Epiphany, the Northern infancy of light, we celebrate our homes and ask your blessing upon them. Make this building the home of blessings for all Alaskans, Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.

If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into the house, and eat with you, and you with me. Then the Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in: From this time forth for evermore. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting one, Grant to this Capitol the grace of your presence. Renew this sprawling and often fractious abode, restore the functions of the Senate and the House and the Administration; redeem the work of the parties, That you may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, Alaska, and the defender of this household; its Capitol.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this Senate with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who work here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your respect to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace now and forever. Amen.

Senator Bjorkman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Stevens appointed Senator Kaufman and Senator Tobin to inform the Governor the Senate was ready to do business.

President Stevens appointed Senator Dunbar and Senator Merrick to inform the House the Senate was ready to do business.

Messages from the Governor

Amended Disaster Declaration dated October 16, 2023, amended to include the Yupiit Regional Education Attendance Areas (REAA) in the 2023 Spring Floods Disaster was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The amended declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated November 28, 2023, authorizing funds for the City and Borough of Wrangell and the City of Coffman Cove as the result of a weather system that triggered landslides and flooding, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Amended Disaster Declaration dated December 11, 2023, amended to include the Southeast Island School District Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA) regarding the storm system that impacted Prince of Wales Island causing landslides and flooding was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The amended declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated December 13, 2023, authorizing funds for the City of Diomedea as the result of the city office building collapse, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and initial finance plan dated December 27, 2023, authorizing funds for the city of Quinhagak and Native Village Kwinhagak as the result of a power outage during extreme cold weather and freeze damage, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The declaration, letter and finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Introduction of Executive Orders

EO 124

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 124

Prohibiting by regulation the live capture, possession, transport or release of native/exotic game or eggs.

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the authority to prohibit by regulation the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or their eggs.

Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will transfer statutory authority to prohibit by regulation the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or their eggs from the Board of Game to the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for state policy relating to the regulation of wild game and fish, in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 125
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 125

Eliminating the Alaska Council on Emergency
Medical Services.

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services
Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Health. The elimination of the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for state policy relating to statewide emergency medical services in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 126

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 126

Eliminating the Wood-Tikchik State Park
Management Council.

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Wood-tikchik State Park Management Council. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Wood-tikchik State Park Management Council and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Natural Resources. The elimination of the Wood-tikchik State Park Management Council is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the development of the Wood-tikchik State Park's management plan in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 127

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127

Eliminating the Board of Massage Therapists.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Board of Massage Therapists. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Board of Massage Therapists and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The elimination of the Board of Massage Therapists is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the licensing and regulation of massage therapists in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

EO 128

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128

Separating the Board of Directors of the Alaska Energy Authority from the Board of Directors of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Resources Committees.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Energy Authority and the membership of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order separates the Board of Directors of the Alaska Energy Authority from the Board of Directors of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 129

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129

Eliminating the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The elimination of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the licensing and regulation of barbers and hairdressers in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 130

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130

Eliminating the Board of Certified Direct Entry
Midwives.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make

changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The elimination of the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the licensing and regulation of certified direct entry midwives in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 131

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131

Reorganizing the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board.

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order to reorganize the membership of the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order amends the Board's membership to transfer appointment of all six qualified persons to the Governor. This Order is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 132
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 132

Eliminating the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve
Advisory Council.

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Natural Resources. The elimination of the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the development and monitoring of the management plan for the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor

EO 133

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 133

Eliminating the Criminal Justice Information
Advisory Board.

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Public Safety. The elimination of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the efficient administration of the criminal history repository and other criminal justice information systems in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

EO 134

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 134

Eliminating the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board.

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Natural Resources. The elimination of the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the management plan for each of the six recreation rivers and their recreation river corridors in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

EO 135

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 135

Eliminating the Alaska Safety Advisory Council.

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Alaska Safety Advisory Council. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in

the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Alaska Safety Advisory Council and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The elimination of the Alaska Safety Advisory Council is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for state policy relating to health, safety, and accident prevention in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Messages from the House

Message dated January 10 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Third Alaska Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29 for the purpose of hearing the Governor's State of the State Address.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message dated January 12 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Third Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Peter J. Maassen's State of the Judiciary address.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Alaska Judicial Council
Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission
2023 Annual Report
November 1, 2023
in accordance with AS 22.20.221

Department of Health
Operating Grants FY 2024
in accordance with AS 18.25.110

Office of Children's Services
2023 Annual Report on Caseloads, Staffing, Recruitment,
Retention and the Impacts on Child Welfare Outcomes
November 15, 2023
in accordance with AS 47.14.112

Department of Health
Department of Family and Community Services and
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Joint Report:
Psychiatric Patient Rights in Alaska
and Supplemental Material
October 16, 2023
in accordance with ch. 41, SLA 22

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Department of Health and
Department of Corrections
Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2023
in accordance with AS 47.38.100

Department of Health and Department of Law
Joint Legislative Report
Fraud, Waste, Abuse Payment and Eligibility Errors for FY 2023
November 2023
in accordance with AS 47.07.076

