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One Hundred Seventh 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, Pastor Emeritus Paul Beran, Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious God, From the dawning of a new day to the evening sky we see Your intricate designs intricately carved in nature. When we ponder our own bodies we can say with the Psalmist of old "We are wonderfully and fearfully made".

Help us to be the best possible leaders for Alaska, shrink our egos, lest we fall prey to arrogance. Instead, give us the courage to be our best selves, listening thoughtfully, speaking succinctly, and leading wisely. Help us to be leaders of integrity heeding that quiet inner voice, then responding with the courage to act upon it. Help us, O Lord. This I pray in the Name of the One Who came, not to be served but to serve, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Senator Myers led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the one hundred fifth and one hundred sixth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House**SB 60**

Message dated May 5 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 60 "An Act establishing May 12
as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue
Syndrome Day of Recognition."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Education & Early Development
Alaska Reads Act Evaluation Report
Year 1
in accordance with ch. 40, SLA 2022

Standing Committee Reports**SB 8**

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 8 "An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 8(EDC)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 45

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 45 "An Act relating to medical assistance services; relating to parity in mental health and substance use disorder coverage in the state medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Dunbar, Chair; Senators Claman, Tobin, Giessel. Signing no recommendation: Senator Hughes.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 131

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 131 "An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute; and relating to the seafood marketing assessment" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 131(RES)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Wielechowski, Vice Chair; Senators Myers, Kawasaki. Signing do pass: Senators Hughes, Dunbar.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 134

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 134 "An Act relating to pharmacy benefits managers; relating to third-party administrators; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 143

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 143 "An Act relating to the terms of office of municipal school board members; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 143(EDC)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

SB 178

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 178 "An Act relating to early intervention services for certain children; relating to optional services under the medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Dunbar, Chair; Senators Claman, Tobin, Giessel. Signing no recommendation: Senator Hughes.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 31

The Transportation Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 31 "An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict vessel prevention program fund."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Fish and Game

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,
and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 17

The Finance Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of The Energy Council.

Signing do pass: Senators Olson, Stedman, Hoffman, Cochairs; Senators Kaufman, Cronk, Merrick, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 21

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 BY SENATOR TOBIN,

Supporting and encouraging the continued
recruitment and retention of international educators
on J-1 and H-1B visas in the state.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 190

SENATE BILL NO. 190 BY SENATOR KIEHL, entitled:

"An Act relating to guardianships, conservatorships,
and other protective arrangements; relating to the
public guardian; relating to the crime of violating a
protective order; amending the Alaska Rules of
Probate Procedure, and Rule 77(c), Alaska Rules of
Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance
Committees.

Consideration of the Calendar**Senate Bills in Third Reading****SB 83**

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" which had been held in third reading (page 1125) was before the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Giessel offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 8:

Delete "a new subsection"

Insert "new subsections"

Page 1, following line 12:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(d) A health care insurer shall uniformly and equally apply reimbursement rates for each health care provider authorized to bill for health care services or supplies provided through telehealth under the Current Procedural Terminology code adopted by the American Medical Association or other industry standard method of coding. In this subsection, "health care provider" means a physician or other medical professional licensed in this state."

Senator Giessel moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Hughes objected.

Senator Claman moved for the adoption of the following amendment to Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 7 of the amendment:

Delete "A"

Insert "In the absence of a contract between a health care insurer and a health care provider that sets allowable charges for health care services and supplies furnished to a covered person, a"

Senator Giessel objected.

The question being: "Shall the amendment to Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 83(HSS)

Second Reading

Amendment to Amendment No. 1?

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Cronk, Hoffman, Hughes, Kaufman, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Shower, Stedman, Yundt

Nays: Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Olson, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

and so, Amendment No. 1 was amended.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1 as amended. Without objection, Amendment No. 1 as amended was withdrawn.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 83(HSS) was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall 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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 83(HSS)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Cronk, Hughes, Kaufman, Myers, Shower, Yundt

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 83(HSS) 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.

