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Juneau, Alaska

Tuesday

May 7, 2024

One Hundred Thirteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:48 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Jubilee Henderson, Senate Page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

Please guide everyone here as they make important decisions for our wonderful State of Alaska. Grant them wisdom in times of uncertainty and clarity in times of confusion. Amen.

Senator Gray-Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the one hundred twelfth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Messages from the House

SJR 20

Message dated May 6 was read stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20(CRA) Urging the United States Congress to address outages of Automated Weather Observing System stations and Automated Surface Observing System stations occurring in the state.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Messages dated May 6 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 19

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels."

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

HB 111

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 111(EDC) BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing."

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

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HB 116

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 116(STA) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to grants and costs funded by the restorative justice account; relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 189

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 189(L&C) am BY THE HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 233

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(TRA) am BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to rates and time allowances for motor vehicle warranty work; and relating to unfair practices by manufacturers."

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

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HB 251

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(L&C) am BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in an uninspected kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met."

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

HB 257

HOUSE BILL NO. 257 BY REPRESENTATIVES MCKAY, Saddler, Carpenter, Josephson, Sumner, Rauscher, Coulombe, Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make Cook Inlet seismic survey data available to certain persons; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 260

HOUSE BILL NO. 260 am BY REPRESENTATIVES STAPP, Galvin, Schrage, Saddler, Tomaszewski, Sumner, Tilton, entitled:

"An Act repealing programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions."

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

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HB 295

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 295(RES) BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the sale of hatchery-produced salmon to certain persons for the purpose of stocking lakes."

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

Communications

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

Report from the Office of Management and Budget dated May 6 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Public Employees Local 71 representing the Labor, Trades and Crafts Unit (LTC) in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Stevens referred the report to the Finance Committee.

Standing Committee Reports

HB 125

The Finance 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 the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 1611.

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Hoffman, Olson, Cochairs; Senator Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wilson, Kiehl.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

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HB 219

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 219 "An Act repealing the assistive technology loan guarantee and interest subsidy program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Hoffman, Cochair; Senators Wilson, Kiehl, Bishop. Signing no recommendation: Senators Stedman, Olson, Cochairs.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 228

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 228(STA) am "An Act establishing the Alaska task force for the regulation of psychedelic medicines approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Claman, Chair; Senator Tobin. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kaufman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 238

The Judiciary Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 238(JUD) "An Act relating to criminal mischief in the third degree; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 238(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator Claman, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Kaufman, Tobin.

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The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HJR 17

The Education Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Urging the United States Congress to pass the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

Signing do pass: Senator Tobin, Chair; Senators Bjorkman, Gray-Jackson, Stevens, Kiehl.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Special Committee Reports

HB 268

May 6, 2024

Mr. President:

Madam Speaker:

The Conference Committee considering CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 268(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date"

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 268(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date"

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respectfully requests limited powers of free conference on the following specific points:

Appropriations and language that are not identical in the House and Senate versions of HB 268.

In accordance with past practice and usage, the Conference Committee requests authorization to add the monetary terms of collective bargaining agreements for the following bargaining units:

Alaska Correctional Officers Association Correctional Officers Unit
Alaska Public Employees Association / Supervisory Unit
Labor, Trades and Crafts Unit
Alaska Graduate Workers Association / UAW

Signing the report: Senator Stedman, Chair, Senator Olson; Representative D. Johnson, Chair, Representatives Edgmon, Ortiz.

President Stevens granted the Senate members limited powers of free conference as requested.

President Stevens ruled past precedent and usage allows the Conference Committee to incorporate the specified late-arriving collective bargaining agreements.

HB 270

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Mr. President:

Madam Speaker:

The Conference Committee considering CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date"

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date"

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respectfully requests limited powers of free conference on the following specific points:

Appropriations and language that are not identical in the House and Senate versions of HB 270.

In accordance with past practice and usage, the Conference Committee requests authorization to add the monetary terms of collective bargaining agreements for the following bargaining units:

Alaska Correctional Officers Association Correctional Officers Unit

Alaska Public Employees Association / Supervisory Unit

Labor, Trades and Crafts Unit

Alaska Graduate Workers Association / UAW

Signing the report: Senator Stedman, Chair, Senator Olson; Representative D. Johnson, Chair, Representatives Edgmon, Ortiz.

President Stevens granted the Senate members limited powers of free conference as requested.

President Stevens ruled past precedent and usage allows the Conference Committee to incorporate the specified late-arriving collective bargaining agreements.

Senator Stedman objected to the ruling of the chair.

The question being: "Shall the Senate uphold the ruling of the chair?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Uphold Ruling of the Chair?

