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THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

April 23, 2025

Ninety-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:18 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Dani Cherian, Valley Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord Jesus,

I thank you and praise you for bringing us together this morning. For you are a refuge and the source of help to all who seek you.

Your holy bible says, [Psa 46:1 NLT] 1 ... God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

I ask that you give our Senators wisdom, peace, and strength today as they make decisions for the people in Alaska. And I ask that you please keep our Senators, their staff, and their families safe while they are traveling back and forth from Juneau.

In Jesus' name I pray,

Amen.

Senator Hoffman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated April 22 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 57

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(EDC) am BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports

SB 35

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 35 "An Act relating to transportation network and delivery network companies."

Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki, Chair. Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson, Yundt.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 116

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 116 "An Act amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; and relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements."

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson. Signing do not pass: Senator Yundt. Signing no recommendation: Senator Bjorkman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 183**

SENATE BILL NO. 183 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to hindering the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee; relating to the powers of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee and the legislative audit division; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 29**

SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act relating to an executive administrator for the Big Game Commercial Services Board" was read the third time.

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The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act relating to an executive administrator for the Big Game Commercial Services Board" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 29

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 29 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 54

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54(FIN) "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54(FIN) "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects,

Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSSSB 54(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Myers, Shower

and so, CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54(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 - Norma Aldefer

Senator(s) Tobin

Representative(s) Fields

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Honoring - Vera Starbard
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

Honoring - The Midnight Sun Baseball Game 120th Anniversary
Representative(s) Stapp

Honoring - The Polynesian Association of Alaska 20th Anniversary
Representative(s) Mina, Eischeid
Senator(s) Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Darian Lawson
Representative(s) Eischeid
Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - Barbara Norton
Representative(s) Galvin, Gray, Hall

Honoring - Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson
Representative(s) Stutes
Senator(s) Stevens

In Memoriam - Louise Thompson
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Carrick, Dibert

In Memoriam - Richard Polzin
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Rita Elizabeth McGrath
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Douglas Barton "Bart" Eaton
Senator(s) Stevens
Representative(s) Stutes

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In Memoriam - Jean Roger Therrien
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Charles Henry "Chick" Wallace
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Cronk
Representative(s) Stapp

In Memoriam - Kaa'yis'taan Marie Olson
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

In Memoriam - Virgil Dean Severns
Representative(s) Tomaszewski
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam - Sergey Marchenko
Representative(s) Stapp

In Memoriam - Sanford "Sam" Allen Beachy
Representative(s) Vance

In Memoriam - Katherine Beachy
Representative(s) Vance

In Memoriam - Danny Kelton Presley
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Cronk

In Memoriam - Keith Lee Presley
Representative(s) Vance
Senator(s) Cronk

In Memoriam - Floyd Everett Seekins
Representative(s) Vance

In Memoriam - Dorothy B. Isabell
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson

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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 - Kim Mahoney

Senator(s) Merrick

Representative(s) Saddler

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to return to Messages from the House. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

Messages from the House

Message dated April 23 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 53

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; and making supplemental appropriations."

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

HB 55

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on May 5 and May 6. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 29**

SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act relating to an executive administrator for the Big Game Commercial Services Board" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 54

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54(FIN) "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; establishing requirements

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for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 57

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) "An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations and other appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" which had been engrossed (page 882), was 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 10:30 a.m., April 25, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:43 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

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|---------------|----------------------|---|----------------|
| Apr 29 | Tuesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 1:30 PM |
| + = | | Overview: SOA Payment Processes | |
| | | Department of Administration | |
| | | Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic | |
| | | Development | |
| | | Department of Health | |
| + = SB 129 | PAYMENT OF CONTRACTS | | |
| | | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | |
| | | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | |

EDUCATION

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|---------------|------------------|---|----------------|
| Apr 23 | Wednesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | | -- MEETING CANCELED -- | |
| | | Presentation: Overview of School District Fund Balances | |
| | | Anchorage School District | |
| | | Fairbanks North Star Borough School District | |
| | | Juneau School District | |
| | | Kenai Peninsula Borough School District | |
| | | Mat-Su Borough School District | |
| | | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | |
| | | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | |

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| Apr 25 | Friday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | |
| | | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | |

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FINANCE

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| Apr 23 | Wednesday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation: Statewide Salary Study Department of Administration | | |
| + HB 57 | COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS <Bill Hearing Canceled> <Pending Referral> -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 23 | Wednesday | Senate Finance 532 | 1:30 PM |
| + | -- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled: | | |
| + HB 57 | COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 24 | Thursday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| += SJR 14 | CONST AM: PERMANENT FUND; POMV;EARNINGS Legislative Finance Division Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 24 | Thursday | Senate Finance 532 | 1:30 PM |
| + | -- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 25 | Friday | Senate Finance 532 | 9:00 AM |
| + SB 95 | CHILD CARE: ASSISTANCE/GRANTS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- | | |
| + SB 96 | CHILD CARE: TAX CREDITS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- | | |
| + SB 97 | BIG GAME PERMIT PROGRAM -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 25 | Friday | Senate Finance 532 | 1:30 PM |
| + | -- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |

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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 24 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 4 HEALTH CARE PRICES AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Apr 23 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+= SB 90 MINOR MENTAL HEALTH: AGE OF CONSENT
Presentation: Recidivism Efforts in Alaska
Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission
and the State Department of Corrections
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 25 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 36 APPROPRIATION LIMIT; GOV BUDGET
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ SJR 4 CONST. AM: APPROP LIMIT
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 23 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ SB 49 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ SB 103 CNA TRAINING
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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Apr 25 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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RESOURCES

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| Apr 23 | Wednesday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| += SJR 8 | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN | | |
| | -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| + SB 176 | APPROVE MARATHON PETRO ROYALTY OIL SALE | | |
| | -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| += SJR 19 | ANWR & NAT'L PETRO RESERVE: STATE SHARE | | |
| | -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 25 | Friday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| + | Consideration of Governor's Appointees: | | |
| | Board of Game, Board of Fisheries, Alaska | | |
| | Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, State | | |
| | Assessment Review Board | | |
| | Rick Green - Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission | | |
| | Olivia Irwin - Board of Fisheries | | |
| | Thomas Carpenter - Board of Fisheries | | |
| | Allen Barrette - Board of Game | | |
| | Carrie Ann Mueller - Board of Game | | |
| | Samuel Laffey - State Assessment Review Board | | |
| | -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| + SB 32 | ALLOWED COSTS IN ELECTRIC COOP RATES | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| + SB 180 | LNG IMPORT FACILITIES | | |
| | -- Invited & Public Testimony -- | | |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |

STATE AFFAIRS

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| Apr 24 | Thursday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| + SB 167 | CRIM. CONV. OVERTURNED: RECEIVE PAST PFD | | |
| | -- Invited & Public Testimony -- | | |
| += SB 19 | PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCESS/USE | | |
| | -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> -- | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled | | |

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TRANSPORTATION

| Apr 24 | Thursday | Butrovich 205 | 1:30 PM |
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| + HB 31 | VESSELS: REGISTRATION/DERELICT FUND | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| + SB 165 | ELECTRONIC DRIVER'S LICENSES | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| += SB 104 | VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE | | |
| | -- Public Testimony -- | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

| Apr 24 | Thursday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 1:30 PM |
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| + | Presentation: Community Development Quota | | |
| | Eric Deakin - CEO, Costal Villages Region Fund | | |
| | Ragnar Alstrom - Executive Director, Yukon | | |
| | Delta Fisheries Development Association | | |
| | Luke Fanning - CEO, APICDA Joint Ventures | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

| Apr 23 | Wednesday | Senate Finance 532 | 5:30 PM |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| + | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| | I. Call to Order | | |
| | II. Approval of the Agenda | | |
| | III. Approval of Minutes | | |
| | a. April 9, 2025 | | |
| | <Above Item Removed from Agenda> | | |
| | IV. Division of Legislative Finance | | |
| | Confidentiality Policy | | |
| | • Alexei Painter, Director, Division of Legislative Finance | | |

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V. Presentation: Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Project

- Warren Christian, Chair, Board of Directors, AGDC
- Janet Weiss, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, AGDC
- Mike Chenault, Director, Board of Directors, AGDC
- Frank Richards, President, AGDC
- Matt Kissinger, Venture Development Manager, AGDC

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OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE

Apr 29 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
Organizational Meeting

TASK FORCE FOR REG. OF PSYCH. MEDICINES

Apr 29 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **5:15 PM**
+ Please keep testimony related to technical subjects. This Task Force is not charged with evaluating the efficacy of any pending treatments.
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv