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One Hundred Eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:36 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

*Praying
by Mary Oliver
It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.*

Senator Tobin led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House**SB 192**

Message dated May 6 was read stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 192(CRA) "An Act relating to evacuation designation levels; and relating to the Alaska Disaster Act."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated May 6 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 210**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 210(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to workers' compensation coverage for disability from diseases for certain firefighters; relating to occupational disability benefits and medical benefits available under the public employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 246

HOUSE BILL NO. 246 BY REPRESENTATIVES JOSEPHSON, Allard, Bynum, Story, Himschoot, Galvin, entitled:

"An Act relating to allocations for the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 302

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 302(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to travel insurance; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports

Report dated May 5 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Transportation 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 Marine Pilots

Angel Holbrook
Colin Maynard

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

SB 111

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of products that use digital electronics to operate; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 111(L&C) "An Act relating to the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of consumer products that use digital electronics to operate; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 249

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C) "An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company."

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

HJR 44

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44 Supporting the ability of Alaska Native corporations and entities owned by federally recognized tribes in the state to participate in the United States Small Business Administration's 8(a) Business Development Program.

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

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 289**

SENATE BILL NO. 289 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter registration; relating to election administration; relating to campaign contributions; relating to write-in candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States; relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to voter registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

Governor's transmittal letter dated May 6:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to election administration, voter registration, voting procedures, campaign finance, election offenses, and permanent fund dividend voter-registration records.

This bill builds on the work of Senate Bill 64 by making important changes to Alaska's election laws while providing the Division of Elections with the time and tools necessary to implement those changes securely and reliably. The bill preserves the goal of improving voter access, transparency, and confidence in Alaska's elections.

The bill establishes a clear process for voters to cure certain defects in absentee ballots. To protect the integrity of that process, the bill also requires signature verification as part of ballot curing. Election officials would compare the voter's signature to signatures contained in voter registration records and provide notice to the voter when additional information is needed. A voter would be required to provide the information necessary to cure the defect within the time provided by law. This approach protects the right of qualified voters to have their ballots counted while ensuring that ballot-curing procedures include clear safeguards for verifying voter identity.

The bill also provides a delayed effective date for major election administration changes. This will allow the Division of Elections sufficient time to develop procedures, train election workers, update systems, inform voters, and conduct the testing necessary to ensure that the changes are implemented in an orderly manner. Election laws should be clear, workable, and carefully implemented in a way that protects both access to the ballot and public confidence in the outcome.

This legislation reflects a balanced approach. It improves election administration, maintains access to the electoral process, strengthens election integrity, and gives the state sufficient time to implement these changes securely and reliably before they govern a statewide election.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor

SB 290

SENATE BILL NO. 290 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm; and providing for an effective date."

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

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The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Governor's transmittal letter dated May 6:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the ongoing recovery efforts for the 2025 West Coast Storm.

This legislation serves as a critical extension of the disaster emergency declaration first issued on October 9, 2025. While the initial emergency response began in late 2025, the severity of the damage to infrastructure and the complexity of the ongoing emergency actions require a sustained state-level response.

The current disaster emergency is set to expire on May 7, 2026. Without legislative intervention, the legal framework allowing state agencies to deploy resources and coordinate emergency response efforts would lapse. The bill ratifies and approves the previous monthly extensions issued from November 2025 through April 2026.

Additionally, the bill formally extends the disaster emergency until June 30, 2026, providing the necessary window for agencies to stabilize affected regions and continue reconstruction. To ensure there is no gap in legal authority or resource allocation, the bill is retroactive to May 7, 2026. Finally, the legislation provides for an immediate effective date to provide certainty to the communities and agencies currently operating under the emergency declaration.

This extension will help ensure that the State of Alaska remains able to protect the health, safety, and property of Alaskans affected by the 2025 West Coast Storm.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 174**

SENATE BILL NO. 174 "An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated SENATE BILL NO. 174 will advance to third reading on the May 8 calendar.

Third Reading of House Bills**HB 263**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 263(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; 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" was read the third time.

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

Senator Rauscher offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 69, following line 8:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(c) The amount of receipts received by the state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, under sec. 20001(b)(5), P.L. 115-97 (Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017) for leases in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge that are remaining after the appropriations made in secs. 25(a) and (b), ch. 10, SLA 2025, and after the transfer made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, under AS 37.14.150, estimated to be \$2,988,000, is appropriated as follows:

(1) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety to establish a state trooper post in Talkeetna to provide public safety services necessary to support increased activity and development associated with resource extraction along the northern Parks Highway corridor, including the areas of Willow, Talkeetna, and Trapper Creek, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028;

(2) the remaining amount, estimated to be \$988,000, to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for the exploration, development, and production of oil and gas from the coastal plain for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028."