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2

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

Absent: Bjorkman, Wilson

and so, the ruling of the chair was upheld.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

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Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:04 a.m.

After Recess

Joint Session in the House

The consideration of the Governor's appointments in Joint Session will be published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 18.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 2:52 p.m.

The presence of Senator Bjorkman was noted.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 17

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 BY THE
SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 50, relating to carbon storage on state land; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; relating to carbon storage exploration licenses; relating to carbon storage leases; relating to carbon storage operator permits; relating to enhanced oil or gas recovery; relating to long-term monitoring and maintenance of storage facilities; relating to carbon oxide sequestration tax credits; relating to the duties of the Department of Natural Resources; and relating to carbon dioxide pipelines.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Luk'ae Tse' Taas Comics
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Tobin, Dunbar

Honoring - Pena Park Market
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Tobin
Representative(s) Groh

Honoring - Thunder Mountain High School Culinary Arts Team
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Alaska School Boards and Members
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Orin Seybert
Senator(s) Olson
Representative(s) Edgmon

In Memoriam - James "Jim" Eldon Graham
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

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**HB 111**

Senators Myers, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 111(EDC) "An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing." Without objection, it was so ordered.

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HB 233

Senators Myers, Claman, Bjorkman, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 233(TRA) am "An Act relating to rates and time allowances for motor vehicle warranty work; and relating to unfair practices by manufacturers." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 251

Senators Myers, Hughes, Bjorkman, Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(L&C) am "An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in an uninspected kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 260

Senators Myers, Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 260 am "An Act repealing programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

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., May 8, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

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Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

May 07	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= HB 347	PROPERTY ASSESSMENT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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May 09	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

EDUCATION

May 08	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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May 10	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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FINANCE

May 07	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= HB 219	REPEAL ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY LOAN PROGRAM		
+= HB 125	TRAPPING CABINS ON STATE LAND		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= HB 50	CARBON STORAGE		
	-- Invited Testimony --		

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FINANCE (continued)

May 07	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= HB 50	CARBON STORAGE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
May 08	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= HB 50	CARBON STORAGE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
May 08	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
	Report: AIDEA's March to Autonomy by		
	Milt Barker		
	Gregg Erickson		
	AIDEA's Response by		
	Randy Ruaro, Executive Director		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 09	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 09	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 10	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 135	AK WORK & SAVE PROGRM; RETIRE. SAVINGS BD		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 11	Saturday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 12	Sunday	Senate Finance 532	1:00 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

May 07	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 09	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

May 08	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 10	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

LABOR & COMMERCE

May 08	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+= HB 88	WAREHOUSE WORK QUOTAS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= HB 203	PAYMENT OF WAGES; PAYROLL CARD ACCOUNT		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+= HB 226	PHARMACIES/PHARMACISTS/BENEFITS MANAGERS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	SALE OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER 21		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
HB 233	RATES: MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY WORK		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	REGULATION OF FIREWORKS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 10	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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RESOURCES

May 08	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
+ SB 194	REDUCE ROYALTY ON COOK INLET OIL & GAS		
Streamed live on AKL.tv			
May 10	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
Streamed live on AKL.tv			

STATE AFFAIRS

May 07	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ HB 330 RESTRICT PRISONER ACCESS DIGITAL DEVICES			
-- Invited & Public Testimony --			
+ HJR 18 SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT REDUCTION REPEAL			
-- Invited & Public Testimony --			
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
Streamed live on AKL.tv			
May 09	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
Streamed live on AKL.tv			
May 11	Saturday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
Streamed live on AKL.tv			

TRANSPORTATION

May 07	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
-- MEETING CANCELED --			
+ HB 375	ENERGY SOURCES OF MOTOR VEHICLES		
-- Invited & Public Testimony --			
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
May 09	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
-- Please Note Time Change --			
+ HB 375	ENERGY SOURCES OF MOTOR VEHICLES		
-- Invited & Public Testimony --			
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			

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TRANSPORTATION (continued)

May 09 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

May 07 **Tuesday** **Adams 519** **8:00 AM**
+
I. Approval of Minutes
a. April 4, 2024
II. Executive Session
a. Consideration of Contract Award
Teleconferencing: Juneau: (907) 586-9085,
Anchorage: (907) 563-9085, Outside Juneau and
Anchorage: (844) 586-9085

May 09 **Thursday** **Adams 519** **5:00 PM**
+ I. Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2024
II. Executive Session - Audit
a. Release of the FY23 State Single Audit
Teleconferenced: Juneau (907)586-9085, Anchorage
(907)563-9085, Outside Juneau & Anchorage
(844)586-9085

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

May 07 **Tuesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointments to
Boards & Commissions