

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 20, 2026**

**Sixtieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:31 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Cronk, Myers, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate.

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

Dear Lord Jesus,

I praise you because you give the ability to overcome. It's not by my own hands that I overcome, it is by your strength that I am able to find victory because you love me. So I ask you for help and that you bring clarity today.

The Bible says, in

[Psalm 44:3 NIV] 3 It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

I ask that you please keep our Senators, their staff, and their families safe while they are traveling back and forth from Juneau.

And I ask that you give them wisdom, peace, and strength as they make good decisions for the people in our great State of Alaska.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated March 18 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The following appointee is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

#### **Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Randy Kimpton

### **Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
Division of Community and Regional Affairs  
2026 Designated Legislative Lapsing Grant Report

**Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 18 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Education Committee held a hearing on the following appointees. A signature on this report does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

**Board of Education and Early Development**

Pamela Dupras  
Sally Stockhausen

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission**

Michael Robbins

Signing the report: Senator Tobin, Chair; Senators Yundt, Bjorkman, Stevens, Kiehl.

**SB 162**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 162 "An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 162(STA)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

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**SB 226**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 226 "An Act relating to the sale of homemade food."

Signing do pass: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

**SB 258**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 258 "An Act relating to contracts for the licensing of software applications."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**HB 73**

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(FIN) "An Act relating to complex care residential homes; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL  
NO. 73(FIN)

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Hoffman, Cochairs; Senators Kaufman, Cronk, Merrick, Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 6, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 8, indeterminate, Department of Family and  
Community Services

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### Special Committee Reports

#### HB 289

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Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee considering CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FIN)(brf sup maj fld) "An Act making appropriations, including supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FIN) am S "An Act making supplemental appropriations; capitalizing funds; 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."

Respectfully requests limited powers of free conference on the appropriations and language that are not identical in the House and Senate versions of HB 289.

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

President Stevens granted the Senate members limited powers of free conference as requested.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SCR 14**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 13, relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions for certain long-term rental units, certain mobile home parks, real property rented to low-income families, real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode, and real property owned by first-time homebuyers.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

**SJR 30**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

Expressing gratitude for the United States military and supporting increased defense readiness through infrastructure development and public-military partnerships.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 280**

SENATE BILL NO. 280 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taxation of certain natural gas pipeline property; relating to municipal taxation limitations; establishing an alternative volumetric tax

on natural gas throughput; relating to the allocation of revenue from the alternative volumetric tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community,  
and Economic Development  
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 19:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill changing the oil and gas property tax structure to payment of an alternative tax, based on throughput volume, for the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (AKLNG) Project. This legislation alters the current oil and gas property tax framework for this project to better support the development of large-scale natural gas infrastructure critical to Alaska's energy future.

The AKLNG Project is one of the most significant economic and energy-infrastructure opportunities in our state's history. For decades, Alaska has sought a way to deliver our abundant North Slope natural gas resources to market while ensuring affordable and reliable energy for Alaskans. We are at the threshold of fulfilling this dream.

Development of the AKLNG Project will help lower long-term energy costs for Alaska families and businesses, provide long-term energy security for communities across the state, and enable the responsible development of North Slope oil and gas resources that might otherwise remain stranded. The project will generate thousands of construction jobs, long-term operations employment, and significant economic activity. In addition, the project will provide substantial stable new revenue for state and local governments while supporting long-term economic growth across multiple sectors of Alaska's economy.

The project includes a 739 mile natural gas pipeline in Phase One, and completion of the pipeline, compressor stations, a North Slope gas treatment facility, and an LNG export facility in Cook Inlet in subsequent phases. Phase One is key to bringing affordable energy to Alaskans. Access to North Slope natural gas will help stabilize and lower long-term energy costs for homes, businesses, and utilities throughout Alaska.

In addition, development of gas infrastructure on the North Slope will support continued oil and gas development by providing new opportunities to monetize gas resources that are currently reinjected or stranded. Under the existing annual 20 mill or two percent property tax on oil and gas property, investors have deemed the AKLNG project would not be economically viable and therefore it almost certainly will not move forward. To deliver energy at the lowest possible cost to Alaskans, this bill adopts an alternative method of taxation based on throughput volumes.

Under existing law, the AKLNG project is exempt from taxation during construction. This bill extends this exemption period to commencement of commercial operations. Once commercial operations commence, the project enters the “ramp up” period where the alternative volumetric tax will be held in abatement until the earlier of the project reaching an average of 1 billion cubic feet per day of throughput or 10 years. Once the ramp up period ends, the alternative volumetric tax of \$.06 per million cubic feet (mcf) of throughput commences. The volumetric tax would increase by one percent annually.

