

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

#### **FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 24, 2025**

#### **Sixty-third Day**

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

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Fred LaPlante, Juneau Church of the Nazarene. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father,

I pray for these women and men who have been chosen to lead in our great State of Alaska. I ask for your wisdom to be given to each of them as they seek to lead with integrity and strength. Grant them your grace and understanding in all they do today.

I also ask for your touch on each of them as they deal with health and other personal issues. Those things tend to distract us and keep us from thinking clearly. God, help them to find your strength and boldness to serve as you would have them serve today and in the days to follow.

In Christ's powerful name I pray.

Amen.

Senator Myers led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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### **Certification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the fifty-ninth through sixty-second legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 7 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Communications**

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

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
Division of Community and Regional Affairs  
2025 Designated Legislative Lapsing Grant Report

Letter from the Attorney General dated March 21 was received reporting the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State of Alaska and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center Teachers' Association (AVTECTA) in accordance with AS 23.40.215 and AO 356.

President Stevens referred the report to the Finance Committee.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 21 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the following appointee(s). A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individual(s) during any further sessions.

**Alaska Police Standards Council**  
Timothy Collins

**Commission on Judicial Conduct**  
Bill Satterberg

Signing the report: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Myers, Kiehl, Stevens, Tobin.

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### **SJR 6**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Supporting the admittance of Washington, D.C., into the Union as a state of the United States of America, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 6(JUD)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Claman, Chair; Senator Kiehl.  
Signing do pass: Senator Tobin. Signing do not pass: Senators Stevens, Myers.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 140**

SENATE BILL NO. 140 BY SENATOR STEDMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to a matching grant program for fire station construction and renovation; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **SB 141**

SENATE BILL NO. 141 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to automated external defibrillators in buildings open to the public; relating to opioid overdose response kits in buildings open to the public; relating to civil liability for providing opioid overdose drugs; and providing for an effective date."

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

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**SB 142**

SENATE BILL NO. 142 BY SENATOR GIESSEL BY REQUEST,  
entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal and state group health insurance plans and policies, including self-insured plans and policies, and the administration and management of pharmacy benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Third Reading of Senate Bills**

**SB 80**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; extending the termination date of the Marijuana Control Board; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; extending the termination date of the Marijuana Control Board; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 80(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) 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 - Michelle Odlin  
Senator(s) Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes

Honoring - Ashley Conlon  
Senator(s) Tobin, Claman  
Representative(s) Hall

Honoring - Mariya Lovishchuk  
Senator(s) Kiehl  
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

In Memoriam - Kameron Hartvigson  
Representative(s) Underwood, Moore, Coulombe

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 - Dorine Grace McCall  
Senator(s) Kaufman, Merrick  
Representative(s) Saddler

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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**

President Stevens removed the Finance Committee referral from 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."

President Stevens added a Judiciary Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

In accordance with AS 24.55.020, President Stevens made the following appointments:

#### **Ombudsman Selection Committee**

Senator Stedman, Chair

Senator Kiehl

Senator Hughes

Senator Merrick moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 28. Without objection, Senator Merrick was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 80**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; extending the termination date of the Marijuana Control Board; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Engrossment and Enrollment****SSCR 1**

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Disapproving Executive Order No. 136, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:35 a.m., March 21, 2025.

Legislative Resolve No. 2

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 26, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 a.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

<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 26	ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 102	ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 111	DIGITAL PRODUCT REPAIR		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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### EDUCATION

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ =	Presentation: Capital Needs for School Facilities		
	Alaska Department of Education and Early Development		
+ = HB 69	EDUCATION FUNDING: INCREASE BSA		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 20	CPR CURRICULUM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 118	ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ = HB 69	EDUCATION FUNDING: INCREASE BSA		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Mar 28 Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**FINANCE**

