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**May 19, 2026**

**One Hundred Twentieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:26 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Kawasaki was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Father Maxim Gibson, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

O Lord Jesus Christ, my God, accept my fervent supplication and bless the good intent and work of Thy servants, that they may begin favorably, and may complete it unto Thy glory without any obstacle. Do Thou assist those working and direct the work of their hands, and cause it to be brought speedily to completion by the power of Thy Most Holy Spirit, For Thine it is to be merciful and to save me, O our God, and unto Thee do I send up glory, together with Thy Father Who is without beginning, and Thy Most Holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Senator Kaufman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

The Presence of Senator Kawasaki was noted.

**Messages from the Governor****HB 78**

Letter dated May 18 was received:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority vested in me by Article II, Section 15 of the Alaska Constitution, I have vetoed the following bill:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S(efd fld H)"An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and 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."

I share the Legislature's goal of strengthening recruitment and retention for Alaska's public workforce. However, House Bill 78 contains unresolved legal, tax, administrative, and fiscal issues that create uncertainty for the State, employers, employees, and the retirement systems themselves.

Most importantly, House Bill 78 would return long-term investment, actuarial, and unfunded liability risk to the State and participating employers. Pension obligations extend for decades, and the full cost of this bill may not be apparent until years after its enactment.

If the Legislature intends to increase the State's long-term spending obligations, it must also be prepared to support the long-term revenue needed to pay for them. That requires a serious commitment to natural resource development, private-sector growth, and a stronger economic foundation for Alaska's future.

Any return to a defined benefit system must be legally sound, fiscally responsible, administrable, fully compliant with federal tax law, and supported by a durable plan to pay for it. House Bill 78 does not meet that standard.

For these reasons, I have vetoed this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated May 19 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Thirty-Fourth Alaska Legislature at 1:00 p.m. today, May 19 in the House Chamber for the purpose of voting to override the Governor's veto of HB 78 (RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.).

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**Concur Messages****SB 9**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(JUD) "An Act relating to the surrender of infants; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL  
NO. 9(JUD) "An Act relating to the surrender of  
infants; relating to civil history; and providing for an  
effective date."  
(Title Change HCR 14)

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment.

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

HCS CSSB 9(JUD)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)  
to CSSB 9(JUD)?  
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. 9(JUD) "An Act relating to the surrender of infants; relating to civil history; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**HCR 14**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 9, relating to the surrender of infants, and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 9, relating to the surrender of infants, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 14

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. 14 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**SB 21**

Message dated May 18 was read stating the House passed and returned for consideration CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 21(FIN) "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue; and providing for an effective date" with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 21(L&C) "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue; relating to depositing permanent fund dividends into investment accounts; and providing for an effective date."

(Title Change HCR 18)

Senator Giessel moved the Senate concur in the House amendment.

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

HCS CSSB 21(L&C)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House Amendment(s)

to CSSB 21(FIN)?

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, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 21(L&C) "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue; relating to depositing permanent fund dividends into investment accounts; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

### **HCR 18**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 21, establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 21, establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 18

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. 18 passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**SB 237**

Message dated May 19 was read stating the House respectfully requests the following be returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 237(JUD) am H

"An Act relating to the powers of the commissioner of administration with respect to motor vehicles; relating to electronic identification cards; relating to data sharing by the Department of Administration; relating to electronic driver's licenses and permits; relating to federal benefits for children in need of aid; and providing for an effective date."

and

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 237(JUD)

"An Act relating to data sharing by the Department of Administration for driver's license data verification purposes; and providing for an effective date."

Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 237(JUD) am H and CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 237(JUD) were returned to the House.