Senator Rauscher moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Stedman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 263(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1?

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cronk, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Tilton, Yundt

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

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

Senator Rauscher offered Amendment No. 2:

Page 75, line 11, following "2027.":

Insert "It is the intent of the legislature that community assistance funding, including funding provided to nonprofit organizations, be used in a manner that does not conflict with art. VIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska."

Senator Rauscher 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 263(FIN)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 2?

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cronk, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Tilton, Yundt

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

and so, Amendment No. 2 failed.

Senator Rauscher offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 31, line 12:
Delete "27,728,900"
Insert "28,103,900"
Delete "16,955,600"
Insert "17,330,600"

Page 31, line 13:
Delete "21,072,100"
Insert "21,447,100"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Senator Rauscher moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3.
Senator Hoffman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 263(FIN)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 3?

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Cronk, Kaufman, Myers, Rauscher, Tilton, Yundt

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

and so, Amendment No. 3 failed.

Senator Myers offered Amendment No. 4:

Page 69, line 18:

Delete "to the general fund"

Insert "as follows:

(1) the amount authorized under AS 37.13.145(b) for transfer by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation on June 30, 2026, estimated to be \$2,504,800,000, to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the payment of permanent fund dividends and for administrative and associated costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; and

(2) the remaining balance, estimated to be \$1,492,065,095, to the general fund"

Page 69, lines 19 - 22:

Delete all material.

Reletter the following subsections accordingly.

Page 98, following line 21:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(b) If the unrestricted state revenue available for appropriation in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, is insufficient to cover the general fund appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the amount necessary to balance revenue and general fund appropriations is appropriated to the general fund from the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska)."

Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

Page 98, line 22:

Delete "appropriation"

Insert "appropriations"

Page 98, line 23:

Delete "(a) of this section is"

Insert "(a) and (b) of this section are"

Page 98, line 26:

Delete "and (d) - (f)"

Insert "(c)(1), (d), and (e)"

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

Senator Wielechowski rose to a point of order. President Stevens cautioned members to proceed in order.

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

SCS CSHB 263(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 4?

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

Yeas: Myers, Rauscher, Tilton

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

and so, Amendment No. 4 failed.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Rauscher be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Rauscher was excused.

HB 263

Senator Hoffman offered Amendment No. 5:

Page 33, line 5:

Delete "37,586,000"

Insert "38,178,000"

Delete "20,745,400"

Insert "21,337,400"
Page 33, line 8:
Delete "2,155,200"
Insert "2,747,200"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 5. Senator Stedman objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 5 was adopted.

Senator Hoffman offered Amendment No. 6:

Page 20, line 20:
Delete "6,520,600"
Insert "7,170,600"
Delete "6,295,500"
Insert "6,945,500"

Page 20, line 21:
Delete "6,520,600"
Insert "7,170,600"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 6. Senator Stedman objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 6 was adopted.

Senator Hoffman offered Amendment No. 7:

Page 60, following line 19:
Insert new material to read:
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	"APPROPRIATION	GENERAL	OTHER
	ALLOCATIONS	ITEMS	FUNDS
	FUND		
Legislative Operating Budget			
	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Session Expenses			
	1,000,000	"	

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

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

Senator Hoffman offered Amendment No. 8:

Page 94, line 15:

Delete "\$164,106,000"

Insert "\$163,926,000"

Senator Hoffman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 8. Senator Stedman objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 8 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 263(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 263(FIN) am S "An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; 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" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 263(FIN) am S

Third Reading - Final Passage

Budget Reserve Fund Section(s) - Effective Date(s)

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

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

Nays: Myers, Rauscher, Tilton

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 263(FIN) am S passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved for the adoption of the constitutional budget reserve fund section.

The question being: "Shall the constitutional budget reserve fund section (Article IX, Section 17(c) Constitution of the State of Alaska) be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 263(FIN) am S

Adopt Budget Reserve Fund Section(s)?

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

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

Nays: Myers, Rauscher, Tilton

and so, the constitutional budget reserve fund section was adopted.

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.

SCR 23

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 263, making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; and making supplemental appropriations, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 263, making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; and making supplemental appropriations, pass the Senate? The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 23

Final Passage

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, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

HB 265

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 265(FIN)

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 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265(FIN) 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.

President Stevens stated in accordance with Rule 43(b), Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules, engrossment may be waived on all bills transmitted to the House this legislative day.

Second Reading of House Resolutions**HJR 32**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32(HSS) 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 second time.

President Stevens stated CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32(HSS) will advance to third reading on the May 8 calendar.

HJR 38

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 Urging the United States Congress to recognize public safety telecommunicators as first responders; and urging the United States Congress to pass the Enhancing First Response Act, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 will advance to third reading on the May 8 calendar.