Third Reading of House Bills

HB 53

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Myers moved the bill be returned to second reading for all amendments offered today. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Myers offered Corrected Amendment No. 1:

Page 20, following line 7:

Insert new material to read:

"It is the intent of the legislature that, in preparing the fiscal year 2027 budget, the Office of Management and Budget use zero-based budgeting principles to prepare the budget of at least one but not more than five agencies. The director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit a report not later than December 20, 2025, to the Co-chairs of the Finance committee of each house of the legislature and to the Legislative Finance Division that provides a detailed explanation of each agency that was selected for zero-based budgeting and an analysis and justification for each expense of the agency."

Senator Myers moved for the adoption of Corrected Amendment No. 1. Senator Giessel objected.

Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Corrected Amendment No. 1. Without objection, Corrected Amendment No. 1 was withdrawn.

Senator Myers offered Amendment No. 2:

Amendment No. 2 was published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 5.

Senator Myers moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 2. Objections were heard.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 53(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2?

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cronk, Hughes, Kaufman, Myers, Shower, Yundt

Nays: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

and so, Amendment No. 2 failed.

Senator Shower offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 76, line 31, through page 77, line 3:

Delete all material and insert:

"(d) The amount necessary for the payment of a permanent fund dividend of \$3,900 and for administrative and associated costs, estimated to be \$2,500,300,000, is appropriated to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for that purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, from the following sources:

(1) \$1,815,000,000 from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145);

(2) the remaining amount, estimated to be \$685,300,000, from the general fund."

Senator Shower moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3. Objections were heard.

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 3. Without objection, Amendment No. 3 was withdrawn.

Senator Shower offered Amendment No. 4:

Page 76, line 31, through page 77, line 3:

Delete all material and insert:

"(d) The amount necessary for the payment of a permanent fund dividend of \$2,950 and for administrative and associated costs, estimated to be \$1,900,300,000, is appropriated to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for that purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, from the following sources:

(1) \$1,215,000,000 from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145);

(2) the remaining amount, estimated to be \$685,300,000, from the general fund."

Senator Shower moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 4. Senator Giessel objected.

Senator Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 4. Without objection, Amendment No. 4 was withdrawn.

Senator Shower offered Amendment No. 5:

Page 76, line 31, through page 77, line 3:

Delete all material and insert:

"(d) The amount necessary for the payment of a permanent fund dividend of \$2,950 and for administrative and associated costs, estimated to be \$1,900,300,000, is appropriated to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for that purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, from the following sources:

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(1) \$1,215,000,000 from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145);

(2) the remaining amount, estimated to be \$685,300,000, from the general fund."

Senator Shower moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 5. Objections were heard.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 5?

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cronk, Dunbar, Hughes, Myers, Shower, Yundt

Nays: Bjorkman, Claman, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

and so, Amendment No. 5 failed.

Senator Hoffman offered Amendment No. 6:

Amendment No. 6 was published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 5.

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 6. Objections were heard.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 6 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 53(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 6?

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Hughes

and so, Amendment No. 6 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 53(FIN) am S
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date(s)

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Hughes, Myers, Shower, Yundt

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am S 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.

HB 55

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) "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 third time.

Senator Hoffman moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Hoffman offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 1, through page 10, line 16:

Delete all material and insert:

**** Section 1.** The following appropriation items are for operating expenditures from the general fund or other funds as set out in the fiscal year 2026 budget summary for the operating budget by funding source to the agencies named for the purposes expressed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, unless otherwise indicated.

	Appropriation Items	General Funds	Other Funds
	Allocations		
*****	*****		
*****	Department of Administration	*****	
*****	*****		
Legal and Advocacy			
Services	4,145,500	3,771,400	374,100
Office of Public Advocacy		2,807,600	
Public Defender Agency		1,337,900	
*****	*****		
*****	Department of Corrections	*****	
*****	*****		
Community Residential			
Centers	6,970,500	6,970,500	
Community Residential Centers		6,970,500	
Health and Rehabilitation			
Services	10,497,300	9,455,600	1,041,700
Behavioral Health Care		8,853,400	
Substance Abuse Treatment Program		1,643,900	
*****	*****		
*****	Department of Education and Early Development	*****	
*****	*****		

