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One Hundred Second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:33 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Claman, Tobin were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Giessel was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Chris Elliot, Radiant Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O Sovereign Lord, creator and sustainer of all things.
I come before You today with much reverence, awed
by the sacred charge You've placed on those
gathered in this chamber. You, O Lord, who painted
the auroras across our midnight skies and set the
mighty rivers to carve their path, have also called
these men and women to lead Alaska with integrity
and vision.

I humbly ask You to fill them with divine insight, a
steady and calm resolve, and an unwavering strength
as they shape the future of our state. May their
choices echo the harmony of our coastal rains and the
steadfastness of our mighty glaciers. May their
decisions be rooted in justice and a deep love for
every Alaskan, from the Aleutian shores to the Arctic
plains. Protect their spirits from the lure of self-
importance, their speech from falsehood, and their
steps from wandering off Your righteous path. May

they lead with the quiet humility of the Sitka spruce, standing tall yet bending to serve, as Christ did pouring out His life for others.

Let the laws they forge carry the weight of Your truth and reflect the wild beauty of Alaska's soul. Grant them stamina to press forward in unity for the difficult work ahead. Bless our great state, Heavenly Father, its people, its leaders, its vast tomorrows. May Your glory shine through all they do. I ask these things in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen!

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the one hundredth and one hundred first legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Giessel be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated April 30 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

Due to inadvertent presentment, the following appointee(s) is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

State Assessment Review Board

Samuel Laffey

Messages from the House**HB 57**

Message dated April 30 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment(s) to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(EDC) am "An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date" thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed) "An Act relating to maximum classroom sizes in public schools; relating to education reports; relating to charter schools; relating to student transportation funding; relating to secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding; relating to the base student allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; relating to the use of tax revenue from highly digitized businesses; relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding; and providing for an effective date."

(Title Change SCR 5)

SCR 5

Message dated April 30 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,
concerning House Bill No. 57, relating to wireless
telecommunications devices in public schools.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated April 30 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14 for the purpose of considering confirmation of the Governor's appointments to boards and commissions.

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message dated April 30 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 58

HOUSE BILL NO. 58 BY REPRESENTATIVES FIELDS, Josephson, Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to the office of public advocacy; and relating to the public advocate."

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

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated May 1 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Transportation 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.

Board of Marine Pilots

Don Habeger

James Cunningham

Signing the report: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Kiehl, Tobin.

SB 78

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 78 "An Act relating to disclosure of information regarding employee compensation by employers, employees, and applicants for employment."

Signing do pass: Senator Claman, Chair; Senator Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senators Kiehl, Myers.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 83

The following corrected Labor and Commerce Committee Report (page 624) was received on May 1:

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 83 "An Act relating to health care insurance; relating to insurance reimbursement for health care services provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Health and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 511.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 95

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 95 "An Act relating to the child care assistance program and the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 96

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 96 "An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 97

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 97 "An Act establishing a big game guide concession area permit program on land in the state; relating to the duties of the Big Game Commercial Services Board, the Board of Game, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Board of Game to establish an initial big game guide concession area; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Fish and Game

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Fish and Game

Fiscal Note No. 6, Department of Natural Resources

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 137

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 137 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; extending the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Commerce, Community, and
Economic Development

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Corrections

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 167

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 167 "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" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 167(STA)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 183

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 183 "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."

Signing do pass: Senator Wielechowski, Chair; Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Stevens, Shower.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Office of the Governor
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Legislative Agency

The bill is on today's calendar.

SCR 4

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Designating May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 4 - 10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

Signing do pass: Senator Dunbar, Chair; Senators Hughes, Claman, Tobin, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 188**

SENATE BILL NO. 188 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act expanding the Tanana Valley State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

Governor's transmittal letter dated May 1:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to expand the Tanana Valley State Forest.

Expansion of the forest will help secure long-term investment in the area and will facilitate increased forest management. Under Division of Forestry (DOF) stewardship, timber resources will be sustainably produced, utilized, and replenished, while other public land uses continue. This change provides certainty for investors—and DOF—

that investments in reforestation, road construction, and other forest activities will be safeguarded and maintained. Additionally, these forest roads will improve public access for recreational activities such as hunting, fishing, berry picking, and tourism.