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 280**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 280 "An Act relating to the taxation of certain natural gas pipeline property; relating to municipal taxation limitations; establishing an alternative volumetric tax on natural gas throughput; relating to the allocation of revenue from the alternative volumetric tax; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 280(RES) "An Act relating to oil and gas; relating to the determination of the value of taxable real and personal property for purposes of calculating the local contribution for public school funding; relating to limitations on municipal oil and gas property taxes; relating to the regulation of liquefied natural gas import facilities and utility rates approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation; establishing an income tax on certain entities producing or transporting oil or gas in the state; relating to the taxation of certain natural gas pipeline property and related facilities; relating to the minimum production tax on oil; establishing an infrastructure maintenance surcharge on oil and a related Dalton Highway pipeline corridor maintenance fund; relating to an alternative volumetric throughput tax on certain natural gas pipelines and related facilities; creating an Alaska gasline community impact fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Commerce, Community, and  
Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Natural Resources

Fiscal Note No. 6, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 246**

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 246 "An Act relating to allocations for the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Olson, Stedman, Hoffman, Cochairs; Senators Cronk, Merrick, Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kaufman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early  
Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Second Reading of House Bills**

**HB 280**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 280(FIN) "An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state, including the apportionment of income of broadcasters, financial institutions, and telecommunications service providers; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered today. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 280(FIN) was adopted.

**HB 13**

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" was read the second time.

Senator Kawasaki, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Senate Committee Substitute offered on page 2658. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE 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" was adopted.

**HB 73**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(FIN) "An Act relating to complex care residential homes; and providing for an effective date" 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 1994. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 73(FIN) was adopted.

Senator Wielechowski offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

Insert "**relating to special needs ballots;**"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**\*\* Section 1.** AS 15.20.072 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) If a voter satisfies the requirements of (d) of this section, the division may not reject a voter's special needs ballot based on an error by an election official or representative on the register under (c) of this section or an error by a representative under (d) of this section."

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, line 18:

Delete "1 - 4"

Insert "2 - 5"

Page 3, following line 18:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**\*\* Sec. 7.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2026."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 3, line 19:

Delete "This"

Insert "Except as provided in sec. 7 of this Act, this"

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Myers objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

## **HB 173**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 173(L&C) "An Act relating to occupational therapist licensure; relating to occupational therapy assistant licensure; and relating to an occupational therapist licensure compact" 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 2593. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 173(FIN) "An Act relating to occupational therapist licensure; relating to occupational therapy assistant licensure; relating to an occupational therapist licensure compact; relating to an executive administrator for the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; relating to physical therapist licensure; relating to physical therapist assistant licensure; relating to audiologist licensure; relating to speech-language pathologist licensure; and relating to national criminal history record checks" was adopted.

Senator Bjorkman offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 3, following line 30:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"\* **Sec. 6.** AS 08.84 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 08.84.095. Scope of practice for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.** (a) An occupational therapist may

provide occupational therapy to a person whose ability or opportunity to participate in activities of daily living, play, leisure, or an occupation is or may be limited or restricted because the person has or is at risk of having an injury, disorder, impairment, or disability that limits or restricts the person's ability to engage in an occupation or other goal-oriented task or activity. The therapist may evaluate, analyze, and diagnose the cause of the limitation or restriction and intervene with occupational therapy to decrease or eliminate the cause, help the person recover from or adjust to the limitation or restriction, and restore the person's ability to engage in an occupation or other goal-oriented task or activity.

(b) An occupational therapist may initiate and provide occupational therapy, including therapy under (c) of this section, without a referral from another provider of health care services.

(c) The services an occupational therapist may provide to a person include

(1) treating a person's pain;

(2) habilitating, rehabilitating, and working with a person to adjust physical, neuromusculoskeletal, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory-perceptive, visual, or other aspects of performance in a variety of contexts to improve or maintain the person's ability to engage in an

occupation or other goal-oriented task or activity, regardless of the person's ability-related needs;

(3) evaluating and treating a person to promote, enhance, or restore the person's ability to safely perform activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living and safely engage in sleep, rest, education, work, play, leisure, health management, and social participation;

(4) administering, evaluating, and interpreting tests and measurements of a person's bodily functions and structures;