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act Annual Report
2023 Progress Report
in accordance with AS 44.42.067

Department of Education and Early Development
Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Resulting in
Suspension or Expulsion
School Years 2007-2023
in accordance with AS 14.33.210

Department of Administration
Public Employees' Retirement System
Annual Report FY 2023
in accordance with AS 39.35.004

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information
Fiscal Year 2023
in accordance with ch. 14, SLA 14

Alaska Energy Authority
Certification of Capital Reserve Fund Requirements
Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project
January 2, 2024
in accordance with AS 44.83.110

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
2023 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.88.210

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
Interior Energy Project
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature
Third Quarter 2023
in accordance with ch. 39, SLA 2015

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 18.56.200

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
2023 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 44.81.200

Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council
(ANLPAC)
Ayaruq: 2024 Action Plan for Alaska Native Languages Report
January 2024
in accordance with AS 44.33.520

Legislative Affairs Agency
Report to the Thirty-third State Legislature
Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
December 2023
in accordance with AS 24.20.065

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Kris
Curtis, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are
on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Law
Spending on Contracts Related to JANUS
May 19, 2023

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Big Game Commercial Services Board
July 22, 2023

Special Committee Reports

Memorandum received January 4 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 24.65.020, the Victims' Advocate Selection Committee reviewed the following and recommends the nomination be forwarded for consideration:

Victims' Advocate

Angela Garay

Senator Giessel moved Angela Garay be ratified as the Victims' Advocate.

The question being: "Shall Angela Garay be ratified as the Victims' Advocate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Ratify Angela Garay as Victims' Advocate?

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

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

Excused: Olson

and so, Angela Garay was ratified by the Senate.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 8

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 157

SENATE BILL NO. 157 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Sunrise Review Board; relating to review of proposed legislation relating to authorization to engage in the practice of a profession or occupation; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 158

SENATE BILL NO. 158 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for school construction and major maintenance; relating to school bond debt reimbursement; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 159

SENATE BILL NO. 159 BY SENATORS DUNBAR, Stevens, Gray-Jackson, Kaufman, Merrick, entitled:

"An Act establishing Alaska Veterans' Poppy Day; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 160

SENATE BILL NO. 160 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to planned communities; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

SB 161

SENATE BILL NO. 161 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal taxation of farm use land; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 162

SENATE BILL NO. 162 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act relating to discrimination based on residency in this state in transactions involving real property."
(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 163

SENATE BILL NO. 163 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to animal adoption and foster care records."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 164

SENATE BILL NO. 164 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act making certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park campsites and facilities without charge; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 165

SENATE BILL NO. 165 BY SENATORS CLAMAN, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, entitled:

"An Act relating to legal representation of public officers in ethics complaints."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 166

SENATE BILL NO. 166 BY SENATOR DUNBAR, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska mental health and psychedelic medicine task force; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 167

SENATE BILL NO. 167 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to property exempt from municipal taxation."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 168

SENATE BILL NO. 168 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to wrongfully seized game."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 169

SENATE BILL NO. 169 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to residential prepaid rent and security deposits; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 170

SENATE BILL NO. 170 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act extending the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 171

SENATE BILL NO. 171 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act changing the residency requirements for sport fishing, hunting, and trapping privileges; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 172

SENATE BILL NO. 172 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act extending the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 8, 2024)

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

SB 173

SENATE BILL NO. 173 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards, training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds; relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans."

(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 174

SENATE BILL NO. 174 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Honor and Remember Flag and the Honor and Sacrifice Flag."
(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 175

SENATE BILL NO. 175 BY SENATOR TOBIN, entitled:

"An Act relating to an electronic product stewardship program; relating to collection, recycling, and disposal of electronic equipment; establishing the electronics recycling advisory council; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 176

SENATE BILL NO. 176 BY SENATOR TOBIN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the board of parole; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 177

SENATE BILL NO. 177 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to artificial intelligence; requiring disclosure of deepfakes in campaign communications; relating to cybersecurity; and relating to data privacy."

(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

SB 178

SENATE BILL NO. 178 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to school terms."

(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 179

SENATE BILL NO. 179 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting municipalities from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; prohibiting the state from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; and relating to municipal taxation of mobile telecommunications services."

(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 180

SENATE BILL NO. 180 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to unfair trade practices and consumer protection; relating to fees charged to consumers; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 12, 2024)

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

SB 181

SENATE BILL NO. 181 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to placement of a child in need of aid; relating to adoption; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

SB 182

SENATE BILL NO. 182 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 183

SENATE BILL NO. 183 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the workers' compensation benefits guaranty fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 184

SENATE BILL NO. 184 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 185

SENATE BILL NO. 185 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Military Affairs Commission; and relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Military Affairs Commission."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

SB 186

SENATE BILL NO. 186 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; 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 first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the State's operating expenses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

This appropriation bill totals \$12.6 billion and includes \$6.8 billion unrestricted general funds, \$0.9 billion designated general funds, \$1.7 billion other state funds, and \$3.2 billion federal funds.

