

SENATE JOURNAL

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THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

April 10, 2025

Eightieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:05 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

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

Barukh atah Adonai Eloheinu, Hebrew for "Blessed are You, Lord our God"

Lord, Thank You for seeing us safely through each day and I ask that you continue to watch over us. Please guide our legislators and give them patience while they deliberate over issues of such importance to our great state.

Let us have harmony, respect, and the strength to stand together for a better future.

In your name I pray,

Amen.

Senator Claman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the seventy-ninth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 13**

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act relating to the summer electronic benefits transfer program for children" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 13(EDC)

Signing do pass: Senator Tobin, Chair; Senator Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senators Cronk, Bjorkman, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Family and Community Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 69

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(RLS) am "An Act relating to education; relating to open enrollment in public schools; relating to school and student performance reports; relating to school and district accountability; relating to charter schools; relating to an annual report for correspondence study programs; relating to the base student allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; relating to the duty of the legislature to pass a public education appropriation bill; relating to the duty of the governor to prepare a public education appropriation bill; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding; relating to a report on regulation of school districts; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(FIN) "An Act relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

(Title Change SCR 3)

Signing no recommendation: Senators Olson, Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senator Merrick. Signing do pass: Senator Kiehl. Signing amend: Senators Kaufman, Cronk.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 9, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 10, Department of Education and Early Development

Fiscal Note No. 11, Senate Finance Committee

The bill is on today's calendar.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 3

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 69, relating to education; relating to open enrollment in public schools; relating to school and student performance reports; relating to school and district accountability; relating to charter schools; relating to an annual report for correspondence study programs; relating to the base student allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; relating to the duty of the legislature to pass a public education appropriation bill; relating to the duty of the governor to prepare a public education appropriation bill; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding; and relating to a report on regulation of school districts.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

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SJR 19

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 BY SENATORS BJORKMAN, Merrick,

Urging the United States Congress to honor the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act and the Alaska Statehood Act and provide the state with a 90 percent share of all bonuses, royalties, and rentals received by the federal government from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 167

SENATE BILL NO. 167 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to a permanent fund dividend for an individual whose conviction has been vacated, reversed, or dismissed; and relating to the calculation of the value of the permanent fund dividend by including payment to individuals eligible for a permanent fund dividend because of a conviction that has been vacated, reversed, or dismissed."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 69

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(RLS) am "An Act relating to education; relating to open enrollment in public schools; relating to school and student performance reports; relating to school and district accountability; relating to charter schools; relating to an annual report

for correspondence study programs; relating to the base student allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; relating to the duty of the legislature to pass a public education appropriation bill; relating to the duty of the governor to prepare a public education appropriation bill; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding; relating to a report on regulation of school districts; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered today. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(FIN) "An Act relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(FIN) will advance to third reading on the April 11 calendar.

Citations

Honoring - Hospice of Homer 40th Anniversary

Senator(s) Stevens

Representative(s) Vance

In Memoriam - David Witt

Senator(s) Myers, Cronk

Representative(s) Schwanke

In Memoriam - Joyanna Geisler

Senator(s) Stevens

Representative(s) Vance

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.

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Special Order of Business

In Memoriam - Sue Tauriainen
Senator(s) Bjorkman
Representative(s) Elam

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

SJR 19

Senators Giessel, Cronk, Stedman, Hughes, Myers, Hoffman, Shower, Kawasaki, Wielechowski, Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 Urging the United States Congress to honor the terms of the Mineral Leasing Act and the Alaska Statehood Act and provide the state with a 90 percent share of all bonuses, royalties, and rentals received by the federal government from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., April 11, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:16 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

Apr 15	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			

EDUCATION

Apr 11	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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+ SB 151 SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD LICE POLICY

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+= SB 118 ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 14	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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+= SB 82 EDUCATION:SCHOOLS; GRANTS; FUNDING; DEBT

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+= SB 151 SCHOOL DISTRICT HEAD LICE POLICY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+= SB 118 ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 16	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
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+ SB 5 SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSUR

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

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EDUCATION (continued)

Apr 18 Friday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE

Apr 10 Thursday **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ SB 44 MINORS & PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ SB 76 COMPLEX CARE RESIDENTIAL HOMES
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ SB 69 SEXUAL ASSAULT EXAMINATION KITS/TRACKING
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+= HB 56 APPROP: SUPP; FUND CAP; CAP; AMENDING
+ HB 69 EDUCATION: FUNDING, SCHOOLS, DEVICES
Uniform Rule 23 Waived
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+= SB 57 APPROP: CAPITAL/SUPPLEMENTAL/FUNDS
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 10 Thursday **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
-- MEETING CANCELED --
-- Please Note Time Change --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 11 Friday **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ SB 63 LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+= SB 54 EXT ARCH, ENG, SURVEY BRD; REG INT DESIGN
+= SB 86 MONEY TRANSMISSION; VIRTUAL CURRENCY
+= SB 29 BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
+= HB 56 APPROP: SUPP; FUND CAP; CAP; AMENDING
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 14 Monday **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Presentation: Division of Retirement and
Benefits
Department of Administration
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE (continued)

