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**Friday**

**May 15, 2026**

**One Hundred Sixteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:31 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Major Petr Janousek, The Salvation Army. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious God, I am reminded in Gospel of John that YOU are the vine and we are the branches. If I remain in you and you in me, I will bear much fruit BUT apart from you I can do nothing.

This world is trying to dictate what is success and what kind of fruit we should bear. What are the right decisions and what should be the visible outcome of our lives.

But I pray today, that I would stay faithful to you so that I can bear much fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Because against such things there is no law.

In the name of Jesus I pray,

AMEN.

Senator Dunbar led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the journal for the one hundred fifteenth legislative day and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 20 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the House****Concur Messages****SB 41**

Message dated May 14 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration SENATE BILL NO. 41 "An Act relating to mental health education." with the following amendment:

SENATE BILL NO. 41 am H

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment(s)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 41 am H

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)  
to SB 41?

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

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

Nays: Rauscher, Tilton, Yundt

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting SENATE BILL NO. 41 am H "An Act relating to mental health education."

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SB 86**

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment to CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) "An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" (page 2637).

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment(s)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 86(FIN)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)  
to CSSB 86(FIN)?

Court Rule(s) - 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, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) "An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; relating to abandoned virtual currency; amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on concurrence be considered the vote on the court rule changes. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on concurrence be considered the vote on the effective date clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

### **HCR 17**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 86, relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; and amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 86, relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system; relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; and amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 17

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, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 190**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 190 "An Act relating to guardianships, conservatorships, and other protective arrangements; relating to the public guardian; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; amending the Alaska Rules of Probate Procedure, and Rule 77(c), Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 190(JUD)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

- Fiscal Note No. 1, Alaska Judiciary System
- Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Public Safety
- Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Administration
- Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 287**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 287 "An Act establishing the Joint Legislative Alaska Native Languages Academic Task Force" and recommended it be replaced with

#### CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 287(STA)

Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki, Chair. Signing do pass: Senator Gray-Jackson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Tilton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

- Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Legislative Agency

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 13**

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 13(CRA) "An Act relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions for certain long-term rental units, certain mobile home parks, real property rented to low-income families, real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode, and real property owned by first-time homebuyers" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 13(STA) "An Act relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions for real property owned and occupied by volunteer certified or licensed providers of fire fighting, emergency medical, mobile intensive care paramedic services, or hazardous materials response services; relating to optional municipal property tax exemptions for certain long-term rental units, certain mobile home parks, real property rented to low-income families, real property owned and occupied as a permanent place of abode, and real property owned by first-time homebuyers; and relating to municipal tax refunds."

(Title Change SCR 14)

Signing amend: Senator Kawasaki, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Gray-Jackson, Tilton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 202**

The State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 202(STA) "An Act designating the O-S Cross cabbage, commonly known as 'giant green cabbage,' as the official state vegetable; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Kawasaki, Chair; Senators Gray-Jackson, Tilton.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SJR 31**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Recognizing the sovereign decisions of the communities of Kipnuk and Kwigillingok to relocate in the wake of the devastation caused by Typhoon Halong; affirming the right of Alaska Native communities to self-determination; and urging full state and federal support for relocation of those communities.

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

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Second Reading of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 250**

SENATE BILL NO. 250 "An Act relating to data centers; and relating to utility service for data centers" was read the second time.

Senator Merrick, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 2320. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 250(CRA) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 250(CRA) will advance to third reading on the May 16 calendar.

#### **Second Reading of House Bills**

#### **HB 36**

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 "An Act relating to the placement of foster children in psychiatric hospitals; relating to the care of children in state custody placed in residential facilities outside the state; and amending Rule 12.1(b), Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules of Procedure" was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2619. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 36(FIN) "An Act relating to treatment foster homes; relating to the placement of foster children in hospitals and residential psychiatric treatment centers for psychiatric care; relating to the duties of the Department of Family and Community Services; relating to the care of children in state custody placed in psychiatric residential treatment facilities outside the state; amending Rule 12.1(b), Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules of Procedure; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 36(FIN) will advance to third reading on the May 16 calendar.

