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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**May 19, 2025**

**One Hundred Nineteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:02 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Micheal Galbraith, St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Speaker Edgmon, Representatives Mina, Rauscher, Ruffridge, and Stapp performed the song, "Behind Those Pearly Gates." Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Send Your spirit upon the Members of this people's House to encourage them in their official tasks. Assure them that in the fulfillment of their responsibilities, you will provide the grace to enable them to be faithful in their duties, and the wisdom to be conscious of their obligations to fulfill them with integrity.

Give to us and all people a vivid sense of Your presence, that we may learn to understand each other, to respect each other, to work with each other, and to do good to each other. So shall we make this State of Alaska great in goodness, and good in its greatness. May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory. Amen.

On this 119th day of this 34th legislature, with the deepest respect for all faiths, we offer this prayer: This past year this body has stood in a moment of silence for many relatives, friends, and loved ones that have gone before us, or taken from us way too soon. Representatives Bryce Edgmon, Genevieve Mina, Justin Ruffridge, and Will Stapp dedicate this original song invocation to the many that grieve lost loved ones through accidents, health, and simple age related causes while we were here in Juneau this session.

"Behind Those Pearly Gates"

At night when I'm weary  
Closing my eyes  
It brings me joy  
To realize

It ain't forever  
My old friend  
I can't wait  
To see you again

My only question  
Is how long will it take  
Before I find you  
Behind those pearly gates

You never know  
It might be a surprise  
And I'll get to see that  
Look...in your eyes

When that day  
Calls out to me  
Come on home  
To eternity

I won't look back  
I won't hesitate  
Till' I find you  
Behind those pearly gates

Senator Claman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated May 19 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20 for the purpose of voting to override the Governor's veto to House Bill 57; Schools: Comm. Devices/Class Size/Funding.

Senator Giessel 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.

### **SB 95**

Message dated May 17 was read stating the House passed and returned:

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."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SB 152**

Message dated May 17 was read stating the House passed and returned:

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

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SB 133**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 133(L&C) "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."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SJR 8**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Relating to strengthening international relations with Taiwan.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SJR 16**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned:

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.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Messages dated May 17 and May 18 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

**HB 27**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 27(HSS) BY THE HOUSE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical care for major emergencies."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

**HB 125**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(FSH) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES, entitled:

"An Act relating to membership of the Board of Fisheries."

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

**HB 126**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126(TRB) am BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRIBAL AFFAIRS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations; relating to the reinstatement of nonprofit corporations organized for a religious purpose and religious corporations; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 174**

HOUSE BILL NO. 174 BY REPRESENTATIVES BURKE, Himschoot, Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing."

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

**Concur Messages****SJR 15**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) Calling on the state's congressional delegation to oppose cuts to federal spending on Medicaid, with the following amendment(s):

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 15(HSS) am H

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment(s).

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment(s)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSJR 15(HSS) am H

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)  
to CSSJR 15 (HSS)?

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

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

Nays: Bjorkman, Hughes, Kawasaki, Myers, Shower, Yundt

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment(s), thus adopting CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(HSS) am H Calling on the state's congressional delegation to oppose cuts to federal spending on Medicaid.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SJR 19**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES) 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, with the following amendment(s):

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES)

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment(s).

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment(s)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSJR 19(RES)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)  
to CSSJR 19(RES)?

**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, the Senate concurred in the House amendment(s), thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19(RES) 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.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SR 3**

The State Affairs Committee considered 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.

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution is on today's calendar.

### **Special Committee Reports**

#### **HB 53**

The following report was received and distributed at 9:26 p.m., May 18:

May 18, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considered SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am S and CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) and recommends



CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53 "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; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

(technical title change)

be adopted.

A fiscal note packet and monetary terms were attached.

Signing the report: Senator Hoffman, Chair, Senators Stedman, Kaufman; Representative Josephson, Chair, Representatives Schrage, Johnson.

#### **HB 55**

The following report was received and distributed at 9:26 p.m., May 18:

May 18, 2025

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considered SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) am S and CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN) and recommends

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55 "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."

be adopted with attached monetary terms.

Signing the report: Senator Hoffman, Chair, Senators Stedman, Kaufman; Representative Josephson, Chair, Representatives Schrage, Johnson.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 196**

SENATE BILL NO. 196 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act establishing a behavioral health crisis services surcharge; establishing the behavioral health crisis services fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of House Bills****HB 31**

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 "An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict vessel prevention program fund" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE BILL NO. 31 will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 123**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 123(FIN) "An Act relating to vehicle rental taxes; relating to the issuance of subpoenas related to tax records; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 1302. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 123(FIN) was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 123(FIN) will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 16**

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 expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 35**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(STA) "An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners" was read the second time.

Senator Claman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 1300. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(JUD) "An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners; and relating to identification cards" was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(JUD) will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**Third Reading of House Bills****HB 121**

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" was read the third time.

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

SCS HB 121(STA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Court Rule(s)    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 HOUSE BILL NO. 121(STA) passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel 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 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.

