

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**April 10, 2024**

**Eighty-sixth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:07 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Olson was absent.

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,

I come boldly before your throne today, the throne of grace, where we find mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

I lift the Senators up to you and ask for Your mercy and grace to be upon them as they meet now. Be their guiding light. Strengthen them and give them great wisdom as they consider this days agenda.

Let Your presence be here with them and give them great inspiration as they reason together.

Grant them good health and perseverance as they near the finish of this session. Watch over their families and keep them in Your Hand.

And now, I proclaim this promise over you:

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May the Name of the God of Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary, And strengthen you out of Zion.

May He grant you according to your heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose. Psalms 20:1-4

Each one of you has a purpose here, in this Senate. I bless you and your work.

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Senator Hughes led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

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

### **Messages from the House**

#### **Concur Messages**

#### **SB 45**

Message dated April 9 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(L&C) am "An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; relating to the duties of the director of the division of insurance in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment(s):

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL  
NO. 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H)

**Communications**

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

Ombudsman 2024 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 24.55.230

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 102**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 102 "An Act relating to refuse utility rates and Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulations regarding refuse utilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 164**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 164 "An Act making certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park campsites and facilities without charge; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(RES) "An Act making certain veterans eligible for a lifetime permit to access state park campsites and the parking and restrooms of developed facilities without charge; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HCR 8**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Honoring United States military veterans exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War; and expressing gratitude for the courageous service of those veterans to the United States.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Second Reading of Senate Bills**

**SB 228**

SENATE BILL NO. 228 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 228 will advance to third reading on the April 11 calendar.

**Third Reading of Senate Bills**

**SB 196**

SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to drug and alcohol testing by employers" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to drug and alcohol testing by employers" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 196

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, Shower, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Wilson

Excused: Olson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 196 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring - Roy Getchell  
Senator(s) Kiehl  
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

Honoring - Hannah Shaha  
Representative(s) Saddler

Honoring - Trevor Townsend  
Representative(s) Edgmon

Honoring - Jaime Cabral  
Representative(s) Himschoot  
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring - Lisa Busch  
Representative(s) Himschoot  
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring - Fred Anderson and The Bristol Bay Historical Society  
Museum  
Representative(s) Edgmon  
Senator(s) Hoffman

Honoring - Petersburg Pilot 50th Anniversary  
Representative(s) Himschoot  
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Frederick James "Jim" McConnell  
Senator(s) Merrick

In Memoriam - Dwayne Peebles  
Senator(s) Kiehl  
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

In Memoriam - David Totemoff Sr.  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes

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

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

### **Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Arctic Encounter  
Representative(s) Armstrong, Baker

Honoring - Morgan Hegg  
Senator(s) Hughes  
Representative(s) Tilton

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****SB 219**

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent Uniform Rule 23 be waived on SENATE BILL NO. 219 "An Act relating to utilization review entities; exempting certain health care providers from making preauthorization requests for certain services; and providing for an effective date" for the Labor and Commerce Committee meeting today. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 196**

SENATE BILL NO. 196 "An Act relating to drug and alcohol testing by employers" 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., April 11, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:33 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**

<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SCR 13	ART. II, SEC. 16, CONST:AFFIRM COMPLIANCE		
	Uniform Rule 23 Waived		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+= SB 221	CPR CURRICULUM		
+= SB 158	SCHOOL GRANTS AND BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT		
+ SB 143	EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HEARING IMPAIRED		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Briefing on the Federal "Maintenance of Equity" Requirements		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		



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**FINANCE**

- Apr 10      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +                      Overview: Governor's Amendments by  
                          Office of Management and Budget  
                          Department of Transportation  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Apr 10      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532                      1:30 PM**  
                          -- MEETING CANCELED --  
                          -- Please Note Time Change --  
 += SB 187      APPROP: CAP; REAPPROP  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Apr 11      Thursday                                  Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Apr 11      Thursday                                  Senate Finance 532                      1:30 PM**  
                          -- Please Note Time Change --  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
  
- Apr 12      Friday    Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Apr 11      Thursday                                  Butrovich 205                              3:30 PM**  
 +                      Presentation: Department of Health - Behavioral  
                          Health Roadmap for Alaska Youth  
                          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 +      HB 371      MEDICAL REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS  
                          -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 +      HCR 15      MENTAL HEALTH MONTH; TARDIVE DYSK WEEK  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

- Apr 10      Wednesday                                  Butrovich 205                              1:30 PM**  
 += SB 258      CRIM. CONV. OVERTURNED: RECEIVE PAST PFD  
 +      SB 255      OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC PLACES; TRESPASSING  
                          -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Apr 12 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 20 APPROPRIATION LIMIT; GOV BUDGET  
 += SJR 4 CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT  
 += SB 165 DEFENSE OF PUB. OFFICER: ETHICS COMPLAINT  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Apr 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 152 COMMUNITY ENERGY FACILITIES; NET METERING  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 257 ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATION  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 219 PRIOR AUTH EXEMPT FOR HEALTH PROVIDERS  
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 12 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 239 AIDEA WORKFORCE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 211 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS/LOANS/SALES  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**RESOURCES**

**Apr 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Board of Game: Jake Garner, James Baichtal  
 Board of Fisheries: Curtis Chamberlain  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + HB 272 BIG GAME HUNTING BY PERSON W/ DISABILITY  
 += SB 253 DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM/PILOT PROJECT  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += SB 248 BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*



**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

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

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**CORRECTIONS**

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Apr 10**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **12:00 PM**  
+      Overview:  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

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**GOVERNOR**

**Apr 11**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **3:00 PM**  
+      Subcommittee Budget Closeout

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**JUDICIARY**

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

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Apr 11**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
+      FY25 Budget Closeout

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**

**LAW**

- Apr 10**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:45 PM**  
 -- Rescheduled to 4/12/24 --  
 +              Budget Closeout Meeting
- Apr 12**      **Friday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **8:00 AM**  
 -- Rescheduled from 4/10/24 --  
 +              Budget Closeout Meeting

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**LEGISLATURE**

- Apr 11**      **Thursday**                                  **Senate Finance 532**                      **3:05 PM**  
 +              Subcommittee Budget Closeout

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

- Apr 10**      **Wednesday**                                  **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **12:20 PM**  
 +              Overview:  
                  Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs  
                  Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- Apr 10**      **Wednesday**                                  **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:00 PM**  
 +              Budget Closeout Meeting

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**REVENUE**

- Apr 10**      **Wednesday**                                  **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **12:40 PM**  
 +              Overview:  
                  Department of Revenue  
                  Senate Finance Subcommittee Closeout

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

- Apr 12**      **Friday**    **Senate Finance 532**                      **8:00 AM**  
 +              FY25 Closeout

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

**Apr 11**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **6:00 PM**  
+      Alaska Children's Caucus Meeting  
Stakeholder Presentations with Recommendations  
for Consideration by the Children's Caucus  
-- Invited Testimony --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*