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One Hundred Ninth Day

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

Loving Lord and God, as we observe and reflect on Your handiwork, we behold balance and harmony: Spring showers help bring summer flowers; our hands and feet respond to the messages of our mind.

In a similar way we are gathered from the distant corners of Alaska to work together. We come with varied backgrounds and experiences. Give us a cohesive spirit whereby we lead looking forward, and not through the rearview mirror. As we near the final days of this session give us a double portion of unity, of working together, of rallying together around positive solutions. Help us, O Lord.

This I ask in the Name of the One Who came, not to be served but to serve and taught us how to love, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Certification

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journals for the one hundred seventh and one hundred eighth legislative days and Senate Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated May 7 was received stating:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority granted to me by Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am submitting this message to the Legislature concerning the fiscal future of the State of Alaska.

Several tax proposals have been introduced during this legislative session. While I too share the concern about how we will fund government in the future, a “tax-and-spend” approach will not yield a sustainable, long-term fiscal solution. As I have consistently stated since my first term, a truly durable fiscal plan must include revenues, but it also requires clear guardrails: spending limits, statutory and regulatory reviews, and policies that make Alaska the most competitive state in the nation for investment and new business growth.

Equally important is the need to evaluate all current state spending and government functions—not only for efficiency, but for their relevance and long-term impact. Any serious effort to stabilize Alaska’s fiscal future must also focus on diversifying our economy and creating new industries, which in turn broadens the economic base for potential revenue.

As such, I cannot support standalone tax measures. I am issuing this message to reaffirm my long-standing position as Governor: the Legislature and the Executive Branch must establish a joint team to develop a comprehensive, sustainable long-term fiscal plan that ensures stability and fosters economic growth.

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We have an opportunity, post-session, to form this team and begin identifying, researching, and drafting legislation around the core components of such a fiscal plan to underpin Alaska's future. By transmittal of this message, I am formally requesting legislative leadership join me in convening a joint team to begin this process.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Messages from the House

SB 113

Message dated May 7 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 113 "An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state; relating to highly digitized businesses subject to the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

HJR 11

Message dated May 7 was read stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment(s) to CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(RES) am, thus adopting:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 11(RES) am S

Messages dated May 7 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions****HJR 13**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(MLV) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS,

Urging the President of the United States to expand evacuation efforts for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas, including resumption of evacuation flights organized by the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts; urging the United States Department of State to secure legal protections and humanitarian assistance for Special Immigrant Visa applicants; urging the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the United States Department of Homeland Security to expedite the review of applications for Special Immigrant Visas; and requesting that the United States Secretary of State provide a report to Congress regarding efforts to reinstate evacuation flights for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HJR 14

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(TRA) BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE,

Supporting the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; encouraging a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a community-minded approach to future rail expansion; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 10**

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 am(efd add) BY REPRESENTATIVES CARRICK, Fields, Holland, Burke, Josephson, Gray, Mina, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

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

Letters from the Attorney General dated May 7 were received reporting the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreements reached between the State of Alaska and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA), and the State of Alaska and the Alaska Public Employees Association representing the Confidential Employees Association (CEA) in accordance with AS 23.40.215 and AO 356.

President Stevens referred the reports to the Finance Committee.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 24**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the tobacco use education and cessation fund; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(FIN)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 9, Department of Revenue

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 Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Alaska Judiciary System

Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Department of Law

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 92

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 92 "An Act establishing an income tax on certain entities producing or transporting oil or gas in the state; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 92(FIN)

Signing do pass: Senators Olson, Hoffman, Cochairs; Senator Kiehl.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senator Merrick. Signing do not pass: Senators Kaufman, Cronk.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 104

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 104 "An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the owner; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 152

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 152 "An Act renaming Ruby Airport as Harold Esmailka Airport; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Yundt, Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson, Bjorkman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill is on today's calendar.

HB 121

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 121 "An Act relating to the practice of accounting; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(STA)
"An Act relating to the practice of accounting; relating to private professional conservators; amending Rule 17(e), Alaska Rules of Probate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."
(Title Change SCR 6)

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

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 Labor and Commerce Committee.

HJR 9

The Health and Social Services Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(HSS) Urging the United States Congress to extend enhanced tax credits for health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SR 3

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI,

Urging the United States Congress to grant American Samoans the ability to serve as commissioned officers in the uniformed services of the United States and the right to vote in federal elections.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 191**

SENATE BILL NO. 191 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act approving the transfer of land owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the City of Whittier; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 24**

SENATE BILL NO. 24 "An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the tobacco use education and cessation fund; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; 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. 24(FIN) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(FIN) will advance to third reading on the May 12 calendar.

