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Fifteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 6:45 p.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senator Bishop was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Gray-Jackson, Claman, Shower were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Aaron Crook, Senate Page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly father, we thank you for this day!

Let us celebrate our unique differences and join together to work toward a common purpose. Lead us away from fear; release us from cynicism and despair.

Teach us to be realistic in our goals but never to lose hope in our potential to transcend them. Father, we remember this day those who have gone before us, who labored not for themselves alone, but with a vision of building a world better than they had known.

Inspire within us a like vision, that we, too, may labor for things beyond ourselves--that our lives may be dedicated to higher purposes and grander horizons. Father, bless this legislature and all of the people who help us accomplish our work; our families; our Governor and his family, and our magnificent state as we strive to do what is right for all Alaskans.

These things I pray in your name, Amen.

Senator Hughes led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

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

Messages from the House

Message dated January 29 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Third Alaska Legislature tonight 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.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 6:49 p.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Tilton called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 6:53 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Senator Bjorkman and Representative Allard to escort Governor Mike Dunleavy to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Matt Simpson, announced the Honorable Mike Dunleavy's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Governor Mike Dunleavy was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Tilton.

Governor Dunleavy delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 11.

Governor Dunleavy received a standing ovation.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 7:48 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

Unfinished Business

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" which had been held in third reading (page 1455) was not taken up on today's calendar. The bill will be on the January 31 calendar.

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 31, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:51 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
	-- Delayed to a Call of the Chair --		
+ 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 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		

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FINANCE

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

JUDICIARY

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 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		

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 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	

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

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 30	Tuesday	House Chamber	7:00 PM
	State of the State Address by Governor Mike Dunleavy		
Feb 07	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
+	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Peter J. Maassen		
Feb 14	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
+	Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
Feb 21	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
+	Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 31	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	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		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

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
Feb 06	Tuesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Understanding the Crisis of MMIWG2S/MMIP in Alaska by: Dr. Charlene Aqpik 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
Feb 07	Wednesday 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	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM