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Monday

January 29, 2024

Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Bishop, Claman, Kawasaki, Wielechowski were absent.

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 the blessings of rest and opportunity to serve the people of Alaska. I ask that you to grant protection, provision, and guidance for our fellow Alaskans.

God bless the work of our leaders during this second session of this 33rd Legislature. There are many important needs to address and decisions to be made. As we process these considerations remind us to carefully listen to understand, to consider other's perspectives, to speak in clarity, and to work wisely. Grant new insight and partnership. I pray that our work is meaningful, our disposition respectable, and our thinking is mindful. May the time given in the Legislature strengthen Alaska and her people. Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Bishop be excused from a call of the Senate today through February 4. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senators Claman, Kawasaki, Wielechowski be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Claman, Kawasaki, Wielechowski were excused.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 214

SENATE BILL NO. 214 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the tabulation of ballots; and requiring the division of elections to provide unofficial election results before the results of an election are certified."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 88

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 88(FIN) "An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 88(FIN) would be held in third reading to the next calendar. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Citations

Honoring - North Star Council on Aging 50th Anniversary
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert, Stapp

Honoring - Fairbanks Fire Department 120th Anniversary
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Stapp, Dibert

Honoring - Fairbanks Concert Association 75th Anniversary
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop
Representative(s) Carrick

Honoring - Giana Pugh
Representative(s) Tilton

In Memoriam - Charles "Vern" Carlson, Jr.
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam - Max Joseph Hundorf, Jr.
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Martha Ott
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Carrick, Prax

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 147**

Senators Bjorkman, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 147 "An Act relating to reemployment rights and benefits." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 10 through evening plane time, March 16. Without objection, Senator Tobin was excused.

HB 104

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(RES) am "An Act relating to salvage sales of timber, negotiated timber sales for local manufacture of wood products, and expedited timber sales; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Recess

President Stevens stated the Senate would stand in recess to the Joint Session. There being no objection, the Senate recessed at 11:16 a.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 4:51 p.m.

President Stevens stated, per agreement between the presiding officers of the House and Senate and at the request of the Governor, the Joint Session was cancelled.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 6:45 p.m., January 30, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:51 p.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 30	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 161	TAX EXEMPTION FOR FARM USE LAND		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 01	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 161	TAX EXEMPTION FOR FARM USE LAND		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Presentation: Alaska Broadband Office Update		
+ SJR 13	AMEND ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Jan 29	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Youth Homelessness and Education by Barbara Duffield, Executive Director, SchoolHouse Connection Rodd Monts, Director of State Policy, SchoolHouse Connection Likka McCauley, Director of Federal Programs, Anchorage School District David Mayo-Kieley, Program Coordinator for the Child in Transition Program, Anchorage School District Eric Grebing, Co-Director, National Center for Homeless Education		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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EDUCATION (continued)

Jan 31	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: The Prenatal-to-3 System of Care in Alaska by Cynthia Osborne, Executive Director, Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center Alaska Prenatal-to-3 Stakeholders		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 02	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Jan 29	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 127	TAXATION: VEHICLE RENTALS, SUBPOENAS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ SB 170	EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM Invited Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Jan 29	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 30	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	PERS/TRS Update Alaska Retirement Management Board <Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Jan 30	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+ SB 56	AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY -- Invited & Public Testimony -- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ HB 26	OFFICIAL LANG; COUNCIL FOR AK NATIVE LANG -- Invited & Public Testimony -- <Time Limit May Be Set>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Jan 31 + +	Wednesday SENATE BILL: FY24 SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST <Pending Introduction & Referral> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 31 +	Wednesday Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Feb 01 + SB 188 +	Thursday APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET Presentation: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Update Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 01	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Feb 02 + +	Friday Administration Response to Prior Meetings Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -----	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 30 + +	Tuesday Presentation: Division of Insurance: 80th Percentile Rule Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Feb 01 + +	Thursday EO 125 ELIMINATING THE ALASKA COUNCIL ON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES -- Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

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JUDICIARY

Jan 29	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Jan 31	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	EO 133 ELIMINATING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ADVISORY BOARD -- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	EO 135 ELIMINATING THE ALASKA SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL -- Invited & Public Testimony --		
Feb 02	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -----		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 29	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+=	SB 182	EXTEND BIG GAME COMM SERVICES BOARD -- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 152	COMMUNITY ENERGY FACILITIES; NET METERING -- Invited & Public Testimony -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
Jan 31	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	EO 127 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	EO 129 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	EO 130 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 02 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ EO 127 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF MASSAGE
 THERAPISTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 EO 129 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF BARBERS AND
 HAIRDRESSERS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 EO 130 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF CERTIFIED
 DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set>
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Jan 29 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 190 BIG GAME HUNTING BY PERSON W/ DISABILITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Overview: Alaska Department of Fish and Game by
 Commissioner Doug Vincent-Lang
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Jan 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+= HB 125 TRAPPING CABINS ON STATE LAND
 -- Public Testimony --
+ SB 190 BIG GAME HUNTING BY PERSON W/ DISABILITY
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Public Testimony --
+ SB 198 STATE LAND FOR REMOTE REC CABIN SITES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 EO 128 SEPARATING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
 THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY FROM THE BOARD
 OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL
 DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 02	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	SB 118	CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORTS	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+		EO 132 ELIMINATING THE ALASKA CHILKAT BALD EAGLE PRESERVE ADVISORY COUNCIL	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		-- <Time Limit May Be Set> --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 30	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+		EO 128 SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY AND THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

Feb 01	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	SB 159	ALASKA VETERANS' POPPY DAY	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 177	AI, DEEPFAKES, CYBERSECURITY, DATA XFERS	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 30	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

Feb 01	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+		Presentation: Winter Weather Operations by Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
+		EO 131 REORGANIZING THE ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS BOARD	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Jan 29 +	Monday State of the State Address by Governor Mike Dunleavy <Cancelled and Rescheduled>	House Chamber	7:00 PM
Feb 07 +	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Peter J. Maassen	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 14 +	Wednesday Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 21 +	Wednesday Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator -----	House Chamber	11:00 AM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 31	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Children's Trust Presented by: Trevor Storrs, President and CEO and Jen Griffis, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy Sponsored by Senator Tobin	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Feb 02 +	Friday Lunch & Learn Presentation An Emerging Market - Perspectives on Carbon Capture & Storage Potential in Alaska Presented by: Kyle Kohman, Senior Manager - Energy Solutions, Santos Brooke Ivy, Senior Advisor - Government Affairs, Santos Sponsored by: Senator Giessel & Representative Rauscher	Davis 106	12:00 PM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Feb 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM

Lunch & Learn Presentation:

Understanding the Crisis of MMIWG2S/MMIP in Alaska by:

Dr. Charlene Aqqik 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

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