(5) establishing, remediating, preventing, or compensating for a barrier to a person's performance skills; in this paragraph, a barrier to a person's performance skills may include the person's bodily structures and functions, habits, routines, roles, environmental and personal factors, and physical, neuromusculoskeletal, cognitive, psychosocial, sensory perception, communication, interaction, and pain management skills;

(6) managing a person's ability to eat, feed themselves, or swallow to improve or maintain eating and feeding performance;

(7) designing, fabricating, applying, or fitting assistive technology or an adaptive or orthotic device;

(8) training a person to

(A) use assistive technology or an adaptive, orthotic, or prosthetic device; and

(B) manage the person's seating and positioning;

(9) adapting environments and assessing, recommending, and training a person on the techniques the person may use to enhance the person's functional and community mobility;

(10) preventing pain and dysfunction, restoring function, or reversing or arresting the progression of a pathology;

(11) applying an adjunctive intervention or therapeutic procedure to prepare for or use with occupation-based activities; in this paragraph, "adjunctive intervention or therapeutic procedure" includes a thermal, mechanical, electrophysical, or instrument-assisted treatment modality, wound care, and manual therapy; and

(12) promoting a person's good physical and mental health and wellness, regardless of the person's ability-related needs.

(d) An occupational therapist may allow an occupational therapy assistant to assist with or administer occupational therapy that the occupational therapy assistant is professionally competent to assist with or administer, including assessing a patient in an evaluation

delegated to the occupational therapy assistant and preparing reports on the assessment for the occupational therapist. The occupational therapist shall supervise the occupational therapy assistant when acting under this subsection.

(e) In this section, "health" means a person's physical or mental health."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 29, following line 3:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**\* Sec. 9.** AS 08.84.190(3) is amended to read:

(3) "occupational therapy" means [, FOR COMPENSATION,] the use of purposeful activity, evaluation, treatment, and consultation with **persons** [HUMAN BEINGS] whose ability to cope with the tasks of daily living are threatened with [,] or impaired by developmental deficits, learning disabilities, aging, poverty, cultural differences, physical injury or illness, or psychological and social disabilities to maximize independence, prevent disability, and maintain health; ["OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY" INCLUDES

(A) DEVELOPING DAILY LIVING, PLAY, LEISURE, SOCIAL, AND DEVELOPMENTAL SKILLS;

(B) FACILITATING PERCEPTUAL-MOTOR AND SENSORY INTERGRATIVE FUNCTIONING;

(C) ENHANCING FUNCTIONAL PERFORMANCE, PREVOCAATIONAL SKILLS, AND WORK CAPABILITIES USING SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED EXERCISES, THERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES AND MEASURES, MANUAL INTERVENTION, AND APPLIANCES;

(D) DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND APPLICATION OF SPLINTS OR SELECTIVE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT;

(E) ADMINISTERING AND INTERPRETING STANDARDIZED AND NONSTANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS, INCLUDING SENSORY, MANUAL MUSCLE, AND RANGE OF MOTION ASSESSMENTS, NECESSARY FOR PLANNING EFFECTIVE TREATMENT; AND

(F) ADAPTING ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE DISABLED;]

**\* Sec. 10.** AS 08.84.190(4) is amended to read:

(4) "occupational therapy assistant" means a person who, [ASSISTS IN THE PRACTICE OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY] under the

supervision of **a licensed** [AN] occupational therapist, **administers or assists with administering occupational therapy**;

\* **Sec. 11.** AS 08.84.190 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(8) "test and measurement" includes imaging, electrodiagnostic and electrophysiological methods or techniques, and other methods or techniques generally accepted by the physical therapist or occupational therapist professions in the state for use in obtaining information about a patient in order to administer therapy."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Senator Bjorkman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Objections were heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Standing Committee Reports. Without objection, the Senate returned to:

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **HB 239**

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(JUD) "An Act relating to criminally negligent homicide; relating to the duty of an operator immediately after an accident; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to civil claims by victims of sexual abuse of a minor; relating to homicide; relating to assault; relating to sexual assault; relating to stalking; relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to enticement and unlawful exploitation of a minor; relating to cruelty to animals; relating to endangering the welfare of a child; relating to indecent exposure; relating to theft; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material;

relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to solicitation or production of an indecent picture of a minor; relating to distribution of indecent material to minors; relating to prostitution; relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee; relating to the testimony of children in criminal proceedings; relating to sentencing; relating to sexual assault examination kits; restricting the release of certain records of convictions; relating to teaching certificates; relating to the definition of 'victim counseling center' for disclosure of certain communications concerning sexual assault or domestic violence; relating to motor vehicle offenses; relating to the board of parole; relating to parole; relating to medical release for service of sentence by electronic monitoring; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

(Title Change SCR 22)

Signing do pass: Senators Stedman, Hoffman, Cochairs; Senators Kaufman, Cronk, Merrick, Kiehl. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 14, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 15, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 16, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 17, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 18, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 19, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 20, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 21, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 22, Alaska Judiciary System

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 5, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 7, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 8, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 10, zero, Department of Public Safety  
Fiscal Note No. 11, zero, Department of Public Safety  
Fiscal Note No. 12, Department of Public Safety  
Fiscal Note No. 13, Department of Public Safety

The bill is on today's calendar.

### **Consideration of the Calendar (Continued)**

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

##### **HB 239**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(JUD) "An Act relating to criminally negligent homicide; relating to the duty of an operator immediately after an accident; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Senate Committee Substitute offered today. Without objection SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to civil claims by victims of sexual abuse of a minor; relating to homicide; relating to assault; relating to sexual assault; relating to stalking; relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to enticement and unlawful exploitation of a minor; relating to cruelty to animals; relating to endangering the welfare of a child; relating to indecent exposure; relating to theft; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to solicitation or production of an indecent picture of a minor; relating to distribution of indecent material to minors; relating to prostitution; relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee; relating to the testimony of children in criminal proceedings; relating to sentencing; relating to sexual assault examination kits; restricting the release of certain records of convictions; relating to teaching certificates; relating to the definition of 'victim counseling center' for disclosure of certain communications concerning sexual assault or domestic violence; relating to motor vehicle offenses; relating to the board of parole; relating to parole; relating to medical release for service of sentence by electronic

monitoring; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) was read the third time.

Senators Kaufman, Bjorkman, Tobin, Dunbar, Giessel, Tilton, Stedman, Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to civil claims by victims of sexual abuse of a minor; relating to homicide; relating to assault; relating to sexual assault; relating to stalking; relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to enticement and unlawful exploitation of a minor; relating to cruelty to animals; relating to endangering the welfare of a child; relating to indecent exposure; relating to theft; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to solicitation or production of an indecent picture of a minor; relating to distribution of indecent material to minors; relating to prostitution; relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee; relating to the testimony of children in criminal proceedings; relating to sentencing; relating to sexual assault examination kits; restricting the release of certain records of convictions; relating to teaching certificates; relating to the definition of 'victim counseling center' for disclosure of certain communications concerning sexual assault or domestic violence; relating to motor vehicle offenses; relating to the board of parole; relating to parole; relating to medical release for service of sentence by electronic monitoring; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 239(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. 239(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 clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered.

## **SCR 22**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 239, relating to criminally negligent homicide; and relating to the duty of an operator immediately after an accident, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 239, relating to criminally negligent homicide; and relating to the duty of an operator immediately after an accident, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 22  
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. 22 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**Recess**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 12:35 p.m.

**After Recess****Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 1:10 p.m. The purpose of the Joint Session was to consider override of the Governor's veto of HB 78-RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.

The roll of the Senate was called and showed twenty members present.

The roll of the House was taken and showed forty members present.

Senator Giessel moved SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S(efd fld H) become law notwithstanding the Governor's veto.

Representative Saddler moved the previous question. There was objection. Representative Saddler withdrew the motion.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S(efd fld H) "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and 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."