These lands, already classified for forest use in state land management plans for their timber productivity, will now be officially part of the State Forest, reaffirming our commitment to sustainable forest management.

I respectfully urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 189

SENATE BILL NO. 189 BY SENATOR BJORKMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to minimum paid sick leave requirements; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 83**

SENATE BILL NO. 83 "An Act relating to health care insurance; relating to insurance reimbursement for health care services provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Dunbar, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Health and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 511. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 83(HSS) "An Act relating to health care insurance; relating to insurance reimbursement for health care services provided through telehealth; relating to telehealth; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of secs. 9 and 10, ch. 38, SLA 2022; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 83(HSS) will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

SB 183

SENATE BILL NO. 183 "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 second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 183 will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

SB 137

SENATE BILL NO. 137 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; 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 Committee Substitute offered today. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; extending the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137(FIN) will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

SB 95

SENATE BILL NO. 95 "An Act relating to the child care assistance program and the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 95 will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

SB 96

SENATE BILL NO. 96 "An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 96 will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

SB 97

SENATE BILL NO. 97 "An Act establishing a big game guide concession area permit program on land in the state; relating to the duties of the Big Game Commercial Services Board, the Board of Game, the Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Natural Resources; requiring the Board of Game to establish an initial big game guide concession area; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 97 will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Bills**SB 86**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) "An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) "An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 86(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Court Rule(s) Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Claman, Giessel, Tobin

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) passed the Senate

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the court rule change(s). Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, 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.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 19

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, was read the second time.

Senator Wielechowski, Vice Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Committee Substitute offered on page 952. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES) will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

SCR 4

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Designating May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 4 - 10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

Senators Dunbar, Kawasaki, Hughes, Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Designating May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 4 - 10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 4

Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Claman, Giessel, Tobin

Absent: Shower

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Third Reading of House Resolutions

HJR 11

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(RES) am S Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and Alaska, was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(RES) am S be held in third reading to the May 5 calendar. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the following Citation Calendar be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Citation Calendar

Honoring - Shannon Titzel and Jordan Iverson
Senator(s) Dunbar
Representative(s) Gray

Honoring - Joseph Paul “Joe” Josephson
Senator(s) Dunbar
Representative(s) Josephson, Fields

Honoring - Brian Hanson
Senator(s) Stedman
Representative(s) Himschoot

Honoring - Compeau’s 80th Anniversary
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Cronk, Myers

Honoring - Eagle River High School 20th Anniversary
Senator(s) Merrick

Honoring - Molly of Denali 2025 Children’s and Family Emmy
Award
Senator(s) Myers, Cronk
Representative(s) Dibert

Honoring - KTVF Channel 11 and KXDF Channel 13
Senator(s) Myers, Cronk
Representative(s) Stapp

Honoring - Dennis Parrish
Senator(s) Claman
Representative(s) Hall, Costello

Honoring - Alexander Boyd
Senator(s) Claman
Representative(s) Hall, Schrage

Honoring - Fort Yukon Lady Eagles 2025 1A State Champions
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke

Honoring - Cecelia Ossi
Senator(s) Cronk, Myers

Honoring - Roger Burggraf
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke, Tomaszewski

Honoring - West High Theatre: *Hadestown*
Senator(s) Tobin, Claman
Representative(s) Fields

Honoring - Visit Anchorage 50th Anniversary
Senator(s) Tobin
Representative(s) Fields, Eischeid

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Gymnastics Team 40th
Anniversary
Senator(s) Tobin
Representative(s) Gray, Eischeid

Honoring - Carolyn Workman
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke

Honoring - Jessie Holmes
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke

Honoring - Emily Snyder
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke

Honoring - AJ Hull
Representative(s) Ruffridge

Honoring - 70th Engineer Battalion “Kodiaks”
Representative(s) Stapp

Honoring - 1-52d Aviation Regiment
Representative(s) Stapp

Honoring - 2nd Battalion 8th Field Artillery Regiment “Automatic Eighth”