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Admin Services	513,900	377,800	136,100
Student and School Achievement		513,900	
*****		*****	
***** Department of Family and Community Services *****			
*****		*****	
Alaska Psychiatric Institute	21,018,000	21,018,000	
Alaska Psychiatric Institute		19,911,300	
Facility Rent, Operations, and Maintenance		1,106,700	
Children's Services	2,226,900	2,226,900	
Children's Services Management		69,500	
Front Line Social Workers		148,500	
Family Preservation		726,000	
Foster Care Augmented Rate		500,000	
Foster Care Special Need		782,900	
Juvenile Justice	1,709,100	1,609,100	100,000
McLaughlin Youth Center		951,400	
Fairbanks Youth Facility		137,600	
Bethel Youth Facility		205,500	
Probation Services		314,600	
Juvenile Justice Health Care		100,000	
Departmental Support Services	7,819,800	7,323,400	496,400
Coordinated Health and Complex Care		7,732,800	
Commissioner's Office		87,000	
*****		*****	
***** Department of Health *****			
*****		*****	
Behavioral Health	54,045,300	52,428,700	1,616,600
Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants		32,904,100	
Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)		1,286,100	
Behavioral Health		9,764,500	

Administration			
Behavioral Health	5,987,300		
Prevention and Early Intervention Grants			
Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	1,031,800		
Suicide Prevention Council	619,800		
Residential Child Care	2,088,700		
Behavioral Health Facility	363,000		
Operations and Maintenance			
Health Care Services	286,800	286,800	
Health Facilities Licensing and Certification	130,000		
Residential Licensing	156,800		
Public Health	4,887,500	4,492,200	395,300
Women, Children and Family Health	2,074,200		
Emergency Programs	1,400		
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	2,469,900		
Bureau of Vital Statistics	70,000		
Public Health Facility	272,000		
Operations and Maintenance			
Senior and Disabilities Services	12,714,000	10,738,000	1,976,000
Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants	1,180,600		
Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs	8,184,500		
Senior and Disabilities Services Administration	2,117,000		
General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living	740,300		
Commission on Aging	211,500		
Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education	254,700		
Senior and Disabilities Services Facility	25,400		

Operations and Maintenance		
Medicaid Services	82,155,800	82,155,800
Medicaid Services		82,155,800
*****		*****
*** Department of Labor and Workforce Development ***		
*****		*****
Commissioner and		
Administrative Services	26,000	26,000
Labor Market Information		26,000
*****	*****	
*****	Department of Law	*****
*****	*****	
Civil Division	100,100	100,100
The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2025, of inter-agency receipts collected in the Department of Law's federally approved cost allocation plan.		
Health, Safety & Welfare		100,100
*****	*****	
***** Department of Natural Resources *****		
*****	*****	
Administration & Support		
Services	5,721,600	5,721,600
Mental Health Trust Lands		5,721,600
Administration		
It is the intent of the legislature that the FY27 budget promote transparency by reflecting the existing maintenance and operations costs of the Trust and its lessees in the Cordova building and the Trust Authority building.		
*****	*****	
*****	Department of Public Safety	*****
*****	*****	
Alaska State Troopers	50,000	50,000
Alaska State Trooper		50,000
Detachments		
Alaska Police Standards		
Council	80,000	80,000
The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2025, of the receipts collected under AS 12.25.195(c), AS 12.55.039, AS 28.05.151, and		

AS 29.25.074 and receipts collected under AS 18.65.220(7).

Alaska Police Standards Council	80,000		
Integrated Victim Assistance	1,617,500	1,617,500	
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault		1,617,500	
*****	*****		
***** Department of Revenue *****			
*****	*****		
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority	6,087,600	614,300	5,473,300
Mental Health Trust Operations		5,473,300	
Long Term Care Ombudsman Office		614,300	
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	200,000		200,000
AHFC Operations		200,000	
*****	*****		
***** University of Alaska *****			
*****	*****		
University of Alaska	2,675,800	805,800	1,870,000
Anchorage Campus		2,625,800	
Troth Yeddfa' Campus		50,000	
*****	*****		
***** Judiciary *****			
*****	*****		
Alaska Court System	532,800	532,800	
Trial Courts		532,800	
Therapeutic Courts	4,392,600	4,234,300	158,300
Therapeutic Courts		4,392,600	
(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)			
* Sec. 2. The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.			
Funding Source			Amount
Department of Administration			
1037 General Fund / Mental Health			3,771,400
1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts			374,100
*** Total Agency Funding ***			4,145,500

Department of Corrections

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	9,455,600
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	1,041,700
1246	Recidivism Reduction Fund	6,970,500
***	Total Agency Funding ***	17,467,800

Department of Education and Early Development

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	377,800
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	136,100
***	Total Agency Funding ***	513,900

Department of Family and Community Services

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	32,177,400
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	596,400
***	Total Agency Funding ***	32,773,800

Department of Health

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	119,075,400
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	3,987,900
1180	Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment & Prevention Fund	20,100,000
1246	Recidivism Reduction Fund	4,412,000
1254	Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund	6,514,100
***	Total Agency Funding ***	154,089,400

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	26,000
***	Total Agency Funding ***	26,000

Department of Law

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	100,100
***	Total Agency Funding ***	100,100

Department of Natural Resources

1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	5,721,600
***	Total Agency Funding ***	5,721,600

Department of Public Safety

1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	130,000
1246	Recidivism Reduction Fund	1,617,500
***	Total Agency Funding ***	1,747,500

Department of Revenue

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	614,300
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	200,000
1094	Mental Health Trust Administration	5,473,300
***	Total Agency Funding ***	6,287,600

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1037	General Fund / Mental Health	805,800
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	1,870,000
***	Total Agency Funding ***	2,675,800

Judiciary

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	4,767,100
1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	158,300
***	Total Agency Funding ***	4,925,400

* * * * * **Total Budget** * * * * * **230,474,400**

(SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
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Unrestricted General

1037	General Fund / Mental Health	171,144,900
***	Total Unrestricted General ***	171,144,900

Designated General

1180	Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Treatment & Prevention Fund	20,100,000
1246	Recidivism Reduction Fund	13,000,000
1254	Marijuana Education and Treatment Fund	6,514,100
***	Total Designated General ***	39,614,100

Other Non-Duplicated

1092	Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	14,242,100
1094	Mental Health Trust Administration	5,473,300
***	Total Other Non-Duplicated ***	19,715,400

(SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)"

Page 14, line 30, following "unit":

Insert ";

(9) Alaska State Employees Association, for the general government unit"

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Shower objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) am S "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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 55(FIN) am S
Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date(s)

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 CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) am S 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.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 8

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Relating to strengthening international relations with Taiwan, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 will advance to third reading on the May 9 calendar.

SJR 15

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 Calling on the state's congressional delegation to oppose cuts to federal spending on Medicaid, 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 724. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) will advance to third reading on the May 9 calendar.

Second Reading of House Resolutions

HJR 5

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reinstate the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and make the funding mechanism in the Act permanent, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 will advance to third reading on the May 9 calendar.

HJR 15

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, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA) will advance to third reading on the May 9 calendar.

Special Order of Business

Senator Giessel 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 - Rita T. Allee
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

Honoring - Nikiski High School Girls Volleyball Team
Senator(s) Bjorkman

Honoring - Aubrie Ellis
Senator(s) Bjorkman
Representative(s) Ruffridge

Honoring - Craig Lyon
Senator(s) Tobin
Representative(s) Mears, Josephson

Honoring - Gene Therriault and Jo Kuchle
Senator(s) Myers
Representative(s) Prax, Stapp

Honoring - Bartlett High School Golden Bears Girls Basketball Team
2025 Alaska Airline Classic Champions
Senator(s) Wielechowski
Representative(s) Mears, Eischeid

Honoring - Homer Electric Association 75th Anniversary
Senator(s) Bjorkman
Representative(s) Elam, Ruffridge

Honoring - Sheri Boehlert
Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring - Metlakatla High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams
Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring - Ketchikan High School Boys Basketball Team
Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring - Wrangell High School Wrestling Team
Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring - Kyan Reeve
Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring - Ketchikan High School Wrestling Team
Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring - City of Ketchikan 125th Anniversary
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring - Bob Jahnke
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman, Cronk