HJR 45

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45 Urging the United States Congress to fully fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 45 will advance to third reading on the May 8 calendar.

Special Order of Business

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

Citation Calendar

Honoring – John and Jill Rusyniak
Representative(s) Schwanke
Senator(s) Cronk

Honoring – Lisa Donat
Representative(s) Schwanke, Tomaszewski
Senator(s) Cronk

Honoring – Nathan Hollenbeck
Representative(s) Schwanke
Senator(s) Cronk

Honoring – Shannon Hudson
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring – Alaska Airlines 50th Anniversary of Service to Petersburg
and Wrangell
Representative(s) Bynum, Himschoot
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring – Wrangell High School Wrestling Team
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring – Louise Kern
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

Honoring – United Way of the Tanana Valley 70th Anniversary
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Stapp, Carrick

Honoring – Hearthside Books & Toys
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

Honoring – Cindy Emery
Representative(s) Kopp

Honoring – Maria Carrillo Javier
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

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Honoring – Lisa Andriesen
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

Honoring – Bob Eley & The Bob O’Cue 30th Anniversary
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert, Stapp

Honoring – Michael “Mike” Zoske
Representative(s) Hall
Senator(s) Claman

Honoring – Margaret Friedenauer
Representative(s) Eischeid
Senator(s) Wielechowski, Kiehl

Honoring – Birchwood Saloon
Representative(s) Saddler
Senator(s) Merrick

Honoring – Chief Master Sergeant David Wolfe
Representative(s) Saddler, Allard
Senator(s) Merrick

Honoring – Team USA’s Paralympic Sled Hockey Team
Senator(s) Merrick
Representative(s) Eischeid

Honoring – Bryan Fisher
Representative(s) Allard, Foster, St. Clair

Honoring – Cindy Higgins
Representative(s) Allard, Saddler
Senator(s) Merrick

In Memoriam – Captain Michael “Mike” Brien Salazar
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam – Robert “Bob” J. Luse
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam – Frederick “Fred” Clarence Angerman Jr.
Representative(s) Bynum
Senator(s) Stedman

In Memoriam – Carlos Ray “Chuck” Norris
Representative(s) Bynum, D. Nelson, Ruffridge

In Memoriam – Clark Sanders Gruening
Representative(s) Hannan, Story
Senator(s) Kiehl

In Memoriam – Slath Jaa Klaa Lákootti Marlene Johnson
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – Ronald “Pete” Carran
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

In Memoriam – Dave Olerud
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – Kenneth “Ken” William Coate
Senator(s) Kiehl
Representative(s) Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – Mary Frank Ehrlander
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Carrick, Dibert

In Memoriam – Gerald “Jerry” Rafson
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam – Thaddeus Williamson
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam – Ronnie Peyton Merideth
Senator(s) Kawasaki, Cronk

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In Memoriam – James “Jim” Oehring
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Prax, Dibert

In Memoriam – Michael “Mikey” David Niese
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Stapp

In Memoriam – Helen Havemeister Riley
Representative(s) Johnson

In Memoriam – Stephanie Rae Bonham
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Tomaszewski

In Memoriam – Bruce Dustin Law
Representative(s) Tomaszewski

In Memoriam – Robert “Bob” Spooner
Representative(s) Tomaszewski

In Memoriam – Larry “Big” Hannesson
Representative(s) Tomaszewski
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam – Dr. Robert “Bob” Carlson
Senator(s) Myers

In Memoriam – Dr. Dorothy “Dot” Jeanne Helm
Senator(s) Myers, Tilton
Representative(s) Carrick

In Memoriam – Koleen “Buffy” Wittmer
Senator(s) Bjorkman
Representative(s) Elam, Coulombe

In Memoriam – Elda Rae Hueth
Senator(s) Kawasaki
Representative(s) Dibert

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

Unfinished Business

HB 210

Senators Giessel, Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 210(FIN) am "An Act relating to workers' compensation coverage for disability from diseases for certain firefighters; relating to occupational disability benefits and medical benefits available under the public employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 174

Senator Yundt moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 174 "An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

HB 263

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HB 265

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SCR 23

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 263, making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; and making supplemental appropriations, 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 10:30 a.m., May 8, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:28 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

May 07 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 268 SICK LEAVE EXEMPTION: FISH PROCESSORS
 -- Public Testimony --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 12 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 14 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

EDUCATION

May 08 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 11 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 13 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

SENATE JOURNAL

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FINANCE

- May 07 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + HB 27 MEDICAL MAJOR EMERGENCIES
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + HB 133 PAYMENT OF CONTRACTS
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 07 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 178 EXPAND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES
 += HB 173 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 08 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 162 SPECIE AS LEGAL TENDER
 += HB 10 ADD FACULTY MEMBER UNIV BOARD OF REGENTS
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 08 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 09 Saturday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 09 Saturday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + HB 239 CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE (continued)

