

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 30, 2026**

**Seventieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Kiehl was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senior Pastor Tim Harrison, Chapel by the Lake. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious God, You are the fount of all wisdom and truth. The depths of Your grace and mercy are beyond my imagination. Your power and purpose is manifest in the glorious creation that surrounds me. You protect me even when I am unaware of the perils of life.

As your servants gather to lead, please shower them with wisdom and discernment. While I grieve the deep divisions in our communities, our state, our country and across the world, I also celebrate the many ways people come together to support and serve their neighbors and those in need. Show us the way of peace. Give us a vision for unity of purpose and care.

As we gather today, I ask for strength for all those who serve in our schools, our hospitals, and our many rural care points. I thank You for the many people who serve us and our communities. May they know Your tender encouragement and our heart-felt gratitude.

Finally, may all who witness the work and governance of this legislative session give thanks for the gifts of freedom and self-determination.

I pray these things in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated March 27 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The following appointee is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately: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 Labor Relations Agency**

Tammy Schultz

### **Messages from the House**

Messages dated March 25 and March 27 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

### **First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions**

#### **HJR 32**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32(HSS) BY THE HOUSE HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE,

Expressing commitment to the rural health transformation program; acknowledging the critical health care challenges facing rural areas of the state; and urging action by the Governor and the Alaska delegation in Congress to continue to advocate for the state's interests and advance the rural health transformation program.

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

### **First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

#### **HB 216**

HOUSE BILL NO. 216 BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLLAND, Josephson, entitled:

"An Act approving the transfer of land owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the City of Whittier; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **HB 243**

HOUSE BILL NO. 243 BY REPRESENTATIVE CARRICK BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers and the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**HB 278**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 278(STA) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions**

**SCR 16**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Concurrent Resolution No. 4, proclaiming May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month.

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Second Reading of Senate Bills**

**SB 164**

SENATE BILL NO. 164 "An Act eliminating deductions for the remittance of the motor fuel tax, tobacco taxes, and tire fees; relating to discounts on cigarette stamps; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 1826. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(L&C) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 164(L&C) will advance to third reading on the March 31 calendar.

**SB 180**

SENATE BILL NO. 180 "An Act relating to the regulation of liquefied natural gas import facilities by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska" was read the second time.

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 2024. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 180(L&C) "An Act relating to the regulation of liquefied natural gas import facilities by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 180(L&C) will advance to third reading on the March 31 calendar.

**SB 237**

SENATE BILL NO. 237 "An Act relating to data sharing by the Department of Administration for driver's license data verification purposes; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Claman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Committee Substitute offered on page 2026. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 237(JUD) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 237(JUD) will advance to third reading on the March 31 calendar.

**SB 9**

SENATE BILL NO. 9 "An Act relating to the surrender of infants; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Claman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Committee Substitute offered on page 1253. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(JUD) was adopted.

Updated fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Health

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Family and Community  
Services

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(JUD) will advance to third reading on the March 31 calendar.

### **Senate Resolutions in Third Reading**

#### **SJR 2**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto, which had been held in third reading (page 2060) was before the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 be held in third reading to the March 31 calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Citations**

Honoring – Alaska Coalition of BIPOC Educators: 2025 Annual Backpack Drive

Senator(s) Dunbar, Tobin

Representative(s) Mina

In Memoriam – Paniliar Theresa Abraham

Representative(s) Jimmie, Foster

Senator(s) Hoffman

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

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the following citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Special Order of Business**

Honoring – Alaska Council of School Administrators  
Representative(s) Hannan, Story  
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam – Gordan E. Evans  
Representative(s) Hannan, Story  
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam – Roxane “Roxy” Lillian Swenson Lee  
Representative(s) Himschoot  
Senator(s) Stedman

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**

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on April 23. Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson was excused.

**HB 194**

The reconsideration on SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 194(FIN) am S(efd fld S) "An Act establishing an income tax on certain entities producing or transporting oil or gas in the state; approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Marathon Petroleum Supply and Trading Company LLC" was not taken up this legislative day and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****HB 194**

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 194(FIN) am S(efd fld S) "An Act establishing an income tax on certain entities producing or transporting oil or gas in the state; approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Marathon Petroleum Supply and Trading Company LLC" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**SCR 15**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 194, approving and ratifying the sale of royalty oil by the State of Alaska to Marathon Petroleum Supply and Trading Company LLC, which failed (page 2060), was engrossed and referred to the Secretary for permanent filing.

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:30 a.m., March 31, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:18 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                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 02      Thursday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**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\*\*

**EDUCATION (continued)**

**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 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**  
                  -- MEETING CANCELED --  
                  -- Please Note Time Change --  
 +            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
                  \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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

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**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 31 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**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\*\*

**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

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

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**JUDICIARY**

**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\*\*

**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

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**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

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**RESOURCES**

**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\*\*



**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****FISH & GAME**

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

**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**                      **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

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

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

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

**Apr 08**      **Wednesday**                      **Davis 106**                      **12:00 PM**  
 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

**Apr 10**      **Friday**                              **Butrovich 205**                      **12:00 PM**  
 Lunch & Learn Presentation:  
 Looking Back at the History on the Global  
 Perspective of Oil & Gas  
 Sponsored by Senator Giessel and Representative Mears