### **HB 117**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 117(RES) "An Act relating to commercial set gillnet fishing; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Giessel, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Resources Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2640. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 117(RES) "An Act relating to electronic monitoring of fishing vessels using trawl gear in a finfish fishery; relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 117(RES) will advance to third reading on the May 16 calendar.

### **Third Reading of House Bills**

### **HB 10**

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(FIN) "An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(FIN) "An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS HB 10(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Rauscher, Tilton

and so, SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(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.

### **HB 93**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93(JUD) "An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date" be moved to the bottom of the calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **HB 184**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(FIN) "An Act relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects; relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal property taxes for certain assets of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 2, ch. 64, SLA 2018" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(FIN) "An Act relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects; relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal property taxes for certain assets of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 2, ch. 64, SLA 2018" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 184(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

Nays: Cronk, Rauscher, Tilton

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

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.

Senators Dunbar, Kawasaki, Claman, Stedman, Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **SCR 24**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 184, relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 184, relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 24

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. 24 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**HB 216**

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 216(CRA) "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 third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 216(CRA) "An Act approving the transfer of land owned by the Alaska Railroad Corporation to the City of Whittier; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS HB 216(CRA)

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 HOUSE BILL NO. 216(CRA) 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.

**HB 221**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(STA) "An Act establishing the first Friday of every October as Alaska Arts and Culture Day; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(STA) "An Act establishing the first Friday of every October as Alaska Arts and Culture Day; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 221(STA)

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 HOUSE BILL NO. 221(STA) 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 signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**HB 314**

HOUSE BILL NO. 314 am "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design;

relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Wielechowski moved the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senators Wielechowski, Claman, Kaufman offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 24:

Delete "**five**"

Insert "**four**"

Page 2, lines 27 - 28:

Delete "**one** [, TWO] land **surveyor**;

**(3)** [SURVEYORS"

Insert "[,] two land surveyors;

**(3)** ["

Page 3, line 7:

Delete "five"

Insert "four"

Page 3, line 9:

Delete "one land surveyor"

Insert "two land surveyors"

Page 19, line 31, through page 20, line 10:

Delete all material and insert:

"(b) Except for the civil engineer member whose term expires earlier than the term of the other civil engineer member appointed under AS 08.48.011(b), as that subsection read on the day before the

effective date of sec. 3 of this Act, each of the four remaining engineer members of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors appointed under AS 08.48.011(b) who is serving on the day before the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act may continue to serve the remainder of the term for which the member was appointed. Each of the four remaining engineer members appointed under AS 08.48.011(b), as that subsection read on the day before the effective date of sec. 3 of this Act, shall be replaced when the member's term expires with a person who meets the qualifications of AS 08.48.011(b)(1), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act."

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 314 am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 314 am S "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 314 am S  
Third Reading - Final Passage  
Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 16 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1**

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

Nays: Myers, Rauscher, Tilton

Absent: Stedman

and so, HOUSE BILL NO. 314 am S 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.

Senators Gray-Jackson, Bjorkman, Dunbar, Cronk moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **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 – Senator Gary Lee Stevens  
Representative(s) Stutes  
Senator(s) Hoffman, Stedman, Rauscher

Honoring – Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Representative(s) Edgmon  
Senator(s) Stedman, Olson

Honoring – Liz Clark  
Senator(s) Kiehl, Wielechowski, Giessel

Honoring – Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé 2025-2026  
Battle of the Books Team  
Senator(s) Kiehl  
Representative(s) Hannan, Story

Honoring – Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé 2026 Cheer Team

Senator(s) Kiehl

Representative(s) Hannan, Story

Honoring – Wayne Barnum

Senator(s) Dunbar

Representative(s) Gray, Mina

Honoring – The Fireweed Foundation

Senator(s) Dunbar, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Fields

Honoring – Lathrop High School 2025-2026 Academic Decathlon Team

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Prax

Honoring – Josephine “Josie” Stiles

Senator(s) Olson

Representative(s) Foster

In Memoriam – Dr. carolyn V. Brown

Senator(s) Kiehl

Representative(s) Hannan, Story

In Memoriam – Billy “Bill” Bob Capers

Senator(s) Wielechowski

Representative(s) Mears

In Memoriam – Lillian Rae Hruska

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Dibert

In Memoriam – James “Jim” H. Barker

Senator(s) Kawasaki

Representative(s) Carrick

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.

