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Juneau, Alaska

Friday

March 22, 2024

Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:35 a.m.

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

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

Dear Lord, thank you for the men and women who uphold their leadership roles with honor and dignity.

We thank you that they look after the beauty, the agriculture, the various cultures that mold together to create an environment where all can yield from the bounty that Alaska offers.

Continue to provide knowledge and understanding to all who work together for the betterment of Alaska and those who call this beautiful state home. Amen.

Senator Wilson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Messages dated March 21 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 97**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97(JUD) am BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to self-storage facilities for personal property, including vehicles and watercraft; distinguishing self-storage facility liens from another type of storage lien; and excluding self-storage liens from the treatment of certain unclaimed property."

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

HB 146

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146(STA) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to fireworks; repealing restrictions on the sale of fireworks; directing the Department of Public Safety to adopt fireworks regulations; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 193

HOUSE BILL NO. 193 BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 238

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 238(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal mischief in the third degree; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 316

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 316(STA) am BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless device location information in emergencies; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Fish and Game
Alaska Salmon Fisheries Enhancement Annual Report 2023
in accordance with AS 16.05.092

Standing Committee Reports

Reports dated March 20 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Education Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Seth Church

Stephen Colligan

Board of Education and Early Development

Pamela Dupras

Barbara Tyndall

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Michael Robbins

Signing the report: Senator Tobin, Chair; Senators Bjorkman, Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Kiehl.

Report dated March 21 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the State Affairs Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

Lieutenant Governor Successor

Torrence Saxe

Signing the report: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Merrick, Bjorkman.

SB 168

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act relating to wrongfully seized game" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 168(RES) "An Act relating to certain game seized by the state and unlawfully taken game."

Signing do pass: Senators Bishop, Giessel, Cochairs; Signing amend: Senators Kawasaki, Claman, Wielechowski, Dunbar, Kaufman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Fish and Game

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Public Safety

President Stevens added a Finance referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 196

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to drug and alcohol testing by employers."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 232

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 232 "An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

President Stevens added a Finance referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SJR 19

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 BY THE SENATE
RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Supporting trade policies for the United States that
hold China and other countries accountable, reward
leadership in clean production standards, reward
superior environmental performance, support
economic development, and support the rebuilding of
supply chains in the United States.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 261

SENATE BILL NO. 261 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the museum construction and
major expansion matching grant program."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce
Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 256

SENATE BILL NO. 256 "An Act establishing May as Amyotrophic
Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and providing for an effective
date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 256 will advance to third
reading on the March 25 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 34**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN) "An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the membership and duties of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN) "An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the membership and duties of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 34(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Gray-Jackson, Shower, Tobin

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN) 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.

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SB 91

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 91(FIN) "An Act relating to telehealth; relating to multidisciplinary care teams; and relating to the practice of medicine" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 91(FIN) "An Act relating to telehealth; relating to multidisciplinary care teams; and relating to the practice of medicine" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 91(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Bishop, Gray-Jackson, Shower, Tobin

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 91(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Leo Bundridge

Senator(s) Dunbar

Representative(s) Gray, Groh

Honoring - Errol Champion

Senator(s) Kiehl

Representative(s) Hannan, Story

Honoring - Joshua Gill

Representative(s) McCormick

Senator(s) Hoffman

Honoring - 60th Anniversary of the M/V Tustumena

Representative(s) Stutes, Edgmon

Senator(s) Stevens, Dunbar

Honoring - Mother Mabel Gibbons
Representative(s) Wright

Honoring - Trend Alaska
Representative(s) C. Johnson, Cronk

In Memoriam - Charles "Chuck" Homan
Representative(s) Wright, Coulombe
Senator(s) Wielechowski

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

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 34

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN) "An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the membership and duties of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 91

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 91(FIN) "An Act relating to telehealth; relating to multidisciplinary care teams; and relating to the practice of medicine" 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 11:00 a.m., March 25, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:08 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 26	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ HCR 8	HONORING VIETNAM WAR VETERANS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 28	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Mar 22	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 25	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 178	SCHOOL TERMS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 27	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Mar 29	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 22 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Presentation: Forthcoming Labor Contracts and
Monetary Terms by
- Department of Administration
- Department of Law
<Above Item (Dept of Law) Removed from Agenda>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 25 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+= HB 193 INTERNET FOR SCHOOLS
+ SB 259 COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES
+= SB 113 REAA FUND: MT. EDGE CUMBE, TEACHER HOUSING
+ SB 73 REGISTER INTERIOR DESIGNERS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 26 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ Presentation: Federal Infrastructure Funding
Update by
Shareen Crosby, Infrastructure Investment
Coordinator
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 26 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 231 MINORS & RESIDENT PSYCH TREATMENT CENTERS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+= SCR 9 MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ASSISTANCE PARITY

Mar 28 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Mar 22 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+= SB 165 DEFENSE OF PUB. OFFICER: ETHICS COMPLAINT
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 25 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ HJR 3 CONCEALED HANDGUN RECIPROCITY B/W STATES
+ SB 258 CRIM. CONV. OVERTURNED: RECEIVE PAST PFD
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 27 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

+ SB 60 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ HB 28 ACCESS TO MARIJUANA CONVICTION RECORDS
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 29 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 22 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 25 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ SB 203 BUSINESS LICENSE FEES
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ SB 200 TRS CONTR RATE; PERS SOC SECURITY OR SBS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ SB 153 OVERTIME PAY EXEMPTION
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 27 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ SB 239 AIDEA WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ SB 257 ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+ SB 154 BIDDER PREF MILITARY CAREER SKILLS PROG
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
-- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
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LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 29	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Mar 22	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Mar 25	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 217	INTEGRATED TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Mar 27	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Mar 29	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 26	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Mar 28	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 26	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ HB 341	MARVIN THURMOND GALENA MAINT. STATION		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= HB 81	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE		
+= SB 255	OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PLACES; TRESPASSING		

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TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Mar 28	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Apr 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:30 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 27	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:15 PM
+	Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development Budget		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

CORRECTIONS

Apr 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:45 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

FISH & GAME

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	12:15 PM
+	Department of Fish & Game Budget		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

JUDICIARY

Apr 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	5:15 PM
+	Budget Closeout		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
+	FY25 Budget		

JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mar 26	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	3:15 PM
+	Presentation: Update on Military Activity in Alaska by Lieutenant General David S. Nahom, Commander, Alaskan Command, United States Northern Command; Commander, Eleventh Air Force, Pacific Air Forces; and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command Region, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska Brigadier General Thomas E. Burke, 11th Airborne Division Deputy Commander for Support, US Army Alaska Captain John D. Cole, Chief of Staff, District 17 United States Coast Guard Rear Admiral Mark B. Sucato, Commander, Navy Region Northwest George Tolar and Team, Alaska Command (ALCOM) Craig Fleener, Deputy Director Ted Stevens Center for Alaska Security Studies Lieutenant General (AK) Torrence W. Saxe, Adjutant General of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs		

OTHER MEETINGS**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

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| Mar 25 | Monday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 6:00 PM |
| + | Alaska Children's Caucus Organizational Meeting
Presentation: How States Have Used Early
Childhood Caucuses by Dan Wuori, Senior Early
Childhood Advisor, The Hunt Institute
Streamed live on AKL.tv | | |
| Mar 26 | Tuesday | Butrovich 205 | 12:00 PM |
| + | Lunch & Learn Presentation:
Global Military Outlook: What's Going On Around
the World and its Impact to Alaska
Presented by the Joint Staff of the National
Guard
Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki and Representative
Shaw | | |