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Ninety-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:32 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Megan Harden, Senate Page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, thank you for the opportunity to come before you and before this body today. Thank you that we all get to be here and get to work together for the good of this wonderful State and its people.

Please give these Senators wisdom and clarity as they discuss the important matters of today and prepare the future work during this afternoon and the rest of the week.

Lord, I ask that you remind us to listen first and speak second. Remind us to look to you for truth and our next steps. And remind us to notice the sunshine, the flowers, and the smiles of others in our day. Thank you for your love, your grace, and your Son's sacrifice. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Senator Myers led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated April 27 was read stating in accordance with Article III, sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution, and AS 39.05.080, I submit the following appointee for confirmation:

State Medical Board

Robert Skala – Eagle River

Appointed: 4/27/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

The resume for this appointment has been submitted to the Office of the Senate Secretary.

Messages from the House

Message dated April 27 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Bills****HB 96**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(L&C) am BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Home Care Employment Standards Advisory Board; relating to payment for personal care services; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 221

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(STA) BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the first Friday of every October as Alaska Arts and Culture Day; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 249

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company."

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

HB 363

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 363(MLV) BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages by patriotic organizations; relating to club licenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated April 27 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary 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.

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Anna Cometa
Joel Hard

Signing the report: Senator Claman, Chair; Senators Tilton, Kiehl, Tobin.

Report dated April 27 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Labor and Commerce 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.

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Jennifer McConnel

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Anthony Ladd
Randall McLellan II
Lake Williams
Brian Zematis

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Dana Walukiewicz

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Danielle Hager

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Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Stacia Miller

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

McKenzie LaBuda

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Edward Barrington

Walter Campbell

Board of Dental Examiners

Travis Perkins

Michael Sanders

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Damien Delzer

Kathleen Rice

Charles Rudstrom

Board of Massage Therapists

Annetta Atwell

Board of Nursing

Michael Collins

Heather Crivello

Board of Pharmacy

Rebekah Balmes

Lillian Okpaleke

Sara Rasmussen

Board of Professional Counselors

Jillanne Garrity

Crystal Herring

Board of Public Accountancy

Elizabeth Stuart

Board of Social Work Examiners

Ivy Villani

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Ciara Vollaro

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Renee Alward

Marijuana Control Board

Daron Cooper

Ely Cyrus

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Sterling Strait

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Eliza Ellsworth

Michelle Scott-Weber

Signing the report: Senator Bjorkman, Chair; Senators Merrick, Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Yundt.

SB 232

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 232 "An Act relating to personal use collection of certain fossils."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Tobin, Chair; Senator Stevens.

Signing amend: Senator Kiehl.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

SB 259

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 259 "An Act relating to an optional municipal limit to increases of the full and true value of property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode by a resident" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 259(L&C) "An Act relating to an optional municipal limit to increases of the full and true value of property."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Commerce,
Community, and Economic Development

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 239

SENATE BILL NO. 239 "An Act relating to the registration and titling of legally imported motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 239 will advance to third reading on the April 29 calendar.

Second Reading of House Bills

HB 26

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRA) am "An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan" was read the second time.

Senator Bjorkman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Transportation Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2050. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRA) was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRA) will advance to third reading on the April 29 calendar.

Third Reading of House Bills**HB 78**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Kawasaki moved the bill be returned to second reading for all amendments offered today. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Kawasaki offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 3:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 3, line 3:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 3, line 7:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 3, line 8:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 3, line 24:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 3, line 25:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

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Page 3, line 26:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 14, line 19:

Delete "2025"

Insert "2026"

Page 20, line 11:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 20, line 26:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 26, line 6:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 34, line 1:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 34, line 4:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 34, line 12:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 34, line 15:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 34, line 16:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 35, line 13:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 35, line 14:

Delete "2026" in both places

Insert "2027" in both places

Page 45, line 7:

Delete "2025"

Insert "2026"

Page 52, line 11:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 54, line 24:

Delete "2026" in both places

Insert "2027" in both places

Page 54, line 26:

Delete "2027"

Insert "2028"

Page 55, line 4:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 55, line 5:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 55, line 11:

Delete "2027"

Insert "2028"

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 55, line 12:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

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Page 55, line 23:

Delete "2026" in both places

Insert "2027" in both places

Page 56, line 11:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

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

Senator Kiehl offered Amendment No. 2:

