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FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska Friday January 23, 2015

Fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:03 a.m.

Oath of Office

President Meyer requested the following Senators approach the rostrum to be administered the Oath of Office (Certificate of Election, page 3):

Senate District E	Michael J. "Mike" Dunleavy
Senate District P	Gary Lee Stevens

President Meyer administered the Oath of Office to Senator Dunleavy and Senator Stevens.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Huggins, Kelly, McGuire were absent.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that Senators Huggins, McGuire be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Huggins, McGuire were excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Jacob Pennell, Senate page. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

"Let my light be a beacon for you for it shines like a torch in the night. Let it be your strength and heal your heart and it shall never leave you."

With this in mind, friends, I pray you take the light and strength into your own hearts so that you may make this a successful day.

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the second and third legislative days, Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 2 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Kelly was noted.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated January 20 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following appointees for confirmation by a majority of the members of the Legislature in joint session as set out below:

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Verne Rupright – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

Board of Fisheries

Dr. Roland Maw – Kasilof

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 6/30/2018

The appointments were referred to the State Affairs and Resources Committees.

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Carlton Smith – Juneau

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Michael Gallagher – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The appointment was referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Lake Williams – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/24/2014
Reappointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2017**Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers**

Renee Piszczek – Fairbanks

Appointed: 9/2/2014
Reappointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Board of Massage Therapists

David Edwards-Smith – Soldotna

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Amanda Unser – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

Traci Gilmour – Juneau

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2016

Ron Gibbs – Kodiak

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

Shirley Nelson – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

State Medical Board

Dr. Steven (Craig) Humphreys – Soldotna

Appointed: 11/25/2014
Reappointed: 1/19/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2016

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dr. Stephen Stralka – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/25/2014

Reappointed: 1/19/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2017

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce and Health and Social Services Committees.

State Assessment Review Board

William Roberts – Kodiak

Appointed: 11/24/2014

Reappointed: 1/19/2015

No defined term

Steve Van Sant – Palmer

Appointed: 1/19/2015

No defined term

The appointments were referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Dr. George Brown – Douglas

Appointed: 6/24/2014

Reappointed: 1/19/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2018

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

Communications

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

2014 Annual Report

from Sheryl Weinberg, Executive Director

Southeast Regional Resource Center (SERRC)

Annual Review of Assets

from Ted Leonard, Executive Director

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

in accordance with AS 44.88.205

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Unabridged Annual Report 2014

Condensed Annual Report 2014

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 8

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI,

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation that requires that a decision to take a charge of sexual assault arising in the military to court martial be made by high ranking and experienced military prosecutors outside of the chain of command, and takes the process of investigating and prosecuting sexual assault in the military outside of the complainant's chain of command.

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

SCR 2

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY SENATOR MEYER,

Recognizing Miss Alaska as the official hostess of the State of Alaska.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 29

SENATE BILL NO. 29 BY SENATOR MEYER, entitled:

"An Act relating to the membership of the State Medical Board."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 30

SENATE BILL NO. 30 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to controlled substances; relating to marijuana; relating to driving motor vehicles when there is an open marijuana container; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar

Citations

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

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Father Fernando "Fred" Bugarin Jr.

Representative(s) Tarr

Senator(s) Ellis, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

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

Unfinished Business**SB 6**

Senators Giessel, Dunleavy, Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 2

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 2 "An Act relating to a voluntary preference for veterans and for spouses and domestic partners of veterans by private employers." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 12

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 12 "An Act relating to the payment of sick leave by employers; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 20

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 20 "An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 25

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 25 "An Act relating to victims of criminal offenses." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 6

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to work to amend the Constitution of the United States to prohibit corporations, unions, and individuals from making unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing candidates for public office. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 7

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 Supporting the construction by American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., of an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in the nation's capital. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 4 through evening plane time, February 8. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, January 28 through plane time, January 29. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 24 through morning plane time, January 26. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 26, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 27	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Jan 29	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Jan 27	Tuesday No Meeting	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Jan 29 +	Thursday Presentation: Role of the State Board of Education; Presentation: Federal Grant Programs and Corresponding Mandates Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development Susan McCauley, Director, Teaching and Learning Support, DEED	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

FINANCE

- Jan 23 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 -- Recessed to 01/26/15 9:00 am --
 + Presentation: Overview FY16 Operating and Capital
 Budgets; Pat Pitney, Director, Office of
 Management and Budget
 -- Postponed to 01/26/15 9:00 am --
 + Presentation: Fall 2014 Forecast
 Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner-Designee
 Department of Revenue

- Jan 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 -- Continued from 01/23/15 --
 + Presentation: Overview FY16 Operating and Capital
 Budgets Pat Pitney, Director, Office of
 Management and Budget
 Presentation: Fall 2014 Forecast
 Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner-Designee
 Department of Revenue

- Jan 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Oil and Gas Tax Credits
 Janak Mayer and Nikos Tsafos, Legislative Budget
 & Audit Consultants, analytica

- Jan 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Alaska Energy Authority
 Sara Fisher-Goad, Executive Director, AEA

- Jan 29 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Mental Health Trust FY16 Budget
 Jeff Jesse, CEO, Alaska Mental Health Trust
 Mike Barton, Board President

- Jan 30 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: AGDC Projects Update
 Joe Dubler, Vice President, Commercial Operations
 Frank Richards, Vice President of Engineering and
 Program Management
 Miles Baker, Vice President of External Affairs
 & Government Affairs, Alaska Gasline Development
 Corporation

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meetings Scheduled

Jan 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meetings Scheduled

Jan 30 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meetings Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 26 Monday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 Joint with House Judiciary
 + SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES

Jan 28 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES

Jan 30 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 -- Public Testimony --
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES

LABOR & COMMERCE

Jan 27 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 +
 Overview: Department of Administration
 Commissioner Sheldon Fischer
 Overview: Department of Commerce, Community &
 Economic Development
 Commissioner Fred Parady

Jan 29 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
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 Overview: Department of Labor & Workforce
 Development
 Commissioner Heidi Drygas

RESOURCES

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| Jan 23 | Friday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| | Update from the Office of the Federal Pipeline Coordinator | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
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| Jan 26 | Monday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| + | Overview on Confidentiality Procedures in State Agencies | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
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| Jan 28 | Wednesday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| + | Overview on Status of Alaska LNG Project by enalytica | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |
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| Jan 30 | Friday | Butrovich 205 | 3:30 PM |
| + | Alaska LNG Project Update | | |
| | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | | |

STATE AFFAIRS

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| Jan 27 | Tuesday | Butrovich 205 | 9:00 AM |
| + | Presentation by Executive Branch Representatives | | |
| | Marijuana Ballot Measure - Discussion of Implementation / Administration Perspective | | |
| | - Department of Revenue | | |
| | - Department of Public Safety | | |
| | - Department of Law | | |
| | - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board | | |
| | - Department of Environmental Conservation | | |
| | Marijuana Ballot Measure: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Perspective | | |
| | - Jeff Jessee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority | | |

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Jan 29	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
+	"Marijuana Ballot Measure - Discussion of Implementation / Administration Perspective"		
	-- Continued from: 1/27/15 --		
	<May Change, Subject to Presenter Availability>		
	<Topics Previously Heard / Scheduled>		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 27	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 29	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

Jan 27	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
+	Committee Organization		
	Committee Policies		
	Approval of Minutes		
	Other Committee Business		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 11	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Dana Fabe, Chief Justice		
Feb 18	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		