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One Hundred Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senior Pastor Dani Cherian, Valley Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord Jesus,

I give you praise today, for a new day to bring you glory. You have called each Senator and their staff and the men and women in this room here to accomplish your will today. I ask that you would guide their steps this morning.

The Bible says, NIV 3, 1:23 [Psalms] "The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake."

Lord Jesus, there is no lack, when we are guided by you. You give exactly what we need. I ask that you would lead each Senator on the best pathway today, towards you. I ask that you would give them strength, energy, and wisdom to accomplish the decisions that need to be made today for our great State of Alaska.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the one hundred thirteenth legislative day and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 18 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

HB 268

Message dated May 7 was read stating the Speaker granted limited powers of free conference to the House conferees 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."

on the following specific points:

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

and, in accordance with practice and usage, authorizes the addition of 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

HB 270

Message dated May 7 was read stating the Speaker granted limited powers of free conference to the House conferees 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."

on the following specific points:

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

and, in accordance with practice and usage, authorizes the addition of 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

Message dated May 7 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 55

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 169

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 169(FSH) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries rehabilitation permit."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 17

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17(HSS) am(efd fld) "An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services" was read the second time.

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2494. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17(L&C) "An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17(L&C) will advance to third reading on the May 9 calendar.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 19

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 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 second time.

Senator Giessel, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 2220. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES) Supporting trade policies for the United States that hold China, Russia, 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 adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES) will advance to third reading on the May 9 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - 2024 Senate Floor Staff
Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - 2024 House Floor Staff
Representative(s) C. Johnson

Honoring - Staff Sergeant Adan Sanches
Representative(s) Prax, Stapp
Senator(s) Myers

Honoring - Juneau Douglas High School Yadaa.at Kalé Crimson Bears
2023 Varsity Softball State Champions
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Deborah Collins
Representative(s) Galvin
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Tam Agosti-Gisler
Representative(s) Galvin, Fields
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Blue Market AK
Representative(s) Galvin, Mina
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Imagine That Childcare 50th Anniversary
Representative(s) Prax
Senator(s) Myers

Honoring - Paul Klaben
Representative(s) Vance, Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Cheryl Smith
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Richard Anthony Gularte
Senator(s) Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Jonnie Lee Jennings
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Jeanne Mary Brenner
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Wright

In Memoriam - Charles D. Hostetler
Senator(s) Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Joshua Loring Collins
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Mildred "Millie" Alice Dufseth
Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Barry Donnellan
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Winnifred "Winnie" Belle Atwood
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Bishop
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam - George Davidson
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Frederick Joseph John
Representative(s) Ortiz
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Candice Marie Howard Brunty
Representative(s) Prax

In Memoriam - Dale Edwin Denny
Representative(s) Prax
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - Andra Lee Olive Gutendorf Rice
Representative(s) Prax
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - Louis Hale Barton
Representative(s) Prax

In Memoriam - Wendell Harold Zesiger
Representative(s) Prax

In Memoriam - David Charles Kilbourn
Representative(s) Prax, Dibert
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - Nynaeve Kay Seaman
Representative(s) Prax
Senator(s) Myers

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 citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Tim Banaszak
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

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

HB 57

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor 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.

HB 120

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on HOUSE BILL NO. 120 "An Act relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for certain nonresident postsecondary students; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from July 27 through August 15. Without objection, Senator Dunbar was excused.

Senator Merrick moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on May 13. Without objection, Senator Merrick was excused.

HB 55

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(L&C) "An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 189

President Stevens removed the Finance Committee referral to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 189(L&C) am "An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

The bill is in the Labor and Commerce Committee.

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 9, 2024. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

- + indicates teleconference
- = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

May 09	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ HB 345	HARBOR FACILITIES AND SAFETY LADDERS		
	<Pending Referral>		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

EDUCATION

May 08	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 10	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ HB 111	EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HEARING IMPAIRED		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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FINANCE

May 08	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ HB 19	REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ HB 144	REPEAL EDUCATION TAX CREDITS SUNSET		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+ HB 50	CARBON STORAGE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	<Time Limit May Be Set>		
+ HB 81	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ HB 126	ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS		
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		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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:		
+=	HB 29	INSURANCE DISCRIMINATION	
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> --			
+	HB 189	SALE OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER 21	
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --			
	HB 233	RATES: MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY WORK	
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --			
+	HB 146	REGULATION OF FIREWORKS	
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Streamed live on AKL.tv			

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

May 09	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:15 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+ HB 226	PHARMACIES/PHARMACISTS/BENEFITS MANAGERS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ HB 189	SALE OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER 21		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ HB 88	WAREHOUSE WORK QUOTAS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ HB 203	PAYMENT OF WAGES; PAYROLL CARD ACCOUNT		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ HB 146	REGULATION OF FIREWORKS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 146	GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ HB 233	RATES: MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTY WORK		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ HB 251	EXEMPTIONS FOR HOMEMADE FOODS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	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		

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

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

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		

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB268 AND HB270

May 08	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	4:30 PM
	Conference Committee		
+=	HB 268	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET; CAP; SUPP; AM	
+=	HB 270	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	