## **SCR 6**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 121, relating to the practice of accounting, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 6

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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SR 3**

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, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

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

#### **SR 3**

Final Passage

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

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

Nays: Bjorkman, Hughes, Myers, Shower

and so, SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment and enrollment.

**Second Reading of House Resolutions****HJR 13**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(MLV) 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 second time.

President Stevens stated CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(MLV) will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HCR 6**

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6(MLV) Commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6(MLV) Commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHCR 6(MLV)

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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6(MLV) passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**Third Reading of House Resolutions****HJR 25**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am Supporting and encouraging the continued recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in the state, was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am Supporting and encouraging the continued recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in the state, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 25 am

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, HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**Citations**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Special Order of Business**

In Memoriam - Dannax.ils'eik, Gheistéen Luis Charles "Chuck"  
Miller

Representative(s) Himschoot

Senator(s) Stedman

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

**Unfinished Business****HB 174**

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Finance Committee referral be waived on HOUSE BILL NO. 174 "An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing." The Finance Committee passed SENATE BILL NO. 146 (a similar bill) out of committee (page 1220) with a do pass recommendation. Without objection, the bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from June 11 through December 23. Without objection, Senator Dunbar was excused.

Senator Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate today from 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. Without objection, Senator Claman was excused.

**HB 31**

Senators Claman, Stedman, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 31 "An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict vessel prevention program fund." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Recess**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to a call of the Chair. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:03 p.m.

**After Recess**

The Senate reconvened at 4:15 p.m.



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

### **Messages from the Governor**

#### **HB 57**

Letter dated May 19 was received:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 15, of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

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."

There is no evidence that a permanent increase in the Base Student Allocation will improve educational outcomes. Therefore, this bill in its current form does not serve the best interest of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

**Messages from the House (continued)**

Message dated May 19 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of  
House Resolutions****HCR 4**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 BY  
REPRESENTATIVES SADDLER, Story, Josephson,

Proclaiming May 2025 as Myositis Awareness  
Month.

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services  
Committee.

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills (continued)****HB 28**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing a student loan repayment pilot  
program; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 101**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 101(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to civil claims by victims of sexual  
abuse of a minor; relating to homicide; relating to  
assault in the third degree; relating to stalking;  
relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to  
enticement of a minor; relating to endangering the  
welfare of a child; relating to indecent exposure;

relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to solicitation or production of an indecent picture of a minor; relating to distribution of indecent material to minors; relating to the testimony of children in criminal proceedings; relating to sentencing; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **Concur Messages (continued)**

#### **SB 132**

Message dated May 19 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 132(FIN) "An Act relating to insurance; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment(s):

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL  
NO. 132(FIN) am H

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment(s).

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment(s)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 132(FIN) am H

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)  
to CSSB 132(FIN)? 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, the Senate concurred in the House amendment(s), thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 132(FIN) am H "An Act relating to insurance; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on concurrence be considered the vote on the effective date clause(s). Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

### **Standing Committee Reports (continued)**

#### **SB 89**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 89 "An Act relating to physician assistants; relating to collaborative agreements between physicians and physician assistants; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to health care providers; and relating to provisions regarding physician assistants in contracts between certain health care providers and health care insurers" and recommended it be replaced with

#### **CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(L&C)**

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

#### **HB 70**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 70(L&C) am "An Act relating to emergency medical services for operational canines; relating to the powers, duties, and

liability of emergency medical technicians and mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Health and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 1301.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills (continued)**

#### **SB 197**

SENATE BILL NO. 197 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to mathematics education; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and relating to the duties of school districts."

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

#### **SB 198**

SENATE BILL NO. 198 BY SENATOR KAUFMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the teachers' defined contribution retirement plan; relating to the public employees' defined contribution retirement plan; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

**Announcements**

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****HB 121**

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" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**SCR 6**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 121, relating to the practice of accounting, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 8:45 a.m., May 20, 2025. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>May 20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ = HB 26	STATEWIDE PUBLIC & COMMUNITY TRANSIT PLAN		
+ = SB 192	EVACUATION DESIGNATION LEVELS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>May 19</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>May 21</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>May 23</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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## FINANCE

<b>May 19</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>

## JUDICIARY

<b>May 19</b>	<b>Monday</b> -- MEETING CANCELED -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>May 21</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>May 23</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

## LABOR & COMMERCE

<b>May 19</b> + HB 70 += SB 89	<b>Monday</b> EMERGENCY MED SVCS; OPERATIONAL CANINES -- Invited & Public Testimony -- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
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## RESOURCES

<b>May 19</b>	<b>Monday</b> -- MEETING CANCELED -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>May 21</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> -- MEETING CANCELED -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>



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## RULES

**May 19      Monday      Butrovich 205      9:00 AM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
+    HB 16    CAMPAIGN FINANCE;CONTRIBUTION LIMITS;APOC  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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## OTHER MEETINGS

### JOINT SESSION

**May 20      Tuesday      House Chamber      9:00 AM**  
+  
Consideration of the Governor's Veto of HB 57  
(SCHOOLS: COMM. DEVICES/CLASS SIZE/FUNDING)