Page 22, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 39.** AS 14.25.540(c) is amended to read:

(c) Each eligible member who elects to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan shall have transferred to a new account the member contribution account balance held in trust for the member under the defined benefit retirement plan of the teachers' retirement system. **An** [A MATCHING] employer contribution **equal to 88 percent of the transferred account balance** shall be made on behalf of that employee to the new account. The **administrator** [EMPLOYER] shall make the **payment for that purpose** [MATCHING CONTRIBUTION] from [FUNDS OTHER THAN] the **sub-trust established under AS 14.25.086** [TRUST FUNDS OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN]. The amount of the [MATCHING] employer contribution is subject to, and may not exceed, the limitation of 26 U.S.C. 415(c) during the applicable limitation year as defined in AS 14.25.590. If the [MATCHING] employer contribution would exceed the limits during the limitation year in which the transfer occurs, the remaining amount of the [MATCHING] employer contribution shall be made in the next limitation year, if the limits **during that year** would not be exceeded."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 53, following line 25:

Insert a new bill section to read:

** **Sec. 99.** AS 39.35.940(c) is amended to read:

(c) Each eligible member who elects to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan shall have transferred to a new account the employee contribution account balance held in trust for the member under the defined benefit retirement plan of the public employees' retirement system. **An** [A MATCHING] employer contribution **equal to 63 percent of the transferred account balance** shall be made on behalf of that employee to the new account. The **administrator** [EMPLOYER] shall make the **payment for that purpose** [MATCHING CONTRIBUTION] from [FUNDS OTHER THAN] the **sub-trust** [TRUST FUNDS OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN] established under **AS 39.35.281** [AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680]. The amount of the [MATCHING] employer contribution shall be subject to, and may not exceed, the limitation of 26 U.S.C. 415(c) during the applicable limitation year as defined by AS 39.35.990. If the [MATCHING] employer contribution would exceed the limits during the limitation year in which the transfer occurs, the remaining amount of the [MATCHING] employer contribution shall be made in the next limitation year, if the limits **during that year** would not be exceeded."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 55, line 12:

Delete "sec. 101"

Insert "sec. 103"

Page 55, line 30:

Delete "secs. 40 and 41"

Insert "secs. 41 and 42"

Page 56, line 4:

Delete "secs. 1 - 39 and 41 - 100"

Insert "secs. 1 - 40 and 42 - 102"

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Page 56, line 10:

Delete "Section 102"

Insert "Section 104"

Page 56, line 11:

Delete "sec. 103"

Insert "sec. 105"

Senator Kiehl moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 2. Senator Stedman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2?

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Olson, Rauscher, Stedman, Tilton, Yundt

and so, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

Senator Kiehl offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 47, line 21:

Delete "is at least 50 years of age and"

Senator Kiehl moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3. Senator Stedman objected then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

Senator Bjorkman offered Amendment No. 4:

Page 42, line 4:

Delete "24"

Insert "22"

Senator Bjorkman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 4. Senator Stedman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Second Reading
Amendment No. 4?

YEAS: 10 NAYS: 10 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Olson, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Yundt

and so, Amendment No. 4 failed.

Senator Wielechowski moved the Senate rescind its previous action in failing to adopt Amendment No. 4.

The question being: "Shall the Senate rescind its previous action?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Second Reading
Rescind action on Amendment No. 4?

YEAS: 10 NAYS: 10 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Olson, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Yundt

and so, the action was not rescinded.

Senator Claman offered Amendment No. 5:

Page 34, lines 4 - 8:
Delete ";

(A) by the State of Alaska; or
(B) by an employer that is a
political subdivision or public organization of the
state that elects to provide"

Insert "**, by an employer that provides"**

Page 34, lines 16 - 17:

Delete "the state or by an employer that elects to provide"

Insert "an employer that provides"

Page 35, line 9:

Delete "the state or of an employer that elects to provide"

Insert "an employer that provides"

Page 55, line 10, following "plan":

Insert ", unless the member's employer elects under sec. 101 of this Act not to provide defined benefits under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680"

Page 55, line 11:

Delete ", or"

Insert ". The election may be made"

Page 55, line 12:

Delete "elects"

Insert "does not make an election"

Page 55, lines 13 - 14:

Delete "to provide defined benefits under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 to employees who first become members of the plan after June 30, 2006"

Page 55, line 23, following "elect":

Insert "not"

Page 55, lines 25 - 26:

Delete ", and who do not participate in the defined contribution retirement plan under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990"

Senator Claman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 5. Objections were heard.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Second Reading
Amendment No. 5?