SB 26

SENATE BILL NO. 26 "An Act petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 26 will advance to third reading on the May 12 calendar.

SB 133

SENATE BILL NO. 133 "An Act relating to prior authorization requests for medical care covered by a health care insurer; relating to a prior authorization application programming interface; relating to step therapy; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 700. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 133(L&C) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 133(L&C) will advance to third reading on the May 12 calendar.

SB 152

SENATE BILL NO. 152 "An Act renaming Ruby Airport as Harold Esmailka Airport; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 152 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 152 "An Act renaming Ruby Airport as Harold Esmailka Airport; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 152

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 BILL NO. 152 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 16

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Urging the United States Congress to pass the Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act; and urging lawmakers to advocate for policies that guarantee equitable access to vital healthcare, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 will advance to third reading on the May 12 calendar.

Third Reading of Senate Resolutions

SJR 8

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

The question being: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Relating to strengthening international relations with Taiwan, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 8

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 JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

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SJR 15

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) Calling on the state's congressional delegation to oppose cuts to federal spending on Medicaid, was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) Calling on the state's congressional delegation to oppose cuts to federal spending on Medicaid, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSJR 15(HSS)

Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

Nay: Bjorkman, Hughes, Kaufman, Myers, Shower, Yundt

and so, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Third 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 third time.

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

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Senators Shower, Kiehl offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 26, following "program":

Insert "; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United States Congress and the President of the United States to explore opportunities to make additional federal timber resources in the state available for responsible harvest in a manner that supports rural economic revitalization, conserves habitat, and promotes forest health"

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

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 am S Urge 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, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 5 am S

Third Reading - Final Passage

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, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 am S passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

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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 third time.

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

Senator Giessel offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 3, line 31, following "Anchorage;":

Insert "the Honorable Alvin Osterback, Mayor of the Aleutians East Borough; the Honorable David R. Lax, Mayor of the Bristol Bay Borough; the Honorable Christopher Noel, Mayor of the Denali Borough; the Honorable Grier Hopkins, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough; the Honorable Tom Morphet, Mayor of the Haines Borough; the Honorable Beth Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau; the Honorable Peter Micciche, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough; the Honorable Rodney Dial, Mayor of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough; the Honorable Scott Arndt, Mayor of the Kodiak Island Borough; the Honorable Glen Alsworth, Sr., Mayor of the Lake and Peninsula Borough; the Honorable Edna DeVries, Mayor of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; the Honorable Josiah Patkotak, Mayor of the North Slope Borough; the Honorable Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough; the Honorable Mark Jensen, Mayor of the Petersburg Borough; the Honorable Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor of the City and Borough of Sitka; the Honorable Sam Bass, Mayor of the Municipality of Skagway; the Honorable Patty Gilbert, Mayor of the City and Borough of Wrangell; the Honorable Cindy L. Bremner, Mayor of the City and Borough of Yakutat"

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Page 4, line 3:

Delete "Grier Hopkins, Mayor of the Fairbanks North Star Borough"

Insert "Igor Zaremba, Mayor of the City of Delta Junction"

Page 4, line 5:

Delete "the Honorable Peter Micciche, Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough;"

Senator Giessel moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Hughes objected, then withdrew her objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA) am S 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, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 15(CRA) am S
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, CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA) am S passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Standing Committee Reports. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

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Standing Committee Reports

SB 64

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 64 "An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age; relating to voter registration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to synthetic media in electioneering communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to public official financial disclosures; relating to the crime of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(FIN) "An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter registration; relating to election administration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to campaign contributions; relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to synthetic media in electioneering communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to voter registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the Redistricting Board; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, Office of the Governor

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

The bill is on today's calendar.

Consideration of the Calendar (continued)**Second Reading of Senate Bills (continued)****SB 64**

SENATE BILL NO. 64 "An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age; relating to voter registration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to synthetic media in electioneering communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to public official financial disclosures; relating to the crime of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree; 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. 64(FIN) "An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter registration; relating to election administration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to campaign contributions; relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to synthetic media in electioneering communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to voter registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the Redistricting Board; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(FIN) will advance to third reading on the May 12 calendar.

Unfinished Business**SB 49**

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to SENATE BILL NO. 49 "An Act relating to workplace violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

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HJR 9

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(HSS) Urging the United States Congress to extend enhanced tax credits for health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SR 3

Senators Gray-Jackson, Dunbar, Tobin, Kawasaki, Yundt, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Urging the United States Congress to grant American Samoans the ability to serve as commissioned officers in the uniformed services of the United States and the right to vote in federal elections. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 5

Senators Stedman, Cronk, Yundt, Shower moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on 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.

Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on May 15. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

HB 16

Senators Kawasaki, Kiehl, Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) "An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; 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; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements; relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to state election

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expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 10

Senators Kawasaki, Tobin, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Claman, Cronk, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 10 am(efd add) "An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from June 2 through August 4. Without objection, Senator Kaufman was excused.

SB 157

Senator Cronk moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 157 "An Act relating to notice of new fees and fee increases from the University of Alaska; relating to billing statements from the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 186

Senator Cronk moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 186 "An Act relating to removing soft drinks from the food stamp program; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 152

SENATE BILL NO. 152 "An Act renaming Ruby Airport as Harold Esmailka Airport; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

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SJR 8

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Relating to strengthening international relations with Taiwan, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SJR 15

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) Calling on the state's congressional delegation to oppose cuts to federal spending on Medicaid, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

HJR 5

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 am S 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 engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

HJR 15

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA) am S 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 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 11:00 a.m., May 12, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:09 p.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

May 13	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+=	HB 50	SNOW CLASSICS	
+=	HB 79	NAMING VIC FISCHER SHOUP BAY MARINE PARK	
+=	SB 140	FIRE STATION GRANT PROGRAM	
+	HB 58	OPA: PUBLIC ADVOCATE APPOINTMENT -- Public Testimony --	
+	SB 185	INSURANCE; REBATES; ADVERTISING Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	

EDUCATION

May 09	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+		-- Rescheduled from 5/7/25 --	
		Consideration of Governor's Appointees: Fernando Escobar - Fairbanks -- Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
May 12	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	SJR 21	INTERNATIONAL TEACHER VISAS -- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	

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EDUCATION (continued)

May 14	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 16	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

FINANCE

May 09	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Office of Management and Budget:		
	Governor's FY26 Operating Amendments		
	Governor's FY26 Mental Health Amendments		
	Bargaining Agreements:		
	- GGU - General Government		
	- CEA - Confidential Employees Association		
	- MEBA - Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SB 64	ELECTIONS		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 09	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 12	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 20	CPR CURRICULUM		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SB 11	FLOOD INSURANCE		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+ SB 37	STRATEGIC PLANS FOR STATE AGENCIES		
	< Above Bill Removed From Agenda >		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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May 12	Monday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 13	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 13	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 14	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 14	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 15	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 15	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 16	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 16	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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May 17 **Saturday** **Senate Finance 532** **10:00 AM**
+ -- Please Note Time Change --
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
+ **Streamed live on AKL.tv**

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

May 13 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+= SB 4 HEALTH CARE PRICES AND INCENTIVE PROGRAMS
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 15 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
+= HB 70 EMERGENCY MED SVCS; OPERATIONAL CANINES
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

May 14 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 190 UNIFORM ACT: GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

May 16 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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LABOR & COMMERCE

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		
May 12	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	Consideration of Governor's Appointees		
+ SB 172	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 136	FIREARM FINANCIAL PRIVACY		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ HB 116	COMMERCIAL FISHING INSURANCE CO-OP		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 14	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 154	HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADV BOARD		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 121	HEALTH INSURANCE ALLOWABLE CHARGES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 122	HEALTH INSURANCE NETWORK STANDARDS		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 16	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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RESOURCES

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		
May 12	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+= SB 174	INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SJR 20	CLEAN UP MARINE DEBRIS		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 14	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 16	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Alaska Railbelt Reliability Council		
	Lou Florence - Board Chair, RRC		
	Ed Jenkin - CEO, RRC		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

STATE AFFAIRS

May 10	Saturday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
May 13	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
May 15	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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May 17 Saturday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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TRANSPORTATION

May 13 Tuesday **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ Presentation: DOT&PF Tentative Advertising
Schedule and Fed Funding Update
Dom Pannone, Director, Program Management and
Administration DOT&PF
Al Beck, Preconstruction Chief, Northern Region
DOT&PF
Luke Bowland, Preconstruction Chief, Central
Region DOT&PF
Kirk Miller, Preconstruction Chief, Southcoast
Region DOT&PF
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 15 Thursday **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
+ SB 191 TRANSFER OF RAILROAD LAND TO WHITTIER
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

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

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JOINT COMMITTEES

OMBUDSMAN SELECTION COMMITTEE

May 12 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:30 AM**
+ Ombudsman Selection Process

May 12 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **4:00 PM**
+ Ombudsman Selection Process

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

May 14 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
+ Consideration of Governor's Appointments to
 Boards and Commissions