

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

#### **SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 11, 2026**

**Twenty-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:38 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Trenton Cooper, Glacier Valley Baptist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God, You tell your people through the Apostle Paul, “I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that I may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants me to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

That is my prayer to You this morning. I petition You to grant our legislators wisdom to carry out justice and righteousness. I pray that they would seek what is good and right in Your sight. I intercede for them, asking that you forgive them of their sins and lead them on paths of righteousness. I offer thanks to You for their willingness to serve the people of this state.

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Jesus, as they exercise the authority given to them by the Father, I ask that You lead them by the knowledge of the truth that You are King. Please bless their families and the work they will be doing on our behalf. I ask all of these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

Senator Tilton led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated February 9 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, I submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

**Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners**  
Chad Scott

### **Communications**

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

Department of Education and Early Development  
Alaska Reads Act Evaluation Report: Year 2  
February 2026  
Chapter No. 40, SLA 2022

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Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority  
Annual Report on Cook Inlet Oil and Gas Development Projects  
January 9, 2026  
in accordance with AS 44.88.855

Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Report  
FY 2016 - 2025  
in accordance with AS 43.52.260

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
2025 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 44.25.270

2025 Grant Investment Report  
in accordance with AS 44.25.250

**Standing Committee Reports**

**SB 81**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 81 "An Act relating to employer contribution rates in the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(L&C) "An Act relating to employer contribution rates in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Signed no recommendation: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senator Yundt. Signed amend: Senator Dunbar.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

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**SB 192**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 192 "An Act relating to evacuation designation levels; and relating to the Alaska Disaster Act" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 192(CRA)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 239**

SENATE BILL NO. 239 BY SENATOR TILTON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the registration and titling of legally imported motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 240**

SENATE BILL NO. 240 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to permanent fund dividend raffles; creating the senior citizen grants endowment fund and the senior citizen grants dividend raffle fund; authorizing donations from permanent fund dividends for grants to organizations that provide support for senior citizens and for entry into the senior citizen

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grants dividend raffle; relating to transfers from the senior citizen grants endowment fund and the senior citizen grants dividend raffle fund; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; and relating to the definition of 'gambling.'"

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

**SB 241**

SENATE BILL NO. 241 BY SENATOR KAWASAKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to unfair trade practices and consumer protection; relating to fees charged to consumers; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 242**

SENATE BILL NO. 242 BY SENATOR MERRICK, entitled:

"An Act relating to contracts to provide law enforcement services between the Department of Public Safety and municipalities; relating to the powers and duties of state troopers; relating to the general powers of municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Recess**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:00 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 11:08 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear Chief Justice Susan M. Carney's State of the Judiciary 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 Tobin and Representative Fields to escort Chief Justice Susan M. Carney to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Matt Simpson, announced Chief Justice Carney's entrance to the House Chamber.

Chief Justice Carney was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon. Chief Justice Carney delivered her address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 13.

Following her address Chief Justice Carney received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Tobin and Representative Fields.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 11:46 a.m.

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### **After Recess**

### **In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 11:51 a.m.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Third Reading of Senate Bills**

##### **SB 20**

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" was read the third time.

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

CSSB 20(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1**

Yea: Bjorkman, Claman, Cronk, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Myers, Olson, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Tobin, Wielechowski

Absent: Yundt

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 20(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring – Girl Scout Troop 436

Senator(s) Tobin

Representative(s) Hall, Mina

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In Memoriam – Darwin “Dar” Ralph Walter  
Senator(s) Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam – Lieutenant Colonel Glen G. “Bud” Irwin  
Senator(s) Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam – Andy Elliott Fullbright  
Senator(s) Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Mears

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

## **Unfinished Business**

### **SB 239**

Senators Myers, Kawasaki, Bjorkman, Cronk moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 239 "An Act relating to the registration and titling of legally imported motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from February 19 to March 11. Without objection, Senator Dunbar was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 13 and February 23. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

## **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

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**Engrossment**

**SB 20**

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" 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 10:30 a.m., February 13, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:04 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

### EDUCATION

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Overview: Status Update of the Mount Edgecumbe High School by Deena Bishop, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development		
	Karen Morrison, Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education and Early Development		
	David Langford, Superintendent, Mount Edgecumbe High School		
	Advisory Board Member		
	Mount Edgecumbe High School		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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### FINANCE

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 213	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET;AMEND;SUPP		
+ SB 215	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	CS Zero		
	Overview: Veto of Repealed Appropriations		
	Legislative Legal Services		
	Presentation: Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+	SB 140	FIRE STATION GRANT PROGRAM	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SB 23	CIVICS EDUCATION	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
+	SJR 2	CONST. AM: VOTES NEEDED FOR VETO OVERRIDE	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		**Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+		Presentation: Mt Edgecumbe	
		Alaska Department of Education and Early	
		Development	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		**Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Presentation: Rural Health Transformation	
		Program	
		Alaska Department of Health	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		**Streamed live on AKL.tv**	
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
		No Meeting Scheduled	

