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SECOND SESSION

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Friday

January 30, 2026

Eleventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:35 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Hoffman was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Merrick was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey, Co-Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Senator Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The majestic beauty of our state reminds us that you are the source of all blessings. At the beginning of this new year and this legislative session I humbly ask for your blessing on all our legislators and all who collaborate in their work. Bestow on them the abundant share of your wisdom and a deep desire to share the common good. Amen.

Senator Kiehl led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

A letter dated January 28 was read requesting legislative concurrence with the accompanying revised finance plan (as required by AS 26.23.020(k)(2)), for the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster. The letter and revised finance plan had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

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

Communications

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

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program
FY 2025 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 23.15.835

Department of Public Safety
Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU)
2025 Annual Drug Report
in accordance with AS 18.65.085

Letter dated January 9 was received from Susan M. Carney, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating in accordance with AS 24.60.131, the following alternate public member has been nominated to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Chase Berenson

Letter dated January 20 was received from Susan M. Carney, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating in accordance with AS 24.60.130, the following public member has been nominated to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Deborah Fancher

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 11

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Establishing a legislative commission to review and make recommendations to the legislature relating to the official state seal.

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring - Tanana Invitational Wrestling Tournament 50th
Anniversary
Representative(s) Tomaszewski, Stapp
Senator(s) Myers

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

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

Honoring – Pete McEnaney
Senator(s) Merrick

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

Senator Tobin moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 2, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Tobin was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 2, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 03	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 129	PAYMENT OF CONTRACTS		
+ HB 26	STATEWIDE PUBLIC & COMMUNITY TRANSIT PLAN		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

EDUCATION

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

Feb 02	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

Feb 04	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 204	SUB. TEACHING; SCHOOL BOARD ELIGIBILITY		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ SR 4	250TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Feb 06	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 210	INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE EDUCATION		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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FINANCE

Jan 30	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 02	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview: Alaska Marine Highway Overview by Department of Public Transportation and Public Facilities Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 34	REPEAL 90 DAY SESSION LIMIT		
+= SB 20	CPR CURRICULUM		
= SB 104	VEHICLES/BOATS: TRANSFER ON DEATH TITLE		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 04	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Overview: Governor's FY 2026 Supplemental Overview by Office of Management and Budget Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 05	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Savings, Reserves, and Investments Funds by Department of Revenue Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 06	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 03	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Overview: Department of Health & H.R.1: Medicaid and SNAP Heidi Hedberg, Commissioner Emily Ricci, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bob Lawrence, Chief Medical Officer Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + HB 27 MEDICAL MAJOR EMERGENCIES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY

Jan 30 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 02 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 06 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 190 UNIFORM ACT: GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE

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

Feb 02 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 170 GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 211 EXTEND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 81 PUBLIC EMPLOYER PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Feb 04 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 150 NET METERING PROGRAM & FUND
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 218 TAX: ELECTRIC COOPS/GENERATION/STORAGE
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 06 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM

- + SB 211 EXTEND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 225 TRUSTS; TRUST PROCEEDINGS; TRUSTEES
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + SB 198 PERS/TRS RETIREMENT & MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

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

Feb 02 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + Presentation: Comments from North Slope
Producers
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + Presentation: Regulatory Commission of Alaska,
CH 11 SLA 13 Authority
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SB 180	LNG IMPORT FACILITIES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 227	TAX COMPACT; SALES TAX; OIL & GAS TAX		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 03	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: 2025 Fire Suppression update by Norm McDonald, Deputy Directory Forestry		
	Presentation: Disaster Preparedness by Bryan Fisher, Director Alaska Division of Homeland Security		
+ SB 188	TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

Feb 05	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 188	TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 03	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Presentation: Department of Transportation Proposed Organizational Changes by Ryan Anderson, P.E., Commissioner, Katherine Keith, PMP, PMI-ACP, Deputy Commissioner		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

Feb 05	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 191	TRANSFER OF RAILROAD LAND TO WHITTIER		
	-- Public Testimony --		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

Feb 05	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 05	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	5:15 PM
+	I. Call to Order		
	II. Approval of the Agenda		
	III. Approval of the Minutes		
	a. November 19, 2025 – morning meeting		
	b. November 19, 2025 – afternoon meeting		
	c. January 20, 2026		
	IV. Committee Business		
	a. Top Audit Issues, Part 2		
	b. Consideration of Contract Amendment for Alaska Center for Energy and Power (ACEP)		
	V. Executive Session		
	a. Consideration of Contract Amendment for Outside Counsel for Personnel Matter		
	b. GaffneyCline, Conflict of Interest: Legal Analysis		
	VI. Adjourn		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

Feb 11	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
+	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Susan Carney		

Feb 18	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
+	Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Feb 23	Monday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation:		
	Alaska Trucking Industry		
	Alaska Trucking Association		
	Sponsored by Senator Myers		
Feb 25	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	10:30 AM
	Lunch & Learn Presentation:		
	An overview of Alaska's Workforce Future		
	Mariko (Mari) Selle Executive Director of the		
	Alaska Workforce Alliance		
	Sponsored by Senator Merrick		