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Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

January 22, 2026

Third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 8:59 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Kawasaki, Merrick, Tobin were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Isabel Braun, Senate Page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,

Please guide us through both the trials and joys we encounter today.

Give our Senators and Representatives courage and wisdom as they serve the residents of our great state.

Thank you for the beauty and resources you have given us in the State of Alaska

Thank you for the friends and family who support us throughout the time in the legislature.

Guide our hearts and minds as that we may do your will and be productive and successful.

(B'sham Yeshua Amen) In Jesus name, Amen!

Senator Gray-Jackson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

The presence of Senators Merrick, Tobin was noted.

Messages from the House

Message dated January 21 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Susan Carney's annual State of the Judiciary address in the House Chamber.

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.

Communications

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

Department of Revenue

Investment Earnings Report for the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund and the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement Fund
in accordance with AS 19.65.070 and AS 37.05.550

Charitable Pledges Paid to Organizations in 2025
in accordance with AS 43.23.130

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

2025 Unabridged Annual Report

2025 Condensed Annual Report

Unfinished Business

Senator Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 26 through evening plane time, March 30. Without objection, Senator Kiehl was excused.

SJR 22

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to public education. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 206

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 206 "An Act relating to reports of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in schools; relating to parental notification of incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving students and threats of suicide by students; and establishing the firearm safe storage grant fund." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Recess

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 9:05 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 9:14 a.m. The purpose of the Joint Session was to consider the Governor's veto of SB 113-APPORTION TAXABLE INCOME;DIGITAL BUSINESS.

The roll call of the Senate was taken and there were twenty members present.

The roll of the House was taken and there were forty members present.

SB 113

Senator Giessel moved 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" become law notwithstanding the governor's veto. The roll was taken with the following result:

SENATE

SB 113

Veto Override?

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, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Tilton, Yundt

The roll of the House was taken with the following result:

HOUSE

SB 113

Veto Override?

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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Yeas: Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Frier, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St.Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

TOTALS: YEAS: 35 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

and so, lacking the necessary 45 votes, the motion failed.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 10:32 a.m.

After Recess

Joint Session in the House

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear Governor Mike Dunleavy's State of the State address.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Senator Yundt and Representative Carrick to escort Governor Mike Dunleavy to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Matt Simpson, announced the Honorable Mike Dunleavy's entrance to the House Chamber.

Governor Dunleavy was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon.

Governor Dunleavy delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 11.

Governor Dunleavy received a standing ovation.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 8:27 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business (continued)

SB 113

The governor's veto of 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" was sustained and the engrossed and enrolled copies were returned to the Office of the Governor at 12:28 p.m., January 22, 2026.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., January 23, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 8:30 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

Jan 27	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ HB 33	CONFLICT OF INTEREST: BDS FISHERIES/GAME		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ = HB 26	STATEWIDE PUBLIC & COMMUNITY TRANSIT PLAN		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

Jan 23	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 26	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Does a four-day school week benefit students? by Elizabeth Day, Assistant Director of Outreach, HEDCO Institute, University of Oregon		
	Sean Grant, Assistant Director of Research, HEDCO Institute, University of Oregon		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Jan 28	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 204	SUB. TEACHING; SCHOOL BOARD ELIGIBILITY		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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Jan 30	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Jan 22	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Production Forecast Department of Natural Resources Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Jan 23	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Revenue Forecast Department of Revenue Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Jan 26	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Governor's FY 27 Budget Request Office of Management and Budget **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Jan 27	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Governor's Veto Overview/Discussion: Office of Management and Budget Department of Transportation and Public Facilities **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Jan 28	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview: Governor's FY 27 Budget Request Legislative Finance Division **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

Jan 29	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Jan 30	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Overview: Department of Family and Community Services
 Tracy Dompeling, Acting Commissioner
 Marian Sweet, Assistant Commissioner
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Jan 29 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Presentation: Rural Health Transformation Program
 Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner
 Emily Ricci, Deputy Commissioner
 Betsy Wood, Associate Director, Office of Health Savings
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY

Jan 23 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 136 FIREARM FINANCIAL PRIVACY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Jan 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 212 NUMBER OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Jan 23 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + HB 78 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Jan 26 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 += HB 78 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 170 GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Jan 28 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 += HB 78 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 198 PERS/TRS RETIREMENT & MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Jan 30 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 += HB 78 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 121 HEALTH INSURANCE ALLOWABLE CHARGES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 163 REPEAL CERTAIN INACTIVE FUNDS/ACCOUNTS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

- Jan 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 -- Agenda Change --
 + Presentation: Pegasus: Review of 2019 Memo to the State of Alaska
 Jeremy Clark, Pegasus Global Holdings Inc.
 Joe Miller, Pegasus Global Holdings Inc.
 Presentation: GaffneyCline: Key Issues and Recommendations
 Nicholas Fulford, Senior Director, Liquid Natural Gas and Energy Transition, GaffneyCline Energy Advisory
 += SB 75 TIMBER MANAGEMENT LEASES
 Uniform Rule 23 Waived
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

Jan 26	Monday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	-- Continued from 01/23/26 --		
+	Presentation: GaffneyCline: Key Issues and Recommendations by Nicholas Fulford, Senior Director, Liquid Natural Gas and Energy Transition, GaffneyCline Energy Advisory Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Jan 28	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Department of Transportation: Impacts from a Gas Pipeline Project		
+= SB 180	LNG IMPORT FACILITIES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Jan 30	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Department of Natural Resources, North Slope Gas Presentation: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 22	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:		
+= SJR 2	CONST. AM: VOTES NEEDED FOR VETO OVERRIDE		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
Jan 27	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Overview: AIDEA update on current projects and external report		
	Randy Ruaro, Executive Director of Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Jan 29	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 22 +	Thursday Presentation: 2026 - 2029 STIP Update, FY26 Match Funds and Impact of Vetoes on Projects, HSIP Amendments Ryan Anderson, P.E., Commissioner Katherine Keith, PMP, PMI-ACP, Deputy Commissioner **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 27 +	Tuesday Presentation: DOT&PF Winter Road Maintenance Update Brad Bylsma, Equipment Fleet Manager, Statewide Equipment Fleet Burrell Nickeson, Manager, Maintenance and Operations, Central Region Andy Mills, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
Jan 29	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

Jan 22	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Jan 29 +	Thursday Presentation: Voice of the Arctic Inupiat Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

JOINT COMMITTEES**TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING**

Jan 23	Friday	Davis 106	3:30 PM
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-- Please Note Location Change --
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Michael Hanley, Superintendent, Aleutian Region
 School District
 Presentation: Chronic Absenteeism by
 Hedy Chang, Executive Director, Attendance
 Works
 Presentation: Open Enrollment by
 Jude Schwalback, Senior Policy Analyst, Reason
 Foundation
 Presentation: Homeless Students by
 Barbara Duffield, Executive Director,
 SchoolHouse Connection
 Kelly King, Coordinator, MVP Program, Kenai
 Peninsula Borough School District
 David Mayo-Kiely, Coordinator, Child in
 Transition Program, Anchorage School District
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Jan 22 +	Thursday	House Chamber	9:00 AM
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SB 113 Consideration of the Governor's Veto of SB 113
 APPORTION TAXABLE INCOME;DIGITAL BUSINESS
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Jan 22 +	Thursday	House Chamber	7:00 PM
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State of the State Address by Governor Mike
 Dunleavy
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 11 +	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice
 Susan Carney
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 29	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Rasmuson Foundation CEO Gretchen Guess will present about the Rasmuson Foundation's mission to invest in Alaska communities and nonprofits. Sponsored by Senator Wielechowski		