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
		-- Please Note Location Change --	
+		Meeting jointly with House Health and Social Services	
		Presentation: The Alaska Rural Health	
		Transformation Program: An informational session	
		to support implementation and participation	
		Monique Martin, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	
		Nancy Merriman, Alaska Primary Care Association	
		Jared Kosin, Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
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### JUDICIARY

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission Annual Report Overview by Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director, Alaska Judicial Council		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		-----

### LABOR & COMMERCE

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Overview: Alaska's Agriculture Industry by Amy Seitz, Alaska Farm Bureau		
	Margaret Adsit, Alaska Farmland Trust		
	Rachel Longacre, DNR Division of Mining, Land & Water		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		-----
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 196	BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+ SB 225	TRUSTS; TRUST PROCEEDINGS; TRUSTEES		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		-----

### RESOURCES

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska Railroad Corporation by Bill O'Leary - President, CEO, Alaska Railroad		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**RESOURCES (continued)**

<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 158	COOK INLET: NEW ADMIN AREA -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 180	LNG IMPORT FACILITIES -- Public Testimony --		
+ SB 227	TAX COMPACT; SALES TAX; OIL & GAS TAX -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 180	LNG IMPORT FACILITIES		
+ SB 216	BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Feb 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 126	CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; PLACEMENT -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 71	PRETRIAL SERVICES SUPERVISION AGRMNTS -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+ SB 203	PROHIBITED WEAPONS/FIREARM CONVERT DEVICE -- Invited & Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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### TRANSPORTATION

**Feb 12**      **Thursday**      **Butrovich 205**      **1:30 PM**  
+      Overview: Cascade Point Project by  
Department of Transportation & Public  
Facilities Deputy Commissioner  
Katherine Keith,  
Alaska Marine Highway System Director,  
Craig Tornja, and Southcoast Region Director,  
Chris Goins  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

**Feb 12**      **Thursday**      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**      **1:30 PM**  
+      Presentation: Institute of Agriculture, Natural  
Resource and Extension, UAF by  
Jodie Anderson - Director, Institute of  
Agriculture, Natural Resource and Extension, UAF  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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### JOINT COMMITTEES

#### JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Feb 11**      **Wednesday**      **Senate Finance 532**      **5:30 PM**  
+      Presentation: Comments on 11th Airborne Division  
"ready to deploy" orders by  
Professor Dan Maurer, Associate of Law at Ohio  
Northern University  
Presentation: Civil Disturbances Procedures by  
Margaret Stock, Attorney at Cascadia  
Presentation: Family Perspective on 11th Airborne  
"ready to deploy" Orders by  
Lisa Slaba, Military Spouse & Family Advocate  
Presentation: Alaska Defense Forum by  
Brittany Smart, UAF Senior Advisor for Defense,

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**JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
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Community, and Research  
Presentation: Legislative Priorities for Military  
Service Members and Their Families by  
Tammie Perreault, Military, Community, and  
Family Policy Defense Liason  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Adams 519</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
	-- Teleconference <Listen Only> --		
	AGENDA:		
+	I. Call to Order		
+	II. Approval of the Agenda		
+	IV. Sanctioning of Charitable Events		
	a. Juneau Animal Rescue 2026 Fundraiser		
	b. Juneau Dance Theater 2026 Fundraiser		
+	V. Committee Business		
	a. Capitol Snow Removal Contract Amendment		
	b. Legislature Independent Audit FY25		
	c. Legislative Council FY27 Budget Proposal		
	VI. Executive Session		
	a. RFQ 692—Senate and House Finance Committee Rooms Carpet Purchase (Pending Procurement Evaluation)		
	b. Executive Order 137 State Supreme Court Litigation Costs		
+	VII. Adjourn		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Susan Carney		
<b>Feb 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Annual Address by Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Davis 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Nonprofits: Partners in a Strong Economy Laurie Wolf, President/CEO, The Foraker Group Sponsored by Senator Dunbar		
<b>Feb 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: Alaska Trucking Industry Alaska Trucking Association Sponsored by Senator Myers		
<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: AWAIC: Abused Women's Aid in Crisis Services Provided by AWAIC and Statewide Impact Randi Beager, Executive Director, AWAIC Sponsored by Senator Tobin		
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch & Learn Presentation: An Overview of Alaska's Workforce Future Mariko (Mari) Selle Executive Director of the Alaska Workforce Alliance Sponsored by Senator Merrick		