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Monday

March 11, 2024

Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator Stedman was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Hoffman, Hughes were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Shane Halverson, The Salvation Army. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty God, we thank you for the opportunity to gather in this respected and honored assembly of the Alaska State Senate. We are often left in awe of the majesty of this great State. Every direction we look we are surrounded by your marvelous creation, from the towering peaks of Denali to the serene beauty of the Kenai Fjords.

On this Monday, we seek your direction as we look for ways to improve Alaska business and commerce. May we, in our stewardship of Alaska's Permanent Fund, seek wisdom and discernment to utilize its resources in a manner that maximizes benefit for both present and future generations.

I pray that you would bless each leader here with the foresight to foster economic growth and stability so that opportunities are available for all Alaskans to thrive. Grant these respected leaders wisdom to govern our resources wisely, our fish and wildlife, oil and gas, our forests, safeguarding a sustainable future for future generations. May their discussions and actions reflect their commitment to the prosperity and well-being of all who call this incredible land home.
Amen.

Senator Merrick led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 260

SENATE BILL NO. 260 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation; establishing the Governor's Alaska Permanent Fund Council; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 68**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) "An Act relating to public notice for certain state actions and public hearings; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senators Wielechowski, Giessel offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 5, line 5, following "published":

Insert "on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175) and"

Page 5, lines 7 - 8:

Delete "or [AND POSTED] on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175); [IN"

Insert "[AND POSTED ON THE ALASKA ONLINE PUBLIC NOTICE SYSTEM; IN"

Page 5, line 16:

Delete "FOUND;]"

Insert "FOUND];"

Page 6, lines 23 - 24:

Delete "post, at the discretion of the agency, on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175) or [AND PUBLISH]"

Insert "post on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175) and, at the discretion of the agency, publish"

Page 7, line 18, following "applicable":

Delete ". At"

Insert ", on the Alaska Online Public Notice System (AS 44.62.175) and, at"

Page 7, line 19:

Delete "[,]"

Page 7, lines 21 - 22:

Delete ", **or** [THE NOTICE SHALL ALSO BE POSTED] on the Alaska Online Public Notice System **(AS 44.62.175). The department** ["

Insert ". **The department** [THE NOTICE SHALL ALSO BE POSTED ON THE ALASKA ONLINE PUBLIC NOTICE SYSTEM"

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Shower objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) am was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) am "An Act relating to public notice for certain state actions and public hearings; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 68(RES) am

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Hoffman, Hughes, Stedman

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) am passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Colonel Daniel S. Sullivan
Representative(s) Saddler, Wright

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Jolene Goeden
Representative(s) Gray, Groh
Senator(s) Tobin

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 21 and March 22, and from March 25 through March 29. Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson was excused.

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 20 through evening plane time, March 24. Without objection, Senator Tobin was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 68**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) am "An Act relating to public notice for certain state actions and public hearings; and providing for an effective date" 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 10:15 a.m., March 12, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:34 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

Mar 12	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 256	ESTABLISH ALS AWARENESS MONTH		
+= SB 242	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT		
+= SB 184	ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 14	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 11	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SB 97	TEACHER RECRUITMENT; LUMP SUM PAYMENT		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 13	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 158	SCHOOL GRANTS AND BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT		
+ SB 221	CPR CURRICULUM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 15	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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FINANCE

Mar 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 236 GRANTS TO DISASTER VICTIMS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 127 TAXATION: VEHICLE RENTALS, SUBPOENAS

Mar 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + SB 21 STRATEGIC PLANS FOR STATE AGENCIES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 243 ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY GOVERNANCE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 116 ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + SB 118 CRITICAL NATURAL RESOURCES; REPORTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 260 AK PERM FUND CORP BD/AK PERM FUND COUNCIL
 -- Invited Testimony --
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Overview: Spring Revenue Forecast
 by Department of Revenue
 Overview: Governor's Budget Amendments
 by Office of Management and Budget
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ HB 148 AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SCR 9 MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ASSISTANCE PARITY

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ SB 27 CONTRACEPTIVES COVERAGE:INSURE;MED ASSIST

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:

+= SB 240 SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Mar 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

State Medical Board - David Paulson

+ HB 57 EMERGENCY MED. SVCS: REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 11 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+= SB 17 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ Presentation: Report on "Relationships Between

Intimate Partner Violence and Alaskan Women's

Health" by Dr. Ingrid Johnson, University of

Alaska Anchorage Justice Center

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 15 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Dusty Dumont, Alaska Police Standards Council
 Rebecca Carrillo & William Craig,
 State Commission for Human Rights
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 11 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 121 PHARMACIES/PHARMACISTS/BENEFITS MANAGERS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 203 BUSINESS LICENSE FEES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 13 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 234 EXTEND MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 146 GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 219 PRIOR AUTH EXEMPT FOR HEALTH PROVIDERS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 44 NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 225 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING FEES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 237 TAX CREDIT CHILD CARE/UTILITY/HOUSE/FOOD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
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RESOURCES

Mar 11 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 199 STATE LAND: DISPOSAL/SALE/LEASE/RESTRICT
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 210 SALMON HATCHERY PERMITS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 164 STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 217 INTEGRATED TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + Presentation: Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)
 Update by Curtis Thayer, Executive Director, AEA
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 15 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 164 STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 175 ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + HB 143 ADVANCED RECYCLING AND FACILITIES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 12 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 += SB 131 ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER PROGRAM
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SB 193 SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS/TRACKING
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 14 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 255 OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PLACES; TRESPASSING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 218 VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

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

CORRECTIONS

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

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 + FY25 Department of Education and Early
 Development Budget
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 14 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 11:00 AM
 + Presentation: Spill Prevention and Response

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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

JUDICIARY

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

LAW

Mar 14 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
+ Department Overview

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 13 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
+ -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Department Overview

REVENUE

Mar 12 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:30 AM**
+ Overview: Department of Revenue, Alaska Mental
 Health Trust and Alaska Housing Finance
 Corporation by Steve Williams, CEO AMHT, and
 Bryan Butcher, CEO AHFC

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 14 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **7:30 AM**
+ FY25 AMHS Request

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Mar 12 **Tuesday** **House Chamber** **10:30 AM**
+ Consideration of Senate Special Concurrent
 Resolutions Regarding the Governor's Executive
 Orders

OTHER MEETINGS (continued)**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

Mar 21 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
+ Lunch & Learn Presentation:
The Alaska Just Transition Collective
- Aligned Vision for a Just and
Equitable Transition Away from an Extractive
Economy Into a Resilient One Based in Care
Presenters include:
Faith Tyson, Alaska Renewables
Doug Tansy, Business Manager of IBEW Local 1547
Wayne Morgan, Aniak Traditional Council
Sponsored by Senator Claman, Senator Dunbar, and
Representative McCormick