The FY 2025 budget continues past investments in protecting Alaskans, educating our children, and developing the economy of our State. It also continues my commitment to providing a full statutory dividend to our residents.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2025 operating budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 187

SENATE BILL NO. 187 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations and other appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

This appropriation bill totals \$3.5 billion and includes \$305.2 million in unrestricted general funds, \$76.2 million in designated general funds, \$172.4 million in other state funds, and \$3.0 billion in federal funds.

The FY 2025 proposed capital budget invests in projects that enhance public protection and generate economic activity for the State, provides matching funds for federal surface transportation and aviation, water and wastewater programs, and funds deferred maintenance programs for aging State assets.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2025 capital budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 188

SENATE BILL NO. 188 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

In accordance with AS 37.14.003(b), a report of the differences between the Governor's proposed budget and the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority was transmitted.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. As required by statute, this bill includes both operating and capital appropriations.

This budget totals \$246.8 million and includes \$179.7 million in unrestricted general funds, \$45.8 million in designated general funds, and \$21.2 million in Mental Health Trust Authority funds.

The FY 2025 proposed mental health budget includes requests that were put forward to the Office of Management and Budget by the Alaska Mental Health Trust (Trust). The requests support programs

and activities in Trust focus areas that meet the identified treatment and service needs of Trust beneficiaries and areas of system change to improve the lives of beneficiaries.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2025 budget for Alaska's comprehensive mental health program.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 189

SENATE BILL NO. 189 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business

SB 170

Senators Bjorkman, Wielechowski, Tobin, Kiehl, Wilson, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 170 "An Act extending the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 172

Senators Bjorkman, Wilson, Tobin, Kiehl, Kawasaki, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 172 "An Act extending the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 173

Senators Shower, Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 173 "An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards, training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds; relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 161

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 161 "An Act relating to municipal taxation of farm use land; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 121

Senators Myers, Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 121 "An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to insurance; relating to pharmacies; relating to pharmacists; relating to pharmacy benefits managers; relating to patient choice of pharmacy; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 143

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 143 "An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 19 and January 22. Without objection, Senator Shower was excused.

SB 166

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 166 "An Act establishing the Alaska mental health and psychedelic medicine task force; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 176

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 176 "An Act relating to the board of parole; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 179

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 179 "An Act prohibiting municipalities from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; prohibiting the state from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; and relating to municipal taxation of mobile telecommunications services." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Message dated November 2, 2023 was received stating President Stevens made the following appointment:

Alaska Food Strategy Task Force

Senator Bjorkman replaces Senator Bishop

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., January 18, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:46 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

Jan 16	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
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Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
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EDUCATION

Jan 17	Wednesday Presentation: Student Absenteeism by Hedy Chang, Executive Director of Attendance Works	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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FINANCE

- Jan 16 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
No Meeting Scheduled

- Jan 17 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ Overview: Production Forecast by
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Jan 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ Overview: Revenue Forecast by
Alaska Department of Revenue
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

- Jan 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ Overview: Savings, Reserves, & Investments by
Department of Revenue
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Jan 16 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

- Jan 18 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
+ Department of Health - Departmental Update

JUDICIARY

- Jan 17 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
+= SB 28 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --

- Jan 19 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
+ HB 28 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ SB 17 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 17	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Jan 19	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

RESOURCES

Jan 17	Wednesday Overview: Committee Discussion of Resource Topics	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Jan 19	Friday Presentation: Alaska Center for Energy and Power: Railbelt Decarbonization Project Results by Phylcia Cicilio, Research Assistant Professor, Power Systems Engineering, Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP); Jeremy VanderMeer, Research Assistant Professor, ACEP; Steve Colt, Research Professor, ACEP; Derek Stenclik, Founding Partner, Telos Energy, Inc.;	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Matt Richwine, Founding Partner, Telos Energy, Inc.		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 16	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

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TRANSPORTATION

Jan 16	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 18	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 17	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Cook Inlet Hydrocarbon Basin by Derek Nottingham, Director of the Division of Oil and Gas Weston Nash, Commercial Analyst of Division of Oil & Gas Sponsored by Senator Giessel and Representative McKay	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Jan 19	Friday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Topic: It's Time for a "Yes, and.." Approach to Education Policy by Chad Aldeman Sponsored by Senator Tobin	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Feb 06	Tuesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Understanding the Crisis of MMIWG2S/MMIP in Alaska by: Dr. Charlene Aqpiq Apok, Executive Director, Data for Indigenous Justice Kendra Kloster, Co-Director Law & Policy, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center Kelsey Potdevin, Education and Outreach Manager, Alaska Native Justice Center Sponsored by Senator Olson	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Feb 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Understanding Recent Changes to Alaska's Unique
Legal Landscape: How Alaska Tribes are Pursuing
Justice and Public Safety In Our Communities
by Alex Cleghorn, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska
Native Justice Center
Rick Garcia, Co-Director Law & Policy, Alaska
Native Women's Resource Center
Maude Blair, Tribal Justice Manager for Alaska
Native Justice Center
Tami Truett Jerue, Executive Director, Alaska
Native Women's Resource Center
Sponsored by Senator Wielechowski