Additionally, the bill requires the Department of Revenue to establish the methodology of allocating the taxed amount between the State for the portions of the pipeline running through unorganized boroughs, and the municipalities for the portions running through their jurisdictions. The bill also exempts the revenue received through the alternative volumetric tax from the definition of “local contribution” and from municipal tax calculations.

The bill further provides that the tax structure during both the exemption and the “ramp up” will terminate if the project has not commenced commercial operations by January 1, 2040, and would

revert to the current oil and gas property tax structure. This alternative tax structure based on volume, not only reduces the tax burden on the project allowing it to move forward but also provides greater stability and predictability in revenues to both the State of Alaska and the boroughs through which the pipeline is routed. By tying the tax to pipeline throughput rather than infrastructure value, the structure aligns public revenues with project performance while supporting the short and long-term economic viability of the project.

This legislation will provide a clear and predictable tax structure and advance an AKLNG Project that delivers affordable energy to Alaskans, strengthens Alaska's energy security, supports economic growth, and unlocks the full potential of North Slope natural gas resources.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

## **Consideration of the Calendar**

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

#### **SB 158**

SENATE BILL NO. 158 "An Act relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Bjorkman moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Bjorkman offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 10:

Delete "January 1, 2026"

Insert "January 1, 2027"

Page 2, line 27:

Delete "January 1, 2026"

Insert "January 1, 2027"

Page 3, line 14:

Delete "March 1, 2026"

Insert "March 1, 2027"

Page 3, line 18:

Delete "January 1, 2026"

Insert "January 1, 2027"

Senator Bjorkman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Without objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 158 am was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 158 am "An Act relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 158 am

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Tobin, Wielechowski, Yundt

Excused: Cronk, Myers, Olson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 158 am passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**SB 181**

SENATE BILL NO. 181 "An Act relating to disclosure of information obtained by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to other state agencies" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 181 "An Act relating to disclosure of information obtained by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to other state agencies" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 181

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Tobin, Wielechowski, Yundt

Excused: Cronk, Myers, Olson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 181 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**Third Reading of House Resolutions****HJR 29**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(RES) Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production, was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(RES) Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the

continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHJR 29(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Tobin, Wielechowski, Yundt

Excused: Cronk, Myers, Olson

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(RES) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring – Arctic Man 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Senator(s) Kawasaki  
Representative(s) Stapp, Carrick

Honoring – Dr. Diane Hirshberg  
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Giessel  
Representative(s) Mears

Honoring – University of Alaska Fairbanks Northwest Campus 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Senator(s) Olson  
Representative(s) Foster

Honoring – Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Senator(s) Stedman

Representative(s) Bynum

Honoring – University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute of Social and Economic Research 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Representative(s) Mears, Gray

Senator(s) Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Glen Allan Abel

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam – Gail Hattan

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam – Rod Combellick

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Dibert, Carrick

In Memoriam – Donna Krier

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam – Ross Edward Walton

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Carrick

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**

#### **HB 39**

Senators Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Stedman, Wielechowski, Tobin, Dunbar, Yundt, Claman, Tilton, Rauscher, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(EDC) "An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 158**

SENATE BILL NO. 158 am "An Act relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SB 181**

SENATE BILL NO. 181 "An Act relating to disclosure of information obtained by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to other state agencies" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**HJR 29**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29(RES) Supporting the extension of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14024; supporting the continued national prohibition on Russian seafood imports effected by Executive Orders 14024, 14068, and 14114; and urging the President of the United States, federal agencies, and the United States Congress to consider additional measures necessary for prohibiting the importation of Russian seafood into the United States and to maintain and strengthen federal measures that ensure fair trade, protect the state's seafood industry, and promote sustainable and ethical seafood production, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 23, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:54 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**

**Mar 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation: How Property Taxes Impact School Funding by Nils Andreassen, Alaska Municipal League  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 20 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 232 PERSONAL COLLECTION OF CERTAIN FOSSILS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 + SB 228 PUBLIC SCHOOLS; OPIOID AWARENESS PROGRAM  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 += SB 187 SCHOOL NUTRITION/MEAL: PROHIBIT FOOD DYES  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 23 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 += SCR 11 LEG. COMMISSION ON STATE SEAL  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 25 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**Mar 27 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
+ SB 267 PUBLIC SCHOOL FIN. DATA INTERNET WEBSITE  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+ SB 278 LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
-- Please Note Time Change --  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
+ SB 163 REPEAL CERTAIN INACTIVE FUNDS/ACCOUNTS  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
+ SB 246 ARCH, ENG, SURVEYORS; REG INT DESIGN  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
-- Please Note Time Change --  
+ Overview: Savings, Reserves, and Investment Funds  
Department of Revenue  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
+= SB 167 CRIM. CONV. OVERTURNED: RECEIVE PAST PFD  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+= SB 170 GAMING; ELECTRONIC PULL-TABS  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+= SB 164 ELIMINATE TAX DISCOUNTS  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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- Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
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 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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- Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 274 PERMANENT FUND POMV AVAILABLE FOR APPROP  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 227 TAX COMPACT; SALES TAX; OIL & GAS TAX  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 + -- Please Note Time Change --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 21 AK WORK & SAVE PROGRM; RETIRE. SAVINGS BD  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 55 TRS CONTR RATE; PERS/TRS SOC SECUR OR SBS  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 196 BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND  
 <Pending Referral>  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 + -- Please Note Time Change --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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- Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
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- Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
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**JUDICIARY (continued)**

- Mar 25      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 + HB 20 PROHIBIT FEES FOR PAPER DOCUMENTS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 27      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Mar 20      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 += SB 35 DELIVERY NETWORK COMPANIES  
 + SB 185 INSURANCE; REBATES; ADVERTISING  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 252 UCC: SECURED TRANS.; ELECTRONIC RECORDS  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 150 NET METERING PROGRAM & FUND  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 += SB 180 LNG IMPORT FACILITIES  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 += SB 196 BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- Mar 23      Monday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 += SB 185 INSURANCE; REBATES; ADVERTISING  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 244 TRAVEL INSURANCE  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 225 TRUSTS; TRUST PROCEEDINGS; TRUSTEES  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += SB 217 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Mar 25      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**

+ SB 256 EMS LICENSURE COMPACT  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+= HB 110 SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 27      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:30 PM**

+ SB 124 NURSING: LICENSURE; MULTISTATE COMPACT  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ SJR 28 SUPPORTING J-1 & H-1B VISA PROGRAMS  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 20      Friday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**

+ SB 269 BOARD OF FISHERIES  
<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 03/27/26>  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+= HB 33 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: BDS FISHERIES/GAME  
<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 03/25/26>  
-- Public Testimony --

+= SB 275 NATURAL GAS PROJECTS/INCOME TAX/SURCHARGE  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 23      Monday                                      Butrovich 205                      3:30 PM**

+ Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources:  
John Crowther  
Commissioner, Department of Environmental  
Conservation: Randy Bates  
Commissioner, Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation  
Commission: Tom McKay  
Big Game Commercial Services Board:  
Brianna Hauch, Larry Kunder, Robert Mumford  
-- Invited & Public Testimony --  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += HB 26 STATEWIDE PUBLIC & COMMUNITY TRANSIT PLAN  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 239 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 Presentation: Pavement, Paving/Treatments, and  
 Asset Management by  
 Alaska Department of Transportation and Public  
 Facilities  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Mar 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:15 PM**  
 + Education & Early Development Subcommittee

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 + Presentation: Department Budget Overview by  
 Randy Bates, Commissioner and  
 Megan Kohler, ASD

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**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + Presentation: Office of Childrens' Services by  
 Kim Guay, Director  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FISH & GAME**

**Apr 15**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **8:00 AM**  
+              Budget Close Out

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**HEALTH**

**Mar 27**      **Friday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
+              -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
Presentation: Division of Public Assistance by  
Pam Halloran, Director  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 24**      **Tuesday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **1:30 PM**  
+              Presentation: Department Budget Overview by  
Deputy Commissioner Craig Christenson and  
Bob Ernise, ASD

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
+              Highways & State Equipment Fleet

**Apr 01**      **Wednesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
+              Airports & DFS

**Apr 08**      **Wednesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
+              AMHS

**Apr 15**      **Wednesday**                                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **7:30 AM**  
+              Budget Close Out

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Mar 31**      **Tuesday**                                      **House Chamber**                      **11:00 AM**  
+              Annual Address by Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

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| <b>Mar 23</b> | <b>Monday</b>  | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>Why Caucuses Matter - Effective Engagement,<br>Education, and Outreach<br>AK Outdoor Heritage Caucus<br>Marie Neumiller, Congressional Sportsmen's<br>Foundation<br>Keely Hopkins, Safari Club International<br>Jennifer Yuhas, Citizen Advocate<br>Sponsored by Senator Bjorkman |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 25</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>Alaska Comprehensive Forensic Training Academy<br>Dr. Angelia Trujillo<br>Sponsored by Senator Tobin  |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 27</b> | <b>Friday</b>  | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:01 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>The Importance of Energy Data<br>Diane Hirshberg<br>Jeremy Kasper<br>Leasi Vanessa Lee Raymond<br>UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research<br>and UAF's Alaska Center for Energy and Power<br>Sponsored by Senator Giessel   |                      |                 |
| <b>Apr 08</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Davis 106</b>     | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>Arctic Winter Games 2026, Team Alaska Updates,<br>Photos, Achievements on Alaska's Performance at<br>Arctic Winter Games 2026<br>Nicole Morton-Johnson, President<br>Sponsored by Senator Cronk   |                      |                 |