Representative(s) Stapp

Honoring - Jayden Lampe

Representative(s) Burke, Mina

Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Kristen Faulkner

Representative(s) Vance, Fields

Senator(s) Stevens, Claman

Honoring - Carl Sterrett

Representative(s) Eischeid, Mears

Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - Clara Baldwin

Representative(s) Eischeid

Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Alumni Association
Scholarship Program 40th Anniversary

Representative(s) Mina, Hall

Honoring - Associated Builders and Contractors

Representative(s) Tilton, Tomaszewski , Allard

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolves Women’s
Basketball Team

Representative(s) Gray

Senator(s) Dunbar

Honoring - Michelle Virden

Representative(s) Gray, Holland

Senator(s) Giessel

Honoring - Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center 50th Anniversary

Representative(s) Gray, Galvin

Senator(s) Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Lisa Aquino
Representative(s) Gray, Schrage
Senator(s) Kaufman

Honoring - Anne Raup
Representative(s) Hall, Mina
Senator(s) Dunbar

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Area Health Education
Center 20th Anniversary
Representative(s) Hall, Mina

Honoring - Anupma Prakash
Representative(s) Carrick, Stapp, Dibert

Honoring - Fairbanks Children's Museum 10th Anniversary
Representative(s) Carrick, Dibert
Senator(s) Kawasaki

Honoring - Colton Koonooka-Kowchee
Representative(s) Foster
Senator(s) Olson

Honoring - Annie Wilcoxson Wenstrup
Representative(s) Dibert, Carrick
Senator(s) Myers

Honoring - Lori Pickett
Representative(s) Gray, Kopp
Senator(s) Giessel

Honoring - Elaine Andrews
Representative(s) Gray, Fields
Senator(s) Tobin

Honoring - Jesse K. Oxendine and Connie J. Peterson
Representative(s) Mears
Senator(s) Wielechowski

Honoring - Katahdin Staples
Representative(s) Mears, Mina, Gray

Honoring - Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School 2024 Girls
Cross Country Running Team
Representative(s) Mears, Mina, Gray

Honoring - Harold “Robin” Samuelsen
Representative(s) Edgmon
Senator(s) Hoffman

Honoring - Kim Reitmeier
Representative(s) Edgmon, Holland, Fields

In Memoriam - Nicole Ver Kuilen
Senator(s) Dunbar

In Memoriam - Quincy John McHenry
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam - Oliver “Bud” Burris
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Cronk, Myers

In Memoriam - Rodger Voigt
Senator(s) Myers, Cronk
Representative(s) Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Lt. Col. Wyatt Ross Fleming
Senator(s) Myers
Representative(s) Stapp, Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Arnold Abraham “Ole” Olsen
Senator(s) Stevens
Representative(s) Stutes

In Memoriam - Leilla Mae Shultz
Senator(s) Cronk, Hoffman
Representative(s) Schwanke

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In Memoriam - Reverend Doctor William Greene
Senator(s) Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Annabelle “Ann” Ivanoff
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Bemma Lue Floyd
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Joan Blake Ricca
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Eischeid

In Memoriam - Pamela Sara Engle
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Rhone Baumgartner
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke

In Memoriam - Rick Mackey
Senator(s) Cronk
Representative(s) Schwanke

In Memoriam - Neal Duperron
Representative(s) Ruffridge
Senator(s) Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Martha “Luan” Madole
Representative(s) Underwood, Himschoot
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Jean Elizabeth Vezey
Representative(s) Prax
Senator(s) Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Pope Francis
Representative(s) Carrick, Gray
Senator(s) Tobin

In Memoriam - Lawrence “Larry” Philip Cotter
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Ashley Johnston
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Stetson Pennell Momosor
Representative(s) Mears, Eischeid
Senator(s) Wielechowski

In Memoriam - William “Bill” MacKay
Representative(s) Edgmon

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Citation Calendar be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

Unfinished Business

HJR 15

Senators Kaufman, Wielechowski, Hughes, Merrick, Bjorkman, Kawasaki, Yundt moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA) Urging the Governor, the Department of Natural Resources, division of forestry and fire protection, the Department of Public Safety, municipalities of the state and relevant wildfire planning and response agencies, and the Alaska delegation in Congress to prepare for the 2025 wildfire season. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 160

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 160 "An Act relating to the membership of the legislative council; and relating to the membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Merrick moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from July 7 through August 15. Without objection, Senator Merrick was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 86**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) "An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SCR 4

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Designating May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 4 - 10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Wielechowski, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., May 5, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

May 06	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ HB 50	SNOW CLASSICS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 140	FIRE STATION GRANT PROGRAM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 79	NAMING VIC FISCHER SHOUP BAY MARINE PARK		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

May 02	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 05	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 181	EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= SB 8	EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HEARING IMPAIRED		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+= SB 143	MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD TERMS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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May 07	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Consideration of Governor's Appointees: University of Alaska Board of Regents Fernando Escobar - Fairbanks -- Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 09	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

FINANCE

May 02	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 138	TAXATION: VEHICLE RENTALS, SUBPOENAS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:	
+=	HB 53	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET; CAP; SUPP	
+=	HB 55	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
May 02	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED -- -- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 05	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SJR 17	HONORING THE ENERGY COUNCIL -- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 132	OMNIBUS INSURANCE BILL -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
May 05	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	-- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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FINANCE (continued)

May 06	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 184	SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 06	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	-- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 07	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 34	REPEAL 90 DAY SESSION LIMIT -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 07	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	-- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	-- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 09	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 09	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
+	-- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

May 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ HJR 9 EXTEND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TAX CREDITS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
+= SB 178 EXPAND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ HB 70 EMERGENCY MED SVCS; OPERATIONAL CANINES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

May 02 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

May 05 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ SB 19 PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCESS/USE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ HB 35 PRISONERS: ELECTRONIC DEVICE ACCESS/USE
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
+ SB 167 CRIM. CONV. OVERTURNED: RECEIVE PAST PFD
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 09 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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LABOR & COMMERCE

May 02 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 170 GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 89 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 136 FIREARM FINANCIAL PRIVACY
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 99 CPA AS PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL CONSERVATORS
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 05 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 117 STATE COMMISSION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 134 PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER;3RD PARTY ADMIN
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 147 PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTION AUTHORITY
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 159 TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT PROG: CONTRIBUTIONS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 07 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 170 GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 158 COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 149 UTILITIES: RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 35 DELIVERY NETWORK COMPANIES
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

May 09 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

+ SB 147 PHARMACIST PRESCRIPTION AUTHORITY
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 117 STATE COMMISSION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 158 COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ HB 116 COMMERCIAL FISHING INSURANCE CO-OP
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 159 TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT PROG: CONTRIBUTIONS
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SB 172 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

May 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 75 TIMBER MANAGEMENT LEASES
-- Public Testimony --

+ SB 131 DUTIES OF ASMI BOARD; MEANING OF SEAFOOD
-- Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:

+ HJR 15 WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 05 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 32 ALLOWED COSTS IN ELECTRIC COOP RATES
-- Public Testimony --

+ SB 180 LNG IMPORT FACILITIES
-- Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

+ SB 161 PROHIBIT BOTTOM TRAWLING
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

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May 09	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

STATE AFFAIRS

May 06	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+= SB 104	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 152	HAROLD ESMAILKA AIRPORT AT RUBY		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+= HB 121	ACCOUNTING; PRACTICE PRIVILEGE		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

May 08	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 152	HAROLD ESMAILKA AIRPORT AT RUBY		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= SB 104	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+= HB 121	ACCOUNTING; PRACTICE PRIVILEGE		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ HB 75	PERM FUND; EMPLOYMENT; ELIGIBILITY		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 166	NOTICE REQS. FOR STATE ACTIONS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 177	STATE AGENCY PUBLICATIONS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

May 10	Saturday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

May 06	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= HB 31	VESSELS; REGISTRATION/DERELICT FUND		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

May 08	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

May 08	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

May 15	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

May 07 Wednesday Adams 519 5:15 PM

-- Agenda Change --
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
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AGENDA:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 31, 2025, Minutes
- IV. Sanctioning of Charitable Events
 - a. Sham Jam—May 10, 2025
- V. Executive Session
 - a. RFQ 683—Alaska State Legislature Telephone System Equipment
 - b. Telephone System Services
 - c. Capitol Parking Lot Design, Engineering, and Construction Administration Services
- VI. Committee Business
 - a. FY26 Computer Hardware Refresh
- VII. Adjourn