Honoring - Glenn Massay Theater 10th Anniversary
Representative(s) Tilton, Johnson

Honoring - Dimond-West Girls Hockey Team 2025 State Champions
Representative(s) Costello

Honoring - J. Allan MacKinnon
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Skagway School Drama, Debate and Forensics Team
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Martin Hernandez
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Laura “Lauri” Lyn Wilson
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - The Bear Paw Festival’s 40th Anniversary
Representative(s) Saddler
Senator(s) Merrick

Honoring - Chugiak Senior Citizens, Inc., 50th Anniversary
Representative(s) Saddler
Senator(s) Merrick

Honoring - Robin Hopper
Representative(s) Saddler

Honoring - Alaska Military Youth Academy 30th Anniversary
Representative(s) Saddler, Nelson

Honoring - Brooke Hartman
Representative(s) Saddler
Senator(s) Merrick

Honoring - X'unei Lance Twitchell
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

Honoring - Jon Zasada
Representative(s) Mina, Fields
Senator(s) Kawasaki

Honoring - Liam Lierman
Representative(s) Allard

Honoring - Chugiak High School Mustangs Girls Cross-Country Team
Representative(s) Allard, Saddler

Honoring - Chugiak High School Mustangs Boys Cross-Country Team
Representative(s) Allard, Saddler

Honoring - Teresa Hall-Klouda and Bernie Klouda
Representative(s) Allard

In Memoriam - Roger Dee Roberts
Senator(s) Myers, Cronk
Representative(s) Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Clare Swan
Senator(s) Bjorkman, Claman
Representative(s) Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Stephen Brown
Senator(s) Hughes
Representative(s) Rauscher

In Memoriam - David Bruce Jaeger
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Dunbar
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Doctor James W. Elliott
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Cronk
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam - Samuel Karl Nagaruk Cross
Senator(s) Olson
Representative(s) Foster

In Memoriam - Kenneth “Ken” Ketah
Representative(s) Bynum

In Memoriam - William “Bill” Bruce Tatsuda
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Kaley Burk
Representative(s) Bynum

In Memoriam - Charles “Charlie” William White, Saa Du’uts
Representative(s) Bynum

In Memoriam - Patsy “Pat” Speer
Representative(s) McCabe
Senator(s) Cronk

In Memoriam - Paul Dee Douglas
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Theodore “Ted” Reed Merrell III
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Susan Ann Stone
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam - Bill Kuhlman
Representative(s) Saddler

In Memoriam - Bruce C. Headle
Representative(s) Saddler, Allard

In Memoriam - Laura Granducci Temple
Representative(s) Saddler

In Memoriam - Leona Marie Santiago
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - George James "Jim" Sepel
Representative(s) Story, Hannan
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam - Ashley Wuebbels-Boehm
Representative(s) Allard

Senator Giessel 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

HB 35

Senators Myers, Kawasaki, Gray-Jackson, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(STA) "An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 21

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21 Supporting and encouraging the continued recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in the state. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 83**

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 engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

HB 53

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

HB 55

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) am S "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 engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., May 9, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

EDUCATION

May 07	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	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 07	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 34	REPEAL 90 DAY SESSION LIMIT -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SB 24	TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG AGE; E-CIG TAX -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
= SB 92	CORP. INCOME TAX; OIL & GAS ENTITIES **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

FINANCE (continued)

May 07	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- -- Please Note Time Change -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
May 08	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED -- 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
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May 09	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

JUDICIARY

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
-- 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

LABOR & COMMERCE

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

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
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RESOURCES

May 07 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ SB 161 PROHIBIT BOTTOM TRAWLING
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
-- Public Testimony Canceled, Will Be Held Over
to Future Committee Hearing.
Submit Written Public Testimony to
SenateResources@akleg.gov --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 09 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
+= SB 180 LNG IMPORT FACILITIES
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Streamed live on AKL.tv

STATE AFFAIRS

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 08	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	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	Senate Finance 532	5:15 PM
	-- Please Note Location Change --		
	-- Agenda Change --		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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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