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FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska Wednesday February 4, 2015
Sixteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:01 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Doug Mertz of the Juneau Friends Meeting. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, we ask you to look down on this body and help us to make the right decisions this day;

Help us to do all that we can for the betterment of our great land and its people, this day;

Help us to seek justice for all, this day;

Help us to lift our voices for those who cannot speak for themselves, this day;

Help us to see the light of God in every person we encounter, this day and all days. Amen.

Senator Gardner led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the fourteenth and fifteenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated and received February 3 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Section 13 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 44.19.040, I submit the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted:

Lieutenant Governor Successor

Craig Fleener

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

Letter dated and received February 3 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Section 25 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following department heads for legislative confirmation:

Attorney General – Department of Law

Craig Richards

Appointed: 12/1/2014

The appointment was referred to the Resources and Judiciary Committees.

Commissioner – Department of Health and Social Services

Valerie Davidson

Appointed: 12/1/2014

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

Commissioner – Department of Natural Resources

Mark Myers

Appointed: 12/1/2014

Commissioner – Department of Fish and Game

Sam Cotten

Appointed: 1/20/2015

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

Commissioner – Department of Revenue

Randall Hoffbeck

Appointed: 12/16/2014

The appointment was referred to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner – Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Heidi Drygas

Appointed: 12/19/2014

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Commissioner – Department of Administration

Sheldon Fisher

Appointed: 12/29/2014

Commissioner – Department of Corrections

Ronald Taylor

Appointed: 1/20/2015

Commissioner - Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs/Adjutant General of the Alaska National Guard

Laurel Hummel

Appointed: 1/30/2015

The appointments were referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Commissioner – Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Chris Hladick

Appointed: 1/20/2015

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce and Community and Regional Affairs Committees.

Commissioner – Department of Transportation

Marc Luiken

Appointed: 1/23/2015

The appointment was referred to the Transportation and State Affairs Committees.

Letter dated and received February 3 was read stating in accordance with Article III, Section 26 of the Alaska Constitution [and AS 39.05.080], 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

Benjamin Brown – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Board of Game

Kip Fanning – Yakutat

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 6/30/2018

Teresa Sager Albaugh – Tok

Appointed: 7/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 6/30/2018

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

Alaska Judicial Council

Allen Joseph – Bethel

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Jeffrey Landfield – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

William Gordon – Fairbanks

Appointed: 8/15/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

State Board of Parole

Richard Larson – Palmer

Appointed: 3/10/2010

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

State Commission for Human Rights

Kathryn Dodge – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Lester Lunceford – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/10/2010

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

The appointments were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Tyler Andrews – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/9/2008

Reappointed: 3/10/2009 Reappointed: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Lon Needles – Valdez

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

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Andre Horton – Anchorage

Appointed 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Jeffrey Johnson – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Ellen Ganley – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Tom Manning – Juneau

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

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Leon T. Webber – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/10/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Jon DeRuyter – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Tamara Rose – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

Shawn Michael Waldron – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Real Estate Commission

Traci Barickman – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Marianne Burke – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Cynthia Cartledge – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/20/2013

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

PeggyAnn McConnochie – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Stephen McAlpine – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission

Andrew Hemenway – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2010

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Christopher Cooke – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Shirley Holloway – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

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

Alaska Police Standards Council

Rebecca Hamon – King Salmon

Appointed: 3/10/2011
 Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Gustaf Sandahl – Kenai

Appointed: 6/20/2011
 Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Mark Fish – Big Lake

Appointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

William McCord – Haines

Appointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

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

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Stacy A. Allen – Palmer

Appointed: 6/30/2012
 Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Pamela J. Cline – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/1/2012
 Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Chuck Collins, Jr. – Juneau

Appointed: 6/1/2012
 Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Jacob Howdeshell – North Pole

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

Linda F. Hutchings – