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Twenty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:04 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey, Co-Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Today I ask that you bless this gathering, inspiring the people in this chamber. That as they deliberate the concerns of the people we serve in the state of Alaska that we be open minded so that we are able to make the right decisions that meet the needs of all of the people of Alaska. Amen.

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the eighteenth through twentieth 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 through February 14. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Messages from the Governor

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated February 7, authorizing Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to take action to mitigate the impacts of severe weather and transportation disruptions to the Parks Highway, Richardson Highway and the Alaska Railroad corridor, with an accompanying letter, was received pursuant AS 26.23.020. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 77**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 77 "An Act relating to national criminal history record checks for certain employees of the Department of Revenue; relating to allowable absences for eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; relating to the confidentiality of certain information provided on a permanent fund dividend application; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 90**

SENATE BILL NO. 90 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the examination and treatment of minors; relating to consent for behavioral and mental health treatment for minors 16 years of age or older; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

SB 91

SENATE BILL NO. 91 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to clean energy project development licenses and leases of state land for clean energy projects."

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

SB 92

SENATE BILL NO. 92 BY SENATOR YUNDT, entitled:

"An Act establishing an income tax on certain entities producing or transporting oil or gas in the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Third Reading of Senate Bills

SB 15

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" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall 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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 15

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Olson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 15 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.

Citations

Honoring - Julie E. Kitka

Senator(s) Hoffman

Representative(s) Edgmon, Josephson

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

SB 90

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 90 "An Act relating to the examination and treatment of minors; relating to consent for behavioral and mental health treatment for minors 16 years of age or older; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Introduction of Senate Pages

Senator Wielechowski, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the 2025 Senate Pages:

Nova Tomaszewski, Fairbanks

Carrie Reynolds, Juneau

Memorandum dated February 7 was received stating President Stevens made the following appointment:

Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission
Senator Claman

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 15

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" 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 10:45 a.m., February 12, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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