HOUSE

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) AM S(EFD FLD H)

Override Veto

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Frier,

Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

The roll of the Senate was called with the following result:

SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S(efd fld H)

Veto Override?

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

**TOTALS: YEAS: 33 NAYS: 27 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

and so, lacking the necessary 40 votes to override, the Governor's veto was sustained.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 2:39 p.m.

**After Recess**

**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Messages from the Governor. There being no objection, the Senate returned to:

**Messages from the Governor****Executive Proclamation**

Under the authority of Article II, Section 9, and Article III, Section 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and in the public interest, I call the Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Alaska into its second special session in Juneau, Alaska, in the legislative chambers on May 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to consider passage of bills on subjects germane to the title of the following bill while the bill was under consideration by the Thirty-Fourth Legislature during the second regular session:

HB 381 relating to the taxation of certain natural gas pipeline property; relating to municipal taxation limitations; establishing an alternative volumetric tax on natural gas throughput; and relating to the allocation of revenue from the alternative volumetric tax.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026 at 3:51 p.m.

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor

**Messages from the House**

Message dated May 19 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of  
House Resolutions****HJR 46**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46(CRA) BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS 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.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate return to Consideration of the Calendar. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **Consideration of the Calendar (continued)**

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

##### **HB 28**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) "An Act relating to education; relating to reimbursement of school district energy costs; relating to correspondence study program materials; relating to substitute teaching; relating to the qualifications of school board members; relating to school consolidation; relating to the required local contribution made by a city or borough school district for public school funding; relating to reemploying retired members of the teachers' retirement system at regional resource centers; establishing a teachers' student loan repayment pilot program; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

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

Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 were not offered.

Senator Bjorkman offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 9, line 12:

Delete "**five**"

Insert "**three and one half**"

Senator Bjorkman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3.  
Objections were heard.

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

SCS CSHB 28(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3?

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

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Kaufman, Merrick, Myers, Rauscher, Stevens, Tilton, Wielechowski, Yundt

Nays: Cronk, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Olson, Stedman, Tobin

and so, Amendment No. 3 failed.

Senator Bjorkman offered Amendment No. 4:

Page 9, line 12:

Delete "**five**"

Insert "**four**"

Senator Bjorkman moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 4.  
Objections were heard.

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

SCS CSHB 28(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 4?

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

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Dunbar, Kaufman, Merrick, Myers, Rauscher, Stevens, Tilton, Wielechowski, Yundt

Nays: Cronk, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Olson, Stedman, Tobin

and so, Amendment No. 4 was adopted.

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) am S was automatically in third reading.

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

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) am S "An Act relating to education; relating to reimbursement of school district energy costs; relating to correspondence study program materials; relating to substitute teaching; relating to the qualifications of school board members; relating to school consolidation; relating to the required local contribution made by a city or borough school district for public school funding; relating to reemploying retired members of the teachers' retirement system at regional resource centers; establishing a teachers' student loan repayment pilot program; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 28(FIN) am S

Third Reading - Final Passage

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. 28(FIN) 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.

**SCR 21**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 28, establishing a student loan repayment pilot program, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 28, establishing a student loan repayment pilot program, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**SCR 21**

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

**HB 96**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(L&C) am "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 third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(L&C) am "An Act establishing the Home Care Employment Standards Advisory Board; relating to payment for personal care services; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 96(L&C) am

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Myers

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(L&C) am 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 signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**HB 126**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126(L&C) "An Act relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations; relating to proxy solicitations to shareholders of corporations organized under state law under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126(L&C) "An Act relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations; relating to proxy solicitations to shareholders of corporations organized under state law under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 126(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date(s)

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

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

and so, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126(L&C) passed the Senate.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**SCR 13**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 126, relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations and relating to the reinstatement of nonprofit corporations organized for a religious purpose and religious corporations, was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 126, relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations and relating to the reinstatement of nonprofit corporations organized for a religious purpose and religious corporations, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**SCR 13**

