

SENATE JOURNAL
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SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Friday

March 27, 2026

Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:30 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

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

Communications

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

Department of Health
Alaska Dementia Education and Prevention Program
FY 2025 Annual Report
March 2026
in accordance with AS 18.09.300

Standing Committee Reports

SB 21

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 21 "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program; establishing the Alaska Retirement Savings Board; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 21(FIN) "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 200

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 200 "An Act relating to municipal assessments of farm or agricultural land; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 200(RES)

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senator Dunbar. Signing no recommendation: Senators Claman, Rauscher, Myers, Wielechowski. Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 230

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 230 "An Act relating to the boundaries of the Jonesville Public Use Area; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 230(RES) "An Act changing the boundaries of the Jonesville Public Use Area; eliminating the Business Park Wetlands Special Management Area; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Claman, Dunbar, Rauscher, Myers, Wielechowski. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kawasaki.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 33

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Claman, Dunbar, Rauscher, Myers. Signing amend: Senators Kawasaki, Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 93

The Judiciary Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 93 "An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93(JUD)

Signing no recommendation: Senator Claman, Chair; Senator Tobin. Signing do pass: Senator Stevens. Signing amend: Senator Tilton.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 4

The Health and Social Services Committee considered HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Proclaiming May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month, and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4(HSS) Proclaiming May 2026
as Myositis Awareness Month.
(Title Change SCR 16)

Signing do pass: Senator Dunbar, Chair; Senators Myers, Tobin, Giessel.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar**Senate Resolutions in Third Reading****SJR 2**

The following which had been held in third reading (page 2060), could not be considered in a technical session and will be on the March 30 calendar

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto.

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., March 30, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:34 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 31	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Apr 02	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

EDUCATION

Mar 27	Friday -- MEETING CANCELED --	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	SB 267 PUBLIC SCHOOL FIN. DATA INTERNET WEBSITE <Bill Hearing Canceled>		
	-- 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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EDUCATION (continued)

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| Mar 30 | Monday | Davis 106 | 8:00 AM |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| | -- Please Note Time & Location Change -- | | |
| + | Meeting Jointly with House Education Committee | | |
| | Presentation: State of PK-12 Education in Alaska - Education Leaders From the Field by Dr. Lisa Parady, Executive Director, Alaska Council of School Administrators | | |
| | Doug Gray, Professional Development Director, Alaska Staff Development Network | | |
| | Jennifer Schmitz, Director, Alaska Educator Retention and Recruitment Center | | |
| | David Nogg, Principal, Golden View Middle School | | |
| | Heather Conn, Principal, Stedman Elementary School | | |
| | Melissa Matthews, Director of Student Services and Special Education, Bering Strait School District | | |
| | Dr. Randy Trani, Superintendent, Mat-Su Borough School District | | |
| | Katie Parrott, Senior Director, Office of Management & Budget, Anchorage School District | | |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 01 | Wednesday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
| + | Presentation: UAF Leadership Presentation on the Alaska Native Language Center by Mike Sfraga, UAF Chancellor Charlene Stern, UAF Provost | | |
| | Teisha Simmons, Dean, College of Indigenous Studies | | |
| | Bryan Uher, Vice Chancellor of Rural, Community and Native Education | | |
| | Presentation: History of the Alaska Native Language Center's Work and its Present Status by Sam Alexander, Chair, Alaska Native Language Program, UAF | | |
| | Anna Berge, Professor of Linguistics, UAF | | |
| | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled: | | |
| | **Streamed live on AKL.tv** | | |
| Apr 03 | Friday | Beltz 105 (tsbldg) | 3:30 PM |
| | No Meeting Scheduled | | |

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FINANCE

Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 30 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 193 PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 30 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 31 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 Confirmation Hearing:
 Commissioner-Designee John Crowther,
 Department of Natural Resources
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Mar 31 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 01 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 41 PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 163 REPEAL CERTAIN INACTIVE FUNDS/ACCOUNTS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 274 PERMANENT FUND POMV AVAILABLE FOR APPROP
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE (continued)

- Apr 01** **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**

- Apr 02** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**

- Apr 02** **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --No Meeting Scheduled

- Apr 03** **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

- Apr 03** **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 31** **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + SB 281 HEALTHCARE COMPACTS; RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- Apr 02** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Mar 27** **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

- Mar 30** **Monday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 249 VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY (continued)

Apr 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 252 UCC: SECURED TRANS.; ELECTRONIC RECORDS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

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

Mar 30 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SJR 28 SUPPORTING J-1 & H-1B VISA PROGRAMS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 217 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 258 CONTRACT: LICENSING SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 01 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Apr 03 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

- Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 174 INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>-- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SJR 20 CLEAN UP MARINE DEBRIS
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 269 BOARD OF FISHERIES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 03/20/26>
 + SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Mar 30 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 01 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SJR 20 CLEAN UP MARINE DEBRIS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + SB 208 AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 + HJR 18 URGING SUPPORT FOR AKLNG
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 03 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

- Mar 31 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 += SJR 30 SUPPORT MILITARY&INCREASE INFRASTRUCTURE
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 245 ARTS AND CULTURE DAY
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 239 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled**Streamed live on AKL.tv**
- Apr 02 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 31 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 244 TRAVEL INSURANCE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Presentation: Port of Seward Roll On/Roll Off
 Capability by
 Alaska Railroad Corporation,
 TOTE Maritime Alaska, and
 The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 02 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

FISH & GAME

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 31 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Department Budget Overview:
 Commissioner-designee Crowther and
 Deputy Commissioner Goodrum
 Division of Forestry and Fire Protection Overview

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Apr 01 +	Wednesday Airports & DFS	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Apr 08 +	Wednesday AMHS	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM
Apr 15 +	Wednesday Budget Close Out	Senate Finance 532	7:30 AM

OTHER MEETINGS

JOINT SESSION

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

Mar 27	Friday Lunch & Learn Presentation: The Importance of Energy Data Diane Hirshberg Jeremy Kasper Leasi Vanessa Lee Raymond UAA's Institute of Social and Economic Research and UAF's Alaska Center for Energy and Power Sponsored by Senator Giessel	Butrovich 205	12:01 PM
Apr 08	Wednesday Lunch & Learn Presentation: Arctic Winter Games 2026, Team Alaska Updates, Photos, Achievements on Alaska's Performance at Arctic Winter Games 2026 Nicole Morton-Johnson, President Sponsored by Senator Cronk	Davis 106	12:00 PM