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Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

February 8, 2024

Twenty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:32 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Your word says that we are to come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)

I, therefore, stand before You this day, in intercession for the Senate. I ask that You extend Your love and mercy in this chamber. May Your Presence abide here with them as they reason together discussing the affairs of our state. I pray for great insight and wisdom as they consider the work set before them this day. Bless them with good health and strength throughout this session. Keep Your Hand upon them and their families.

May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore. (Psalms 121:8)

I pray this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator Myers led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the twenty-third legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 13 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 121

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 121 BY SENATORS GIESSEL BY REQUEST, Bjorkman, Myers, Tobin, entitled:

"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."

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

SB 220

SENATE BILL NO. 220 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and regulation of the service of natural gas storage."

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

SB 221

SENATE BILL NO. 221 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 222

SENATE BILL NO. 222 BY SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to mammograms; 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

Citations

Honoring - Brice Incorporated
Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring - Gregory Andrew Patsey
Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring - Matt Wilson
Senator(s) Bjorkman
Representative(s) Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Richard James Morris
Senator(s) Bishop, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Delores Marion Sloan
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Thomas Francis Keane
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Theresa Marie Brice
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Rosemary Wingerter
Senator(s) Bishop
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam - Alfred Forest Wright
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Hannah Louise Bundschuh
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Heath Joseph Woellert
Senator(s) Bishop

In Memoriam - Len Malmquist
Senator(s) Bjorkman

In Memoriam - William "Bill" Field
Senator(s) Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Paul Gebhardt
Senator(s) Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Representative Kurt E. Olson
Senator(s) Bjorkman
Representative(s) Johnson, Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Mary Beth Copple
Senator(s) Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Dennis Albert Bell
Representative(s) Hannan, Prax
Senator(s) Kiehl

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 221**

Senators Kawasaki, Giessel, Olson, Claman, Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 221 "An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 222

Senators Kawasaki, Dunbar, Giessel, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 222 "An Act relating to insurance; relating to mammograms; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 170

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor 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 220

Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 220 "An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and regulation of the service of natural gas storage." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 121

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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.

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., February 12, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:57 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

Feb 08 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 207 MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILY HELP DESK
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 13 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 15 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 161 TAX EXEMPTION FOR FARM USE LAND
 + SB 179 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX; MUNI TELECOMM TAX
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 207 MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILY HELP DESK
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 09 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 12 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Association of Alaska School Boards Legislative Fly-in by School Board Members and Students from Across Alaska
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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EDUCATION (continued)

- Feb 14 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 + SB 215 TEACHERS: BOARD CERTIFICATION INCENTIVE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Presentation: The State of Teaching in Alaska
 by Invited Teachers and Stakeholders
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 16 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
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FINANCE

- Feb 08 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Update &
 Overview
 Administration Response to Prior Meetings:
 Department of Natural Resources
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 08 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += SB 125 AK HOUSING FINANCE CORP: SUSTAIN ENERGY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 170 EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- Feb 09 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Feb 12 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Feb 13 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 120 EXTEND EDUCATION TAX CREDITS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

- Feb 14 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:30 AM**
-- Please Note Time Change --
+ SB 91 TELEHEALTH: MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE TEAM
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ HB 193 INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS
<Pending Referral>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 14 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
-- Please Note Time Change --
+ SB 132 EMPLOYMENT TAX FOR EDUCATION FACILITIES
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 15 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
+ University of Alaska FY25 Budget Request
Subcommittee of the Whole
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 15 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
-- Please Note Time Change --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 16 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Feb 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 13 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
+ SB 149 FOOD STAMP PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 15 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 181 CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
 DISAPPROVING EO 125
 <Pending Introduction and Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + SB 163 ANIMAL ADOPTION RECORDS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 163 ANIMAL ADOPTION RECORDS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
 DISAPPROVING EO 133
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>
 + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
 DISAPPROVING EO 135
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 16 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 09 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 12 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + EO 127 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS
- + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: DISAPPROVING EO 127
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
- + EO 129 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF BARBERS AND HAIRDRESSERS
- + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: DISAPPROVING EO 129
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
- + EO 130 ELIMINATING THE BOARD OF CERTIFIED DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIVES
- + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: DISAPPROVING EO 130
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
- + SB 197 RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 183 WORKERS' COMP BENEFITS GUARANTY FUND
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + HB 57 EMERGENCY MED. SVCS: REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 14 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 147 REEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 206 WORKERS' COMP. STAY-AT-WORK PROGRAM
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 135 AK WORK & SAVE PROGRAM; RETIRE. SAVINGS BD
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 16 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 134 INS. DATA SECURITY; INFO. SECURITY PRGRMS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 166 MENTAL HEALTH/PSYCHEDELIC MED. TASK FORCE
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 191 AHFC MAKE/PURCHASE MORTGAGE LOANS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Feb 09 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 12 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += HB 125 TRAPPING CABINS ON STATE LAND
 += SB 118 CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORTS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + EO 124 PROHIBITING BY REGULATION LIVE CAPTURE,
 POSSESSION, TRANSPORT, OR RELEASE OF
 NATIVE/EXOTIC GAME OR EGGS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + EO 126 ELIMINATING THE WOOD-TIKCHIK STATE
 PARK MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + EO 134 ELIMINATING THE RECREATION RIVERS
 ADVISORY BOARD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + 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
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RESOURCES (continued)