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

**HB 244**

HOUSE BILL NO. 244 "An Act relating to certified nurse aide training; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HOUSE BILL NO. 244 "An Act relating to certified nurse aide training; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 244

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, HOUSE BILL NO. 244 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 249**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C) "An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company" was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C) "An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 249(L&C)

Third Reading - 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, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C) passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**HB 278**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 278(STA) "An Act establishing the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senators Kaufman, Kawasaki, Yundt, Olson, Tobin, Gray-Jackson, Claman, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 278(STA) "An Act establishing the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 278(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 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 278(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 referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **House Bills in Third Reading**

#### **HB 16**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) "An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements; relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to state election expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Updated fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

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.

Senator Wielechowski offered Amendment No. 1:

Delete "immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)"

Insert "January 1, 2027"

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) am S was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) am S "An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements; relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to state election expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date."

"An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements; relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to state election expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 16(STA) am S  
Third Reading - Final Passage

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

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

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

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) am S passed the Senate.

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

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

CSHB 16(STA) 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 clause was adopted and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to adopt the first supplemental calendar. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Consideration of the First Supplemental Calendar**

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

##### **HB 246**

HOUSE BILL NO. 246 "An Act relating to allocations for the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE BILL NO. 246 will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 302**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 302(L&C) "An Act relating to travel insurance; and providing for an effective date" 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 2641. Without objection, SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 302(TRA) "An Act relating to travel insurance; relating to the business of insurance; relating to exceptions to prohibited rebates; relating to the powers of the director of the division of insurance; relating to prohibited practices in the advertisement of insurance; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

President Stevens stated SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 302(TRA) will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 262**

HOUSE BILL NO. 262 "An Act increasing the number of superior court judges in the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE BILL NO. 262 will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 14**

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 "An Act repealing programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated HOUSE BILL NO. 14 will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**HB 39**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(EDC) "An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing" was read the second time.

President Stevens stated CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(EDC) will advance to third reading on the May 20 calendar.

**Reconsideration of Senate Bills****HB 239**

Senator Claman gave notice of reconsideration on SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) and moved and asked unanimous consent it be taken up. Without objection, the bill was before the Senate on reconsideration.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to civil claims by victims of sexual abuse of a minor; relating to homicide; relating to assault; relating to sexual assault; relating to stalking; relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to enticement and unlawful exploitation of a minor; relating to cruelty to animals; relating to endangering the welfare of a child; relating to indecent exposure; relating to theft; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to solicitation or production of an indecent picture of a minor; relating to distribution of indecent material to minors; relating to prostitution; relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee; relating to the testimony of children in criminal proceedings; relating to sentencing; relating to sexual assault examination kits; restricting the release of certain records of convictions; relating to teaching certificates; relating to the definition of 'victim counseling center' for disclosure of certain communications concerning sexual assault or domestic violence; relating to motor vehicle offenses; relating to the board of parole; relating to parole; relating to medical release for service of sentence by electronic monitoring; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 239(FIN)

Third Reading - On Reconsideration

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. 239(FIN) passed the Senate on reconsideration.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the vote on reconsideration 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.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **HJR 46**

Senator Hoffman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Finance Committee referral be waived on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46(CRA) 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. Without objection, the resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Senator Gray-Jackson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on the following dates:

June 1

June 10 through June 16

July 7 through July 11

Without objection, Senator Gray-Jackson was excused.

**HB 246**

Senators Kawasaki, Cronk, Tobin, Yundt, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 246 "An Act relating to allocations for the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**SB 21**

Senators Kawasaki, Yundt moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 21(L&C) "An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program in the Department of Revenue; relating to depositing permanent fund dividends into investment accounts; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kawasaki moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on May 27 and May 28. Without objection, Senator Kawasaki was excused.

