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Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Karen Perkins, Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Eternal and Gracious God, your Word brought forth creation, and your Spirit brings order out of chaos and confusion. You breathe upon us, and we are able to hear one another with language we can understand.

Pour out your Spirit upon us now, that even when we disagree on the way forward, we may remain confident all are accepted with a single love.

Nourish each of our Senators, that they do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Inspire them to use their authority to serve in such a way that all people enjoy a peaceful and just society.

Grant that our life in the public realm be grounded in love for our neighbors, care for the most vulnerable in our midst, and respect for the common life we share.

Amen.

Senator Shower led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Communications

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

Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR)
Annual Report FY 2023
in accordance with AS 46.08.060

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Insurance
2023 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 21.06.110

Standing Committee Reports

SB 159

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 159 "An Act establishing Alaska Veterans' Poppy Day; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Merrick, Bjorkman.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 125

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(RES) "An Act relating to trapping cabins on state land; and relating to trapping cabin permit fees" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(RES) "An Act relating to trapping cabins on state land; relating to trapping cabin permit fees; and providing for an effective date."
(technical title change)

Signing do pass: Senators Giessel, Bishop, Cochairs; Senators Dunbar, Kaufman, Claman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

EO 127

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127 Eliminating the Board of Massage Therapists.

Attached Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Signing disapprove: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Bishop, Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against a special concurrent resolution in joint session.

EO 128

The Resources Committee considered 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.

Signing disapprove: Senators Giessel, Bishop, Cochairs; Senators Kawasaki, Claman, Wielechowski, Dunbar. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kaufman.

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against a special concurrent resolution in joint session.

EO 128

The State Affairs Committee considered 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.

Attached Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 5.

Signing disapprove: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Bjorkman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against a special concurrent resolution in joint session.

EO 129

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129 Eliminating the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers.

Attached Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

Signing disapprove: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senator Bishop. Signing approve: Senator Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senators Dunbar, Merrick.

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against a special concurrent resolution in joint session.

EO 130

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130 Eliminating the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives.

Attached Senate Special Concurrent Resolution No. 7.

Signing disapprove: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Bishop, Gray-Jackson, Merrick.

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against a special concurrent resolution in joint session.

SSCR 4

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Disapproving Executive Order No. 127.

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Bishop, Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

In accordance with Uniform Rule 49(a)(4), the resolution was transmitted to the House for consideration.

SSCR 5

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 Disapproving Executive Order No. 128.

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Bjorkman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Merrick.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

In accordance with Uniform Rule 49(a)(4), the resolution was transmitted to the House for consideration.

SSCR 6

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Disapproving Executive Order No. 129.

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senator Bishop. Signing do not pass: Senator Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senators Merrick, Dunbar.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

In accordance with Uniform Rule 49(a)(4), the resolution was transmitted to the House for consideration.

SSCR 7

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Disapproving Executive Order No. 130.

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Merrick, Dunbar, Bishop, Gray-Jackson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

In accordance with Uniform Rule 49(a)(4), the resolution was transmitted to the House for consideration.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 229**

SENATE BILL NO. 229 BY SENATOR TOBIN, entitled:

"An Act relating to gun violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to a central registry for protective orders; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 230

SENATE BILL NO. 230 BY SENATOR MYERS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners."

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

SB 231

SENATE BILL NO. 231 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to residential psychiatric treatment centers; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 232

SENATE BILL NO. 232 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 13

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Encouraging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass and sign legislation amending the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to release certain land held in trust back to affected Alaska Native village corporations, was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 13

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Stedman

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Tom Kizzia
Representative(s) Gray, Vance
Senator(s) Bishop

Honoring - Leah Sahr
Representative(s) McCormick
Senator(s) Hoffman

In Memoriam - Allen Menaker
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam - Arthur Mannix
Senator(s) Claman
Representative(s) Shaw, Fields

In Memoriam - Katherine M. Cleveland "Tatqavin"
Representative(s) Baker

In Memoriam - Ronald "Ronnie" P. Daanen
Representative(s) Carrick
Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Mohabbat Ahmadi
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam - Dolores Marie Gard
Representative(s) Rauscher
Senator(s) Shower

In Memoriam - John Norman Wilson
Representative(s) Rauscher
Senator(s) Shower

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 229

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 229 "An Act relating to gun violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to a central registry for protective orders; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 57

Senators Merrick, Gray-Jackson, Bjorkman, Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 57 "An Act relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; and relating to patient records." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 230

Senator Shower, Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 230 "An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 149

Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Olson, Tobin, Wielechowski, Kawasaki, Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 149 "An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from May 10 through May 12. Without objection, Senator Hughes was excused.

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, February 16 through plane time, February 18. Without objection, Senator Kaufman was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SJR 13**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Encouraging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass and sign legislation amending the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to release certain land held in trust back to affected Alaska Native village corporations, 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 9:45 a.m., February 15, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:40 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 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 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 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

- MEETING CANCELED --
- + University of Alaska FY25 Budget Request
- Subcommittee of the Whole
- <above item removed from agenda>
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 15 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

- Please Note Time Change --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + SB 56 AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY
- + SB 141 NAMING RAYMOND & ESTHER CONQUEST BRIDGE
- + SB 24 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

Feb 16 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 15 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 181 CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SSCR 2 DISAPPROVE EO 125
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SSCR10 DISAPPROVE EO 133
 + SSCR12 DISAPPROVE EO 135
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

LABOR & COMMERCE

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

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 14 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SSCR 1 DISAPPROVE EO 124

+ SSCR 3 DISAPPROVE EO 126

+ SSCR 9 DISAPPROVE EO 132

+ SSCR11 DISAPPROVE EO 134

+ Presentation: Alaska Food Strategy Task Force by
 Senator Shelley Hughes, Chair, Alaska Food
 Strategies Task Force
 Mike Jones, UAA Institute of Social and Economic Research
 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
 Colin Peacock, Alaska Food Policy Council
 Regional Food Business Center Co-Direct
 Farmers Market Association

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

+ SB 118 CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORTS

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

<Bill Hearing Canceled>

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Ted Spraker, Former Chair, Alaska Board of Game

Rebecca Schwanke, Former Alaska Department of

Fish and Game Wildlife Biologist

+ 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

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 22 +	Thursday Overview: Department of Environmental Conservation Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:00 AM
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JUDICIARY

Feb 26 +	Monday Court System Budget	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
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Mar 11 +	Monday Court System Budget	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
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REVENUE

Feb 20 +	Tuesday Overview: Department of Revenue Budget	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	11:30 AM
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JOINT COMMITTEES

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 16 + + + + + +	Friday 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	Davis 106	8:30 AM
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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
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- + 7. Chair/Staff Reports
 - a. Disclosures
 - b. Campaign Year Items
 - c. Staff Report - Informal Advice
 - d. Social Media Policy
 - e. Ethics Training
 - + 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
 Juneau Only: 907-586-9085
 Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

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|---------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Feb 15 | Thursday | House Chamber | 10:00 AM |
| + | Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator | | |
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| Feb 21 | Wednesday | House Chamber | 11:00 AM |
| + | Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator | | |

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 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 | | |

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

- Feb 14** **Wednesday** **Davis 106** **12:01 PM**
Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Food Production in Alaska
Presented by the Alaska Farm Bureau
Sponsored by: Senator Bjorkman and Senator Hughes
- 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