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Juneau, Alaska

Tuesday

January 28, 2025

Eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 6:45 p.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Hoffman, Olson, Tobin were absent.

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

Dear Lord, please guide us through both the trials and tribulations and the joys and discoveries which we encounter today. Help us to use our best judgement in our actions throughout this day, this week and this session.

We thank You for the vast beauty and resources of our State. We thank You for the friends and family who support us while we serve as representatives of the people of this State.

With Your help, may we do Your will today. Amen.

Senator Dunbar led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the seventh legislative day, Senate Journal Supplement No. 1 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 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 through January 31. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

The presence of Senator Tobin was noted.

Messages from the House

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Susan Carney's State of the Judiciary address in the House Chambers.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Oil and Gas
Carbon Storage Licensing and Leasing Program
2024 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 38.05.735

University of Alaska Fairbanks
Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences
Annual Report FY 2024
in accordance with AS 16.52.050

Notice of availability:
Alaska Court System
Statistical Report FY 2024
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

Standing Committee Reports

SB 1

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."

Signing do pass: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Tobin, Stevens, Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Myers.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 15

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 15 "An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Merrick, Gray-Jackson, Yundt.

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.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 6:51 p.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear Governor Mike Dunleavy's State of the State address.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Senator Kawasaki and Representative Holland to escort Governor Mike Dunleavy to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Matt Simpson, announced the Honorable Mike Dunleavy's entrance to the House Chamber.

Governor Dunleavy was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon.

Governor Dunleavy delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2.

Governor Dunleavy received a standing ovation.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 7:50 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

Announcements

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., January 29, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:54 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

Jan 28	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Overview: Division of Community & Regional Affairs, DCCED by Sandra Moller, Division Director, DCRA		
+	Presentation: Alaska Municipal League by Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, AML		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

Jan 29	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Fairbanks North Star Borough School District update by Melissa Burnett, School Board President		
	Luke Meinert, Superintendent		
	Presentation: Education funding impact on Anchorage teachers by Corey Aist, President, Anchorage Education Association		
	-- Public Testimony on the education funding crisis in Alaska --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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EDUCATION (continued)

Jan 31 +	Friday -- Public Testimony on the education funding crisis in Alaska -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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FINANCE

Jan 28 +	Tuesday Overview: Continued: Office of Management and Budget FY26 Budget Overview Legislative Finance Division **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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Jan 29	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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Jan 30	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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Jan 31	Friday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Overview: Continued: FY26 Budget Overview by Legislative Finance Division	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 28 + SB 44 + SB 45	Tuesday MINORS & PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS MEDICAID MENTAL HEALTH PARITY -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Jan 30	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Medicaid 1115 Waiver Update by Emily Ricci, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services Betsy Wood, Deputy Director of the Office of Health Savings Tracy Dompeling, Director of the Division of Behavioral Health		
+	SB 44	MINORS & PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled -- Public Testimony -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	

JUDICIARY

Jan 29	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Jan 31	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 29	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Overview: Department of Labor and Workforce Development Apprenticeships (Directors Dirk Craft and Paloma Harbour) Overview/Budget (Commissioner Cathy Muñoz and Director Dan DeBartolo) **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Jan 31	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Jan 29 +	Wednesday Presentation: Department of Natural Resources Carbon Capture Update by John Crowther - Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources Haley Paine - Deputy Director, Division of Oil and Gas Ryan Fitzpatrick - Commercial Section Chief, Divison of Oil and Gas Presentation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Class VI Wells Update by Jessie Chmielowski - Commissioner, AOGCC Gregory Wilson - Commissioner, AOGCC Chris Wallace - Senior Petroleum Engineer, AOGCC Kayla Junke - Carbon Assistant, AOGCC **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Jan 31 +	Friday Presentation: Department of Natural Resources Leasing Issues Update by John Crowther - Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources Presentation: Department of Law Leasing Issues Update by Mary Gramling - Chief Assistant Attorney General, Department of Law **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 28 + SJR 7	Tuesday RES. TO MAINTAIN DENALI AS OFFICIAL NAME -- Invited & Public Testimony -- ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM -- Invited & Public Testimony -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Jan 30	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	SB 64	ELECTIONS	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 70	SCHOOL&ELECTION BDS; VOTING; ELECTIONS	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 28	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+		Overview: Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities (continued from previous meeting) by Ryan Anderson, P.E., Commissioner	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