Apr 14	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 15	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		University of Alaska Finance Subcommittee	
		Budget Close Out	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+=	SB 92	CORP. INCOME TAX; OIL & GAS ENTITIES	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 137	EXTEND BOARDS: MIDWIVES, NURSING, PAROLE	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 133	INSURANCE; PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 15	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 16	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Presentation: Alaska Infrastructure Progress	
		Update	
		Alaska Municipal League	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 16	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 17	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
		No Meeting Scheduled	
Apr 18	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 10	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SJR 16	FEDERAL ENSURING LASTING SMILES ACT -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Presentation: Citizen's Review Panel Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SB 45	MEDICAID MENTAL HEALTH PARITY		
Apr 15	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 147	PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTION AUTHORITY -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Apr 17	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Apr 11	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 9	SURRENDER OF INFANTS; INF. SAFETY DEVICE		
+= SB 78	DISCLOSURE OF WAGE INFORMATION Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Apr 14	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 17	CRIME COUNTERFEIT/NONFUNCTIONING AIRBAG -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Apr 16	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Apr 18	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 11	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
		-- MEETING CANCELED --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 14	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	SB 136	FIREARM FINANCIAL PRIVACY	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+=	SB 83	TELEHEALTH REIMBURSEMENT RATES	
		-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --	
+	SB 156	AK COMMERCIAL FISHING & AG BANK; LOANS	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 16	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+=	SB 89	PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE	
		-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --	
		SENATE BILL: GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS	
		<Pending Introduction & Referral>	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
Apr 18	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

RESOURCES

Apr 11	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+		Consideration of Governor's Appointees:	
		Big Game Commercial Services Board	
		-- Public Testimony --	
+=	SB 128	CREATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 139	LAND; OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS; AG LAND	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SJR 19	ANWR & NAT'L PETRO RESERVE: STATE SHARE	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

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RESOURCES (continued)

Apr 14	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= HJR 11	RECOGNIZING ALASKA/CANADA RELATIONSHIP		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+	SJR 18	WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS	
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+=	SJR 19	ANWR & NAT'L PETRO RESERVE: STATE SHARE	
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+=	SB 139	LAND; OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS; AG LAND	
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Apr 16	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Apr 18	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees:		
	Alaska Public Offices Commission		
	Walter Monegan		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+=	SB 49	WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS	
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	SB 53	LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACCREDITATION	
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Apr 15	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ = SB 34	REPEAL 90 DAY SESSION LIMIT		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 120	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 116	CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CONTRIBUTION LIMITS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SJR 13	APPOINTMENT OF STATE JUDGES		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 19	PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCESS/USE		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Apr 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 10	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ = SB 138	TAXATION: VEHICLE RENTALS, SUBPOENAS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ = SB 104	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE		
	<Bill Hearing Canceled>		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 152	HAROLD ESMAILKA AIRPORT AT RUBY		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Presentation: Metropolitan Planning Organization		
	Boundary Process and Considerations		
	Katherine Keith, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of		
	Transportation and Public Facilities		
	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Apr 15	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ = SB 152	HAROLD ESMAILKA AIRPORT AT RUBY		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Presentation: State of Alaska Bridges		
	Department of Transportation and Public		
	Facilities		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Apr 17 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Apr 15 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:50 PM**
+ Senate Administration Finance Subcommittee Close
Out

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Apr 14 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:00 AM**
+ Presentation: Subcommittee Budget Close Out

CORRECTIONS

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Apr 15 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:30 PM**
+ Senate Education & Early Development Finance
Subcommittee Close Out

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

Apr 15 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:30 PM**
+ Presentation: Subcommittee Budget Close Out

FISH & GAME

Apr 15 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
+ Department of Fish & Game Close Out

GOVERNOR

Apr 15 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 8:35 AM
Senate Finance Governor Budget Subcommittee Close
Out

JUDICIARY

Apr 14 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:15 PM
Judiciary Finance Subcommittee Close Out

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

LAW

Apr 14 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:30 PM
Department of Law Finance Subcommittee Close Out

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LEGISLATURE

Apr 15 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:30 AM**
Senate Finance Legislature Budget Subcommittee
Close Out

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

Apr 14 **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **5:45 PM**
Department of Public Safety Finance Subcommittee
Close Out

REVENUE

Apr 15 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:10 PM**
+ Senate Finance Revenue Subcommittee Close Out

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Apr 16 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:00 AM**
+ FY26 DOT Operating Budget - Close Out

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Apr 15 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Budget Close Out

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

Apr 10	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Presentation: Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies		
	Randy "Church" Kee - Director, Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Apr 17	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		