**HB 93**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 93(JUD) "An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date" be held to the May 16 calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Unfinished Business**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent Senator Olson be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, May 21 through evening plane time, May 24. Without objection, Senator Olson was excused.

**HB 202**

Senators Gray-Jackson, Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 202(STA) "An Act designating the O-S Cross cabbage, commonly known as 'giant green cabbage,' as the official state vegetable; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 55**

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 55 "An Act relating to employer contributions in the teachers' retirement system; relating to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kaufman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, June 13 through evening plane time, July 14. Without objection, Senator Kaufman was excused.

**HB 221**

Senators Yundt, Kawasaki, Dunbar, moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(STA) "An Act establishing the first Friday of every October as Alaska Arts and Culture Day; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kiehl moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, May 21 through morning plane time, May 25. Without objection, Senator Kiehl was excused.

**HB 79**

Senators Dunbar, Tobin, Kawasaki, Olson, Claman, Gray-Jackson, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 79 "An Act naming the Vic Fischer Shoup Bay State Marine Park." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Rule 23(d) of the Alaska State Legislature Uniform Rules is currently in effect.

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****HB 10**

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 10(FIN) "An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 184**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(FIN) "An Act relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects; relating to a mandatory exemption from municipal property taxes for certain assets of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 2, ch. 64, SLA 2018" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 216**

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 216(CRA) "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 engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 314**

HOUSE BILL NO. 314 am S "An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**SCR 24**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 184, relating to financing by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority for workforce housing development projects, 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 1:00 p.m., May 16, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**EDUCATION**

<b>May 15</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ HJR 28	SUPPORT KIDS ONLINE SAFETY ACT		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
+ HB 261	EDUCATION FUNDING		
	-- Invited & Public Testimony --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+ HB 261	EDUCATION FUNDING		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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<b>May 16</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Please Note Time Change --		
+ HB 261	EDUCATION FUNDING		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	**Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
<b>May 20</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
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**FINANCE**

**May 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**May 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += HB 23 STATE COMMISSION FOR CIVIL RIGHTS  
 += HB 52 MINORS & PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS  
 += HB 96 HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADV BOARD  
 += HB 14 REPEAL CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS/MED ASSIST  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**May 16 Saturday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 -- Meeting Postponed Until 2 pm --  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 + HB 110 SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT  
 += HB 239 CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST  
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**May 19 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**JUDICIARY**

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

**May 18 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**May 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- May 15 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**
- + SB 268 SICK LEAVE EXEMPTION; FISH PROCESSORS  
-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
  - + SB 283 MINIMUM NURSING STAFF LEVELS IN HOSPITALS  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
  - + = HB 363 ALCOHOL; PATRIOTIC ORGS; CLUB LICENSES  
-- Public Testimony --
  - + = HB 50 SNOW CLASSICS  
-- Public Testimony --
  - + = HB 25 DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE  
-- Public Testimony --  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**RESOURCES**

- May 15 Friday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
- Please Note Time Change --  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
  - + SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

- May 15 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + SR 5 SUPPORTING STATE AGRICULTURE/FARMLAND  
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
  - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:
  - + = SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
-- Public Testimony --  
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- May 16 Saturday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**
- Please Note Time Change --  
Delayed to 10:00 am
  - + = SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
\*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

- May 16 Saturday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + = SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES (continued)**

- May 17 Sunday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- May 17 Sunday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- May 18 Monday 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 18 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 280 OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

- May 16 Saturday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 -- Please Note Time Change --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*
- May 19 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**TRANSPORTATION**

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