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Juneau, Alaska

Monday

February 17, 2025

Twenty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Petr Janousek, The Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious God,

I thank you for this moment of prayer and reflection as this is the time when we can ask you for your guidance, knowledge and wisdom.

In your word is written that: "How much better to get wisdom than gold, and good judgment than silver!" So I pray for revelation of your wisdom, knowledge and good judgment. Every one of us needs your wisdom from above in our ordinary daily lives. But how much more is your wisdom and knowledge needed when you grant the authority and power to make decisions about the whole state of Alaska and its people. And so I come before your throne now in prayer and ask lead us and give us understanding as well as faith, hope and love.

In Jesus' mighty name,

Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the twenty-fifth through twenty-seventh 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 21. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Communications

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

Department of Revenue

Summary of Calendar Year 2024 Alaska Education Tax Credits
in accordance with AS 43.05.010

Department of Education & Early Development

School District Forecasted Unreserved

Year-End Operating Fund Balance

FY 2025

in accordance with ch. 2, SLA 2021

Standing Committee Reports

SB 69

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 69 "An Act relating to sexual assault examination kits; establishing the sexual assault examination kit tracking system; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

In Memoriam - Fred Hupprich
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

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

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 20 through evening plane time, February 23. Without objection, Senator Dunbar was excused.

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., February 19, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:09 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

Feb 18	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 63	LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

Feb 17	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Alaska's per pupil spending in context: 2022 and 2023 updates		
	Dayna Jean DeFeo, Director, Center for Alaska Education Research, Institute of Social and Economic Research		
	Matthew Berman, Professor of Economics, Institute of Social and Economic Research		
+	SB 6	ASIAN AMERICAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER PROGRAM	
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION (continued)

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| Feb 19 | Wednesday | Davis 106 | 8:00 AM |
| | -- Please Note Time & Location Change --
Meeting jointly with the House Education Committee | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| + | Presentation: Alaska Municipal Leaders
Education Priorities by
Participants in the Alaska Municipal League
2025 Winter Legislative Conference
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv | | |
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| Feb 21 | Friday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| += SB 41 | PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
-- Public Testimony -- | | |
| += SB 22 | FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS
-- Public Testimony -- | | |
| += SB 23 | CIVICS EDUCATION
-- Public Testimony -- | | |
| + | SB 82 EDUCATION:SCHOOLS; GRANTS; FUNDING; DEBT
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv | | |

FINANCE

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|---------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| Feb 17 | Monday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: Alaska Industrial Development
and Export Authority (AIDEA)
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv | | |
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| Feb 18 | Tuesday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: Cases, Judgments, and Settlements
Department of Law
Overview: University of Alaska - FY26 Budget
Senate Finance Subcommittee of the Whole
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv | | |

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 19	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 72	RAILROAD CORP. FINANCING		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 65	RAILROAD CORP. FINANCING		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Presentation: Three-Year Budget Outlook		
	Legislative Finance Division		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 20	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Alaska Municipal League		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 21	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 18	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- Agenda Change --		
+ SB 89	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE		
+	Presentation: Alaska Primary Care Association		
	Nancy Merriman, CEO, Alaska Primary Care Association		
	Lisa Aquino, CEO, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center and APCA FQHC Payment Taskforce Chair		
	Joshua Gilmore, CEO, Sunshine Health Center and APCA Board Chair		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 20	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Agenda Change --		
	Presentation: Alaska Primary Care Association		
	Nancy Merriman, CEO, Alaska Primary Care Association		
	Lisa Aquino, CEO, Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center and APCA FQHC Payment Taskforce Chair		
	Joshua Gilmore, CEO, Sunshine Health Center and APCA Board Chair		
	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
+ SB 9	SURRENDER OF INFANTS; INF. SAFETY DEVICE		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