**Mar 24 Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**  
+= SJR 14 CONST AM: PERMANENT FUND; POMV; EARNINGS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 25 Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**  
+ Presentation: Alaska Broadband Office  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+= SB 59 APPROP: SUPPLEMENTAL; FUND CAP  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 26 Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**  
+ Presentation: Alaska Energy Authority  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 27 Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**  
+= SB 30 STATE PARK PERMITS FOR DISABLED VETERANS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+= SB 54 EXT ARCH, ENG, SURVEY BRD; REG INT DESIGN  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+= SB 61 ELECTRONIC DEVICE RECYCLING  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 28 Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 95	CHILD CARE: ASSISTANCE/GRANTS		
+= SCR 2	SUPPORT CRISIS CARE & MEDICAID REFORM Presentation: All Alaska Pediatric Partnership		
+= SJR 15	OPPOSE MEDICAID CUTS Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+= SB 122	HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORK STANDARDS		
+= SB 95	CHILD CARE: ASSISTANCE/GRANTS		
+= SB 88	CHILD PLACEMENT; DILIGENT SEARCH Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**JUDICIARY**

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Dr. Robert Urata, Violent Crimes Compensation Board		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Leitoni Tupou, State Board of Parole		
	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
+= SB 17	CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Agenda Change --		
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Donald Handeland, Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar		
	Leitoni Tupou, State Board of Parole		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 78	DISCLOSURE OF WAGE INFORMATION -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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### LABOR & COMMERCE

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 137	EXTEND BOARDS: MIDWIVES, NURSING, PAROLE -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+= SB 55	TRS CONTR RATE; PERS/TRS SOC SECUR OR SBS -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 96	CHILD CARE: TAX CREDITS -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+= SB 132	OMNIBUS INSURANCE BILL -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 133	INSURANCE; PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

### RESOURCES

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska Resource Education & Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska Critical Minerals Alaska Critical Minerals Collaborative University of Alaska Fairbanks Critical Mineral Research Initiatives Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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+ = SB 92	CORP. INCOME TAX; OIL & GAS ENTITIES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 128	CREATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 64	ELECTIONS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ = SB 120	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 68	EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ = SB 64	ELECTIONS		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ = SB 77	PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 116	CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CONTRIBUTION LIMITS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = SJR 12	NOAA BUOY OUTAGES		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 25**      **Tuesday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **5:15 PM**  
+                      Education & Early Development Subcommittee

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Apr 15**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **2:00 PM**  
+                      Overview: Department of Environmental  
                            Conservation Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out

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**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Mar 25**      **Tuesday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **3:30 PM**  
+                      Presentation: FY26 Budget Request  
                            Kim Koval, Commissioner  
                            Marian Sweet, Assistant Commissioner  
                            Clinton Lasley, Assistant Commissioner  
                            \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Apr 15**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **2:45 PM**  
+                      Overview: Department of Labor and Workforce  
                            Development Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Apr 15**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **2:15 PM**  
+                      Overview: Department of Military and Veterans  
                            Affairs Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out

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### NATURAL RESOURCES

**Apr 15**      **Tuesday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **2:30 PM**  
+      Overview: Department of Natural Resources  
Senate Finance Subcommittee Close Out

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### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

**Mar 27**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **1:30 PM**  
+      Presentation: Update on Alaska Fisheries  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### OTHER MEETINGS

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

**Mar 26**      **Wednesday**      **Butrovich 205**      **12:00 PM**  
Lunch & Learn Presentation:  
History & Mission of Team Arctic Winter Games  
Arctic Winter Games  
Nicole Morton-Johnson, President  
Sarah Frampton, Executive Director  
Sponsored by Senator Cronk

**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

**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

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)**

<b>Apr 02</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
Lunch & Learn Presentation: BUILDING FOR THE NORTH: The History of Alaska Housing and Cold Climate Solutions Leah Winters, Public Policy Fellow, Cold Climate Housing Research Center (CCHRC) Sponsored by Senator Kawasaki			
<b>Apr 09</b>			
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Butrovich 205</b>			
Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Sponsored by Senator Tobin			