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Wednesday

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Sixteenth Day

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Fred LaPlante, Juneau Church of the Nazarene. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Father,

Today, I begin with gratitude. Thank You for the willingness of these Senators to serve—knowing that public service requires sacrifice, patience, and perseverance. Thank You for their commitment to step into responsibility on behalf of the people of Alaska.

I ask that You grant them courage—courage to continue the long and meaningful heritage they are now part of. Alaska's history has been shaped by those who faced uncertainty with resolve, who endured hardship, and who chose the common good over personal comfort. May that same spirit guide these Senators as they lead today.

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Help them remember the lessons of the past as they make decisions that will shape the future. Give them wisdom to honor what has been entrusted to them, compassion for those they serve, and strength to do what is right even when it is difficult.

Be with each of these Senators today. Encourage them in moments of weariness, steady them in moments of uncertainty, and remind them that their work matters.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen.

Senator Myers led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 3 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 Tuesday, March 31 for the purpose of hearing U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski's annual 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.

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Message dated February 2 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 39

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(EDC) BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing."

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:

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Department of Education and Early Development
Department of Labor and Workforce Development
University of Alaska

Joint Report:

Alaska Performance Scholarship 2026 Outcomes Report
in accordance with AS 14.43.840

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Division of Investments
2025 Annual State Loan Report
in accordance with AS 37.05.035

Department of Corrections
Interstate Compact Commission
2025 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 33.36.135

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Department of Environmental Conservation
Alaska Drinking Water and Alaska Clean Water Funds
Annual Loan Fund Report
in accordance with AS 46.03.032

Department of Fish and Game
Board of Game Allocation Report
January 31, 2026
in accordance with AS 16.05.050

Department of Administration
Division of Risk Management
Fiscal Year 2026 Report
in accordance with AS 37.05.287

Department of Natural Resources
Carbon Offset Program
2025 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 38.95.450

Division of Oil and Gas
Five-Year Program of Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sales and
Gas-Only Sales Annual Report
in accordance with AS 38.05.180

2025 Annual Report on the Carbon Storage Program
in accordance with AS 38.05.735

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alaska Regional Development Organizations
Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 38.05.735

Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Labor Relations Agency
2025 Annual Report
in accordance with AS 23.05.370

Disclosure letters received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published today in Senate Journal Supplement No. 8.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 20**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 20 "An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 20(FIN) "An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; and relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 34

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 34 "An Act relating to the duration of a regular session of the legislature."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Legislative Agency

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

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SB 129

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 129 "An Act establishing a 30-day deadline for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code; establishing deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations; relating to payment of grants to named recipients that are not municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Public Safety
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Natural Resources
Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law
Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Fiscal Note No. 6, Department of Health
Fiscal Note No. 7, Department of Health
Fiscal Note No. 8, Department of Health
Fiscal Note No. 9, Department of Health
Fiscal Note No. 10, Department of Health
Fiscal Note No. 11, Department of Health
Fiscal Note No. 12, zero, Department of Fish and Game
Fiscal Note No. 13, zero, Department of Family and Community Services
Fiscal Note No. 14, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Fiscal Note No. 15, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

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SB 170

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 170 "An Act relating to gaming; relating to bingo; relating to pull-tabs and electronic pull-tab systems; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(L&C)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 26

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRA) am "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 231

SENATE BILL NO. 231 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

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Governor's transmittal letter dated February 2:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital expenses for fiscal year 2026.

This appropriation bill includes the addition of \$79.1 million in unrestricted general funds, \$8.6 million in designated general funds, \$99.0 million in other state funds, \$751.8 million in federal funds.

The items in this supplemental appropriation bill are necessary for continued operations for the current fiscal year. I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of these items.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

SB 232

SENATE BILL NO. 232 BY SENATOR YUNDT, entitled:

"An Act relating to personal use collection of certain fossils."

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

SB 233

SENATE BILL NO. 233 BY SENATOR CLAMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee."

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

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SB 234

SENATE BILL NO. 234 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act adopting the Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act; repealing the Alaska Principal and Income Act; relating to fiduciary income and principal; relating to the probate jurisdiction of court; relating to trust administration; and relating to transfers of trust interests."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

Honoring – University of Alaska Anchorage 25th Anniversary of the Center for Community Engagement & Learning
Representative(s) Mina, Gray, Eischeid

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 Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 6. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 9:00 a.m., February 5 through plane time, February 7. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 20. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

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Senator Myers moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Cronk be excused from a call of the Senate from February 5 through February 7. Without objection, Senator Cronk was excused.

Senator Yundt moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 12 and February 13. Without objection, Senator Yundt was excused.

Senator Tilton moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 26 through morning plane time, March 1. Without objection, Senator Tilton was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 5 and February 6. Without objection, Senator Stedman 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 10:30 a.m., February 6, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:44 a.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

Feb 10	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 200	FARM & AGRICULTURAL LAND ASSESSMENTS		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 192	EVACUATION DESIGNATION LEVELS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

EDUCATION

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
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+ SB 210	INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HERITAGE EDUCATION		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Streamed live on AKL.tv		

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FINANCE

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
+	-- MEETING CANCELED -- 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 05	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ HB 27	MEDICAL MAJOR EMERGENCIES -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

JUDICIARY

Feb 04	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Feb 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+= SB 190	UNIFORM ACT: GUARDIANSHIP/CONSERVATORSHIP -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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STATE AFFAIRS

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

TRANSPORTATION

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

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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		