May 11 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ HB 28 TEACHER/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN PRGRM

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ SB 110 MUSEUM CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ HB 314 ARCH, ENG, SURVEYORS; REG INT DESIGN

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ HB 96 HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADV BOARD

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ HB 14 REPEAL CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS/MED ASSIST

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 12 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 13 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ DONLIN GOLD PROJECT UPDATE

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 13 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM

-- Please Note Time Change --

+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ SB 227 TAX COMPACT; SALES TAX; OIL & GAS TAX

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+ HB 280 APPORTION TAXABLE INCOME

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Streamed live on AKL.tv

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FINANCE (continued)

May 14	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+	SB 288	BULK FUEL LOAN CAP	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
+	HB 388	BULK FUEL LOAN CAP	
		<Pending Referral>	
		-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
May 15	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
May 15	Friday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
May 16	Saturday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
		-- Please Note Time Change --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

May 07	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
		-- MEETING CANCELED --	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	
May 12	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	
May 14	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
		No Meeting Scheduled	

JUDICIARY

May 08	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 225	TRUSTS; TRUST PROCEEDINGS; TRUSTEES	
		<Bill Hearing Canceled>	
		-- Invited & Public Testimony --	
		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:	
+=	HB 298	LEGISLATIVE ETHICS CMTE & PROCEEDINGS	
		Streamed live on AKL.tv	

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JUDICIARY (continued)

May 11 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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May 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 15 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE

May 08 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += HJR 20 HIRING OF APPRENTICES/VETERANS
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += HB 243 BARBERS & HAIRDRESSERS BD LICENSING
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + SB 194 MOBILE SPORTS WAGERING; TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
 += SB 207 PROPERTY POSSESSION AND PROPERTY CRIMES
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 11 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + HB 25 DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + HB 211 INSURANCE: PREPAID LEGAL PLANS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + HB 244 CNA TRAINING
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 13 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 += SB 250 DATA CENTERS, UTILITIES
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + HB 363 ALCOHOL: PATRIOTIC ORGS; CLUB LICENSES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + HB 155 ALCOHOL SALES: LOCAL OPTION
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

- May 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
 + SB 268 SICK LEAVE EXEMPTION: FISH PROCESSORS
 <Pending Referral>
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + SB 283 MINIMUM NURSING STAFF LEVELS IN HOSPITALS
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES

- May 07 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 08 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Consideration of Governor's Appointees:
 Big Game Commercial Services Board
 State Assessment Review Board
 Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
 Board of Fish
 Board of Game
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

- May 11 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

- May 12 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:
 += HB 79 NAMING VIC FISCHER SHOUP BAY MARINE PARK
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 += HB 93 RESIDENCY REQ: HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

RESOURCES (continued)

- May 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += HB 117 COMMERCIAL FISHING; SET GILLNET COOP
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
- += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
 -- Please Note Time Change --
- += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 -- Invited & Public Testimony --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 14 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
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- May 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 15 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
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- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
- May 15 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv
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STATE AFFAIRS

May 07 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

- + HB 214 MOTOR VEHICLES; PROOF OF INSURANCE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + HB 221 ARTS AND CULTURE DAY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 204 SUB. TEACHING; SCHOOL BOARD ELIGIBILITY
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 286 DALTON HIGHWAY TOLL
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
- + HB 278 ECONOMIC DEV:AK-IRELAND TRADE COMM.
- + SCR 11 LEG. COMMISSION ON STATE SEAL
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 12 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

- + SB 287 AK NATIVE LANGUAGES ACADEMIC TASK FORCE
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
- + SB 204 SUB. TEACHING; SCHOOL BOARD ELIGIBILITY
-- Public Testimony --
- + SB 289 ELECTIONS
-- Invited & Public Testimony --
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 14 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM

- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

May 07 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- + HB 302 TRAVEL INSURANCE
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM

- + HB 302 TRAVEL INSURANCE
-- Public Testimony --
- + HB 217 AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES; COMM. DRIVER LIC.
-- Public Testimony --
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TRANSPORTATION (continued)

May 14 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

May 19 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 08 **Friday** **Davis 106** **8:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Navy Region Northwest by
 Rear Admiral Jon Townsend - Commander of Navy
 Region Northwest
 Presentation: US Coast Guard by
 Rear Admiral Bob Little - Commander Arctic
 District
 Presentation: Alaskan Command by
 Brigadier General Matthew Komatsu - ANG
 Assistant to the Commander of Alaskan Command
 Presentation: Alaska National Guard by
 (Ret) Colonel Craig Christenson - Deputy
 Commissioner, Alaska Department of Military and
 Veterans Affairs
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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