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Olson, Rauscher, Stedman, Tilton, Yundt

and so, Amendment No. 5 was adopted.

Amendment No. 6 was not offered.

Senator Tobin offered Amendment No. 7:

Page 55, line 6, following "may":
Insert ", before January 1, 2028,"

Page 55, lines 10 - 14:

Delete "The election may be made before January 1, 2027, by an employee of the state, or during the period beginning October 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026, by an employee of an employer that elects under sec. 101 of this Act to provide defined benefits under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 to employees who first become members of the plan after June 30, 2006."

Page 55, line 23:

Delete "July 1, 2026"
Insert "January 1, 2027"
Delete "September 30, 2026"
Insert "June 30, 2027"

Senator Tobin moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 7. Senator Cronk objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 7 was adopted.

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Senator Dunbar offered Amendment No. 8:

Page 42, line 4:

Delete "24"

Insert "22.5"

Senator Dunbar moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 8. Senator Cronk objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 8 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S

Second Reading

Amendment No. 8?

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Stedman, Stevens, Tilton, Yundt

and so, Amendment No. 8 was adopted.

Amendment No. 9 was not offered.

Senator Kiehl offered Amendment No. 10:

Page 33, line 22, through page 34, line 9:

Delete all material and insert:

"**Sec. 39.35.095. Applicability of AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680.** The [FOLLOWING] provisions of AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 [THIS CHAPTER] apply only to

(1) members first hired before July 1, 2006,

who

(A) have not elected under AS 39.35.940 to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990; or

(B) have elected under

AS 39.35.940 to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 and are former members of the defined contribution retirement plan under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990;

(2) members hired by the state, or by an employer that is a political subdivision or public organization of the state that elects to provide defined benefits under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 to employees who first become members of the plan after June 30, 2006, who are

(A) former members of the defined contribution retirement plan under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 first hired after June 30, 2006, and before July 1, 2026; or

(B) members first hired after June 30, 2026 [AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680]."

Page 45, following line 21:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 82.** AS 39.35.530 is amended to read:

Sec. 39.35.530. Service credit and limit [LIMIT] on pension benefits. An employee may not simultaneously receive a pension under more than one section of AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680. However, benefits under AS 39.35.420(b), 39.35.430, 39.35.440, [OR] 39.35.450, **or the defined contribution retirement plan under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990** shall be paid in addition to the benefits or service credit a person is entitled to receive because of the person's own membership in the **defined benefit** retirement plan. An employee may not (1) receive duplicate credit under **the defined benefit retirement [THIS]** plan for the same period of service, (2) receive more than one year of service credit in the course of any calendar year, or (3) receive a benefit while accruing service credit under **the [THIS]** plan, except as provided in this section."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 51, lines 30 - 31:

Delete "**do not participate in**"

Insert "**are not active members of**"

Page 52, line 7:

Delete "**do not elect to participate in**"

Insert "**are not active members of**"

Page 53, lines 20 - 25:

Delete all material and insert:

"(a) **An employee may not be an active member of the defined contribution retirement plan and the defined benefit retirement plan at the same time, except as provided in this subsection. An** [SUBJECT TO (i) OF THIS SECTION, AN] active member of the defined benefit retirement plan of the public employees' retirement system is eligible to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan established under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 if that member

(1) has not vested in the defined benefit retirement plan; or

(2) was first hired after June 30, 2006, and is employed by an employer that is a political subdivision or public organization of the state that does not elect to provide defined benefits under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 to employees who first become members of the plan after June 30, 2006 [. PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN IS IN LIEU OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED UNDER AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680]."

Page 55, line 12:

Delete "sec. 101"

Insert "sec. 102"

Page 56, line 4:

Delete "41 - 100"

Insert "41 - 101"

Page 56, line 10:

Delete "Section 102"

Insert "Section 103"

Page 56, line 11:

Delete "sec. 103"

Insert "sec. 104"

Senator Kiehl moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 10. Senator Myers objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 10 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

Senator Stedman called the Senate. The call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Stedman, Tilton, Yundt

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved for the adoption of the effective date clauses.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clauses be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Effective Date Clause(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, the effective date clauses were adopted.

