

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

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**April 7, 2026**

**Seventy-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 2:01 p.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Guy Crockroft, Love INC. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, thank you for your unconditional love for all people, and may you help each Senator as they work together for all Alaskans. Help them to love one another.

As the Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 13, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. Love never fails. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen.

Senator Claman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Messages from the Governor**

A letter dated April 6 was read stating a need to again extend the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster emergency and requesting a concurrent legislative resolution as required by AS 26.23.020. The letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 25, regarding extreme cold temperatures that led to widespread infrastructure damage in the Northwest Arctic Borough and accompanying letter was received pursuant to AS 26.23.020 and AS 26.23.025. The declaration and letter had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

**HCR 11**

Message dated April 6 was read stating the Governor noted the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11  
Extending the governor's October 9, 2025,  
declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the  
2025 West Coast Storm.

Legislative Resolve No. 24

**Messages from the House**

Message dated April 1 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of House Bills****HB 117**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 117(RES) BY THE HOUSE  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial set gillnet fishing;  
and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 239**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminally negligent homicide; relating to the duty of an operator immediately after an accident; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar****Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 185**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) "An Act relating to the business of insurance; relating to exceptions to prohibited rebates; relating to the powers of the director of the division of insurance; relating to prohibited practices in the advertisement of insurance; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) "An Act relating to the business of insurance; relating to exceptions to prohibited rebates; relating to the powers of the director of the division of insurance; relating to prohibited practices in the advertisement of insurance; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 185(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 20 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) 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 clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SJR 30**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 Expressing gratitude for the United States military and supporting increased defense readiness through infrastructure development and public-military partnerships, was read the second time.

Senator Kawasaki, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 2124. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30(STA) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30(STA) will advance to third reading on the April 8 calendar.

### **Citations**

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

### **Special Order of Business**

In Memoriam – William Lee Avaiyak Rexford  
Representative(s) Stapp, Dibert  
Senator(s) Kawasaki

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

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 185**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(L&C) "An Act relating to the business of insurance; relating to exceptions to prohibited rebates; relating to the powers of the director of the division of insurance; relating to prohibited practices in the advertisement of insurance; and providing for an effective date" 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 11:00 a.m., April 8, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Apr 07 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ SB 265 CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 250 DATA CENTERS, UTILITIES

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**Apr 09 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ SB 247 GENERATED OBSCENE CHLD SEX ABUSE MATERIAL

+ HB 47 CHLD SEX ABUSE MAT; GEN IMAGES; SOC MEDIA

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Apr 08 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**

+ HB 28 TEACHER/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN PRGRM

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ SB 278 LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ HJR 39 WAIVE VISA FEES FOR TEACHERS

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

+ SB 204 SUB. TEACHING; SCHOOL BOARD ELIGIBILITY

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 176 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FEES

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**Apr 10 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 227	TAX COMPACT; SALES TAX; OIL & GAS TAX		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ SB 214	APPROP: CAPITAL/FUNDS/SUPP/REAPPROP		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Overview: Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review Board by		
	Department of Education and Early Development		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+ HB 78	RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
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+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Apr 07 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**

+ HJR 32 RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 187 SCHOOL NUTRITION/MEAL: PROHIBIT FOOD DYES

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 123 CINA: CITIZENS' REVIEW PANELS

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**Apr 09 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**

+ SB 281 HEALTHCARE COMPACTS; RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM

-- Invited & Public Testimony --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Apr 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:45 PM**

-- Please Note Time Change --

-- Delayed to 2:30 pm --

+ HB 239 CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**Apr 10 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Apr 08 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**

+ SB 258 CONTRACT: LICENSING SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

+ SJR 28 SUPPORTING J-1 & H-1B VISA PROGRAMS

-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --

Consideration of Governor's Appointees:

Regulatory Commission of Alaska - Julie Vogler

+ SB 62 BOARD OF PAROLE: MEMBERSHIP, REPORT

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 78 DISCLOSURE OF WAGE INFORMATION

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Apr 10 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 217 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 += HB 110 SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT  
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + SB 272 HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES**

**Apr 08 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:  
 Commissioner, Regulatory Commission of Alaska:  
 Julie Vogler  
 += SB 226 HOMEMADE FOOD; REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 += HJR 18 URGING SUPPORT FOR AKLNG  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Apr 10 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SJR 20 CLEAN UP MARINE DEBRIS  
 += SB 208 AGRICULTURAL LAND LEASES  
 += SB 226 HOMEMADE FOOD; REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING  
 += SB 192 EVACUATION DESIGNATION LEVELS  
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Apr 07 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --

**Apr 09 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Apr 07      Tuesday                                  Butrovich 205                  1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 09      Thursday                                  Butrovich 205                  1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**FISH & GAME**

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

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**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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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING**

**Apr 10      Friday                                  Davis 106                  3:30 PM**  
+                  Presentation: An Overview of Required Local Contribution by  
Conor Bell, Analyst, Legislative Finance Division  
Presentation: Local Contribution and Mill Rate by  
Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League  
Presentation: Federal Education Funding in Alaska  
Kelly Manning, Deputy Director  
Deb Riddle, Operations Manager  
Courtney Preziosi, Elementary and Secondary  
Education Administrator  
Monique Siverly, Operations Manager  
Heather Heineken, Director, Finance and Support Services,  
Department of Education and Early Development  
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**OTHER MEETINGS****MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

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| <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 |                      |                 |
| <b>Apr 08</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:01 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>Life Center Northwest<br>Ashlei Lind, Director, External Affairs<br>Sponsored by Senator Claman   |                      |                 |
| <b>Apr 09</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED --<br>Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>Updates on Recent Developments Surrounding the<br>Port of Alaska by<br>Terry Unatum, Director, Port of Alaska<br>Sponsored by Senator Kaufman                         |                      |                 |
| <b>Apr 10</b> | <b>Friday</b>  | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Lunch & Learn Presentation:<br>Looking Back at the History on the Global<br>Perspective of Oil & Gas<br>Sponsored by Senator Giessel and<br>Representative Mears   |                      |                 |