JUDICIARY

Feb 17	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 19	Wednesday	Davis 106	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Location Change --		
+	Meeting Jointly with House Judiciary Committee		
	Presentation: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Overview		
	Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Feb 21	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 17 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 11 FLOOD INSURANCE
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 17 CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 98 EXTEND BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 19 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + Presentation: How Workers' Compensation Works
 Director Chuck Collins, Division of Workers'
 Compensation
- + SB 98 EXTEND BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 39 LOANS UNDER \$25,000; PAYDAY LOANS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 21 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 17 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 47 CHUGACH STATE PARK EASEMENTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 29 BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 30 STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 61 ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 92	CORP. INCOME TAX; OIL & GAS ENTITIES -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 21	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 18	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+= SB 31	ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM -- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 43	WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 20	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Adding a faculty member to the UA Board of Regents Jill Dumesnil - Statewide President, United Academics Jackie Cason - UAA Faculty Senate President		
+	Presentation: Department of Law Overview Functions and current litigation Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 18 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
-- Continued from 02/13/25 --
+ Presentation: STIP Update and Construction
 Outlook
 Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner
 Dom Pannone, Director of Program Management &
 Administration
 Overview: Alaska International Airport System
 Angie Spear, C.M., AIAS Director
 Teri Lindseth, ANC Deputy Airport Director,
 Planning & Development
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 20 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Presentation: Winter Road Maintenance
 Andy Mills, Special Assistant, Commissioner's
 Office
 Jason Sakalaskas, Maintenance and Operations
 Chief, Northern Region
 Burrell Nickeson, Maintenance and Operations
 Manager, Central Region
 Brad Bylsma, Director, State Equipment Fleet
 Christine Langley, Director, Data Modernization
 and Innovation Office
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

Feb 20 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ Presentation: The Wilson Center
 Shannon-Elizabeth O'Hare, US Polar Leadership
 Project Coordinator, Wilson Center
 Presentation: Denali Commission
 Julie Kitka, Federal Co-Chair, Denali Commission
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 20 +	Thursday Annual Address by Nick Begich III, U.S. Representative	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Mar 18 +	Tuesday Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Mar 20 +	Thursday Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 19	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Covenant House Alaska Sponsored by Senator Tobin	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
Feb 19	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Dock Talk: The Work of Alaska Longshoremen Dennis Young, President, ILWU Jesse Groom, Vice President, ILWU Darryl Tseu, Secretary/Treasurer, ILWU Caleb Adelmann, SC Committeeman, ILWU Travis Swangel, SW Committeeman, ILWU Sponsored by Senator Kiehl and Representative Fields	Davis 106	12:00 PM
Feb 19 +	Wednesday Alaska Children's Caucus Meeting -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Presentation: Kids Count Data Book Trevor Storrs, President & CEO, Alaska Children's Trust Presentation: Children's Justice Act Task Force Josh Louwerse, Senior Director of Legislative Affairs and Youth Systems Improvement, Covenant House Alaska **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	5:30 PM

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Feb 24	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Trucking Association Industry Overview Jamie Benson, President/CEO Sponsored by Senator Bjorkman and Representative Carrick		
Feb 26	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: 2025 Report Card for Alaska's Infrastructure American Society of Civil Engineers - Alaska Section as part of the Alaska Professional Design Council annual Legislative Fly-In David Gamez, Tor Anderzen, Greg Kinney Sponsored by Senator Kaufman		
Mar 05	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Safeguarding Alaska's Natural Resources from Foreign Malign Influence Tyler Vose, Founder & CEO, Denali Defense Solutions Dal Rae Beach, COO Sponsored by Senators Shower, Yundt and Representatives Vance, Allard		
Mar 19	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Travel and Tourism Alaska Travel Industry Association Sponsored by Senator Merrick		
Mar 31	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska's Workforce Future Alaska Workforce Alliance Jose Owens, American Marine International Carol Wren, BBNC and AWA Executive Director Sponsored by Senator Merrick		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)

Apr 01	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska is an Aerospace State Dr. Bob McCoy, Director, UAF Geophysical Institute Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki		
Apr 09	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Commission of Postsecondary Education Sponsored by Senator Tobin		