- Feb 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
DISAPPROVING EO 124
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
 - + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
DISAPPROVING EO 126
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
 - + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
DISAPPROVING EO 132
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
 - + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION:
DISAPPROVING EO 134
<Pending Introduction & Referral>
 - + Presentation: Alaska Food Strategy Task Force
by Amy Seitz, Executive Director, Alaska Farm Bureau
Scott Mugrage, President Alaska Farm Bureau,
Owner Mugrage Hay & Cattle
Aspen O'Connor, Cricket Fence Farm
Nick Mangini, Kelp Farmer, Kodiak Island
Sustainable Seaweed
Marcia Knowlton, Whispering Birch Farms
Colin Peacock, Alaska Food Policy Council
Regional Food Business Center Co-Direct
Meghan Hargis, Local Food Coordinator, Alaska
Farmers Market Association
 - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Feb 16 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- Overview: Division of Agriculture by
John Boyle, Commissioner, Department of
Natural Resources
 - + SB 168 COMPENSATION FOR WRONGFULLY SEIZED GAME
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Ted Spraker, Former Chair, Alaska Board of Game
Rebecca Schwanke, Former Alaska Department of
Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist

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RESOURCES (continued)

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- + SB 171 RESIDENCY REQ: HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 John Sturgeon, President, Safari Club
 International Alaska Chapter
 Ted Spraker, Former Chair, Alaska Board of Game
 Mike Crawford, Chair, Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 08 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

- + SB 131 ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER PROGRAM
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + EO 128 SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY AND THE ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY
 -- Public Testimony --
- + HB 3 GOLD AND SILVER SPECIE AS LEGAL TENDER
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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Feb 13 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

- + 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
- + SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: DISAPPROVING EO 128
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>
 -- Public Testimony --
- + SB 195 STATE AGENCY PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 201 OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Feb 15 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 08 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 13 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 105 RAILROAD CORP. FINANCING
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
-- Public Testimony --
+ SB 199 STATE LAND: DISPOSAL/SALE/LEASE/RESTRICT
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
-- Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 15 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 20 **Tuesday** **Gruenberg 120** **4:00 PM**
+ Meeting Jointly with House Subcommittee on
 Department of Administration Budget

Feb 27 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Department of Administration Budget

Mar 19 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Department of Administration Budget

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

CORRECTIONS

Feb 29 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
 + Department of Corrections Budget

Mar 21 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
 + Department of Corrections Budget

JUDICIARY

Feb 26 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
 + Court System Budget

Mar 11 **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
 + Court System Budget

JOINT COMMITTEES

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 16 **Friday** **Davis 106** **8:30 AM**
 + 1. Call the Meeting to Order
 + 2. Update on Committee Member Nominees
 + 3. Approval of the Agenda
 + 4. Approval of Minutes
 + 5. Public Comment
 + 6. Advisory Opinion
 a. AO 23-02 Confidentiality Waived by
 Representative David Eastman
 + 7. Chair/Staff Reports
 a. Disclosures
 b. Campaign Year Items
 c. Staff Report - Informal Advice
 d. Social Media Policy
 e. Ethics Training

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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
ETHICS (continued)**

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- + 8. Budget
 - a. FY24 Budget
 - b. FY25 Budget
 - + 9. Executive Session
 - + 10. Public Session
 - + 11. Other Business
- Meeting will be teleconferenced:
 Anchorage Only: 907-563-9085
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OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

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| 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 | | |
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MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

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| Feb 08 | Thursday | Butrovich 205 | 12:00 PM |
| + | Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Academies of Anchorage ASD by Senior Director of Teaching and Learning by Kersten Johnson
Sponsored by Senator Merrick | | |
| Feb 09 | Friday | Butrovich 205 | 12:00 PM |
| + | Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Informational Session about General Obligation Bonds and the Capital Budget Process by:
Ryan Williams, State Debt Manager, Department of Revenue
Steve Nerland, The Alliance for Support of American Legion Baseball
Sponsored by Senator Claman and Representative Coulombe | | |

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

- Feb 14** **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn Presentation:
+ Navigating the Future: Protecting Alaska's Blue Economy
Presented by the Marine Exchange of Alaska
Sponsored by: Senator Kiehl & Senator Olson
- Feb 22** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Overview of the Experiences and Structural
Damages caused by the 1964 Earthquake Compared to
the 2018 Earthquake
Presented by: Dennis L. Berry and Colin Maynard,
Alaska Professional Design Council
Sponsored by Senator Kaufman