Jan 30	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS**

Jan 30	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+		Presentation: Alaska Energy by Gwen Holdmann - Director, Alaska Center for Energy and Power	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Jan 29	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
+	I. Call to Order II. Committee Organization: Election of Chair and Vice Chair III. Approval of the Agenda IV. Approval of Minutes a. December 2, 2024 b. December 23, 2024 V. Roles and Responsibilities: Division Support for the Committee a. Alexei Painter, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, Division of Legislative Finance b. Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor, Division of Legislative Audit VI. Revision of LBAC Handbook a. Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor VIII. Executive Session a. RFP 25-33-01 Compliance Audits of Select b. IRIS/Alder Contract Extension and Assignment Major Federal Programs IX. Top Audit Issues a. Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor X. Adjourn **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 31	Friday	Barnes 124	8:30 AM
+	1. Approval of Agenda		
+	2. Approval of Minutes		
	a. House Subcommittee February 16, 2024		
	b. House Subcommittee November 12, 2024		
+	3. Public Comment		
+	4. Election of Committee Chairs for 2025-2026		
	a. Article 3 Ethics Committee Election Procedure		
+	5. Chair/Staff Report		
	a. Public Member Committee Appointment Update		
	b. Management Log Review		
	c. Publications		
	i. 2022 Public Decisions Booklet -		
	AS 24.60.150(a)(2)		
	ii. 2022 Advisory Opinion Booklet -		
	AS 24.60.150(a)(2)		
	iii. 2023 Standards of Conduct Handbook -		
	AS 24.60.150(a)(3)		
	6. Executive Session		
+	7. 2025 Ethics Training Report		
+	8. Budget		
	a. FY 2025-2026 Budget		
+	9. Other Business		
	(Meeting will be teleconferenced)		
	Anchorage Only: 563-9085		
	Juneau Only: 586-9085		
	Outside Anchorage or Juneau: 1-844-586-9085		

Jan 31	Friday	Barnes 124	12:00 PM
	SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING		
+	1. Approval of Agenda		
+	2. Public Comment		
	3. Executive Session		
+	4. Public Session		
+	5. Other Business		

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TASK FORCE EVAL ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY

Jan 29 +	Wednesday Review and Adoption of Final Report, with discussion of conceptual legislation recommended -- Teleconference Listen Only -- -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Jan 28 +	Tuesday State of the State Address by Governor Mike Dunleavy	House Chamber	7:00 PM
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Feb 12 +	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Susan Carney	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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Feb 20 +	Thursday Annual Address by Nick Begich III, U.S. Representative	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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Mar 18 +	Tuesday Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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Mar 20 +	Thursday Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 29	Wednesday	Davis 106	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska's Nonprofit Sector: Generating Economic Impact Laurie Wolf, CEO, The Foraker Group Sponsored by Senator Dunbar		
Jan 29	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:01 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: School Choice Options for Alaska Leigh Sloan, Director of Alaska School Choice Dr. Jessica Parker Dr. Matthew Baxter Sponsored by Senator Hughes and Representative Underwood		
Feb 05	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Senior Services in Alaska Marge Stoneking, AARP Alaska Advocacy Director Marty Lange, Alaska Commission on Aging Executive Director Stephanie Wheeler, Alaska Long-term Care Ombudsman Marianne Mills, AGEnet President Sponsored by Senator Stevens		
Feb 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Covenant House Alaska Sponsored by Senator Tobin		