Reconsideration of House Bills

HB 78

Senator Giessel gave notice of reconsideration on SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S and moved and asked unanimous consent it be taken up. Senator Myers objected.

The question being: "Shall reconsideration be taken up same day on SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Take up Reconsideration Same Day?

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Cronk, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Tilton

And so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S was before the Senate on reconsideration.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the

defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Third Reading - On Reconsideration

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski

Nays: Cronk, Hoffman, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Stedman, Tilton, Yundt

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S passed the Senate on reconsideration.

Senator Giessel moved for the adoption of the effective date clauses.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clauses be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S
Effective Date Clause(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, the effective date clauses were adopted and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Unfinished Business

Senator Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 6:00 p.m., May 11 through 10:00 a.m., May 13. Without objection, Senator Rauscher was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**HB 78**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date" 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., April 29, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:20 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 28 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 30 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + HB 216 TRANSFER OF RAILROAD LAND TO WHITTIER
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 += SB 16 REFUSE UTILITY REGULATIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION

Apr 29 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

May 01 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees
 -- Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

FINANCE

Apr 28 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += HB 263 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET;FUNDS;SUPP
 += HB 265 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 -- Invited Testimony --
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FINANCE (continued)

- Apr 28 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 -- Please Note Time Change --
- + HB 48 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + HB 39 EDUCATION FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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- Apr 29 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + HB 263 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET;FUNDS;SUPP
 + HB 265 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 29 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
- + SB 217 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 251 REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS COMMISSION
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 30 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 206 SCHOOL SUICIDE POLICIES; FIREARM STORAGE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 30 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
- + SB 221 RESTRICTING STATE FUND FIDUCIARY
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 01 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Apr 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 261 UNHOUSED YOUNG ADULTS: IDS, BIRTH CERT.
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Presentation: State Strategies for Addressing
 the Affordability Crisis in the Commercial
 Market:
 Michael Bailit, President, Bailit Health
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 30 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 State Medical Board: Michael McNamara
 += SB 281 HEALTHCARE COMPACTS; RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JUDICIARY

Apr 29 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += HB 239 CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 01 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Attorney General, Department of Law:
 Stephen Cox
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += SB 207 PROPERTY POSSESSION AND PROPERTY CRIMES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 29 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + SB 266 INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT RATES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 262 SOCIAL MEDIA/MINORS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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May 01 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
+ SB 262 SOCIAL MEDIA/MINORS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
+= SB 150 NET METERING PROGRAM & FUND
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

Apr 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
-- Please Note Time Change --
+= SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

Apr 29 Wednesday 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 30 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
-- Please Note Time Change --
+= SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 01 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
+= SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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STATE AFFAIRS

- Apr 28 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Veronica Lambertsen, Police Standards Council
 <Above Appointee has Withdrawn>
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + HB 25 DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + HB 13 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + HB 278 ECONOMIC DEV:AK-IRELAND TRADE COMM.
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- Apr 30 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor’s Appointees:
 Stephen Cox, Alaska Attorney General Designee
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 169 WELCOMING ALASKA OFFICE
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 02 Saturday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 10:00 AM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
- + HB 176 UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FEES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + HB 13 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS
 -- Public Testimony --
- + SB 169 WELCOMING ALASKA OFFICE
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 243 DEFINITION OF PROHIBITED WEAPON
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
- + SB 204 SUB. TEACHING; SCHOOL BOARD ELIGIBILITY
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

 TRANSPORTATION

- Apr 28 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Apr 30 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

JOINT COMMITTEES

TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING

Apr 29	Wednesday	Davis 106	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: Shared Responsibility in Education Funding by Peter Micciche, Mayor, Kenai Peninsula Borough An Overview of Required Local Contribution by Conor Bell, Analyst, Legislative Finance Division Local Contribution and Mill Rate by Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League Federal Education Funding in Alaska by Kelly Manning, Deputy Director; Deb Riddle, Operations Manager; Courtney Preziosi, Elementary and Secondary Education Act Administrator; Monique Siverly, Operations Manager; and Heather Heineken, Director, Department of Education and Early Development Impact Aid Transition in New Mexico by John Sena, Executive Director, Legislative Education Study Committee, New Mexico Legislature **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		