**HB 96**

Senators Yundt, Cronk, Kawasaki, Dunbar, Olson, Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96(L&C) am "An Act establishing the Home Care Employment Standards Advisory Board; relating to payment for personal care services; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**HB 244**

Senators Yundt, Cronk, Claman, moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 244 "An Act relating to certified nurse aide training; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**HB 246**

Senator Dunbar moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on HOUSE BILL NO. 246 "An Act relating to allocations for the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**HB 249**

Senators Cronk, Tilton, Kaufman, Yundt moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C) "An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from August 7 through August 31. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

**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 16**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(STA) am S "An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign contribution limits for state and local office; directing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to adjust campaign contribution limits for state and local office once each decade beginning in 2031; relating to campaign contribution reporting requirements; relating to administrative complaints filed with the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to state election expenditures and contributions made by a foreign-influenced corporation or foreign national; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 28**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) am S "An Act relating to education; relating to reimbursement of school district energy costs; relating to correspondence study program materials; relating to substitute teaching; relating to the qualifications of school board members; relating to school consolidation; relating to the required local contribution made by a city or borough school district

for public school funding; relating to reemploying retired members of the teachers' retirement system at regional resource centers; establishing a teachers' student loan repayment pilot program; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 126**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 126(L&C) "An Act relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations; relating to proxy solicitations to shareholders of corporations organized under state law under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 239**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 239(FIN) "An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to civil claims by victims of sexual abuse of a minor; relating to homicide; relating to assault; relating to sexual assault; relating to stalking; relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to enticement and unlawful exploitation of a minor; relating to cruelty to animals; relating to endangering the welfare of a child; relating to indecent exposure; relating to theft; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to sending an explicit image of a minor; relating to solicitation or production of an indecent picture of a minor; relating to distribution of indecent material to minors; relating to prostitution; relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee; relating to the testimony of children in criminal proceedings; relating to sentencing; relating to sexual assault examination kits; restricting the release of certain records of convictions; relating to teaching certificates; relating to the definition of 'victim counseling center' for disclosure of certain communications concerning sexual assault or domestic violence; relating to motor vehicle offenses; relating to the board of parole; relating to parole; relating to medical release for service of sentence by electronic monitoring; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**HB 278**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 278(STA) "An Act establishing the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House for consideration.

**SCR 13**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 126, relating to the reinstatement of Native village corporations and relating to the reinstatement of nonprofit corporations organized for a religious purpose and religious corporations, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SCR 21**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 28, establishing a student loan repayment pilot program, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SCR 22**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 239, relating to criminally negligent homicide; and relating to the duty of an operator immediately after an accident, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., May 20, 2026. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

- + indicates teleconference
- = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**EDUCATION**

**May 20      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      3:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

**May 19      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +    HB 246    SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY FUNDING  
 +    HB 195    PHARMACISTS; PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES  
 +    HB 193    UNEMPLOYMENT BEN; PAID LEAVE: PARENT/SICK  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 +=    HB 239    CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE; FAILURE TO ASSIST  
 +=    HB 110    SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT  
                     <Above Item Removed from Agenda>  
                     \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**May 19      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532                      1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 280    OIL & GAS PROPERTY TAX; MUNI TAX  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 +=    HB 110    SOCIAL WORK LICENSURE COMPACT  
 +=    HB 195    PHARMACISTS; PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES  
                     \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*  
 +=    HB 193    UNEMPLOYMENT BEN; PAID LEAVE: PARENT/SICK

**May 20      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532                      9:00 AM**  
 +    HJR 46    TYPHOON HALONG; SUPPORT COMM. RELOCATION  
                     <Pending Referral>  
 +                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**May 20**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **1:30 PM**  
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

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**JUDICIARY**

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

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**May 19**      **Tuesday**                                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **3:30 PM**  
+              -- MEETING CANCELED --  
                 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
                 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**May 19**      **Tuesday**                                      **Butrovich 205**                      **1:30 PM**  
+              -- MEETING CANCELED --  
                 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**May 19**      **Tuesday**                                      **House Chamber**                      **1:00 PM**  
+              Consideration of Governor's Veto on HB 78  
                 HB 78 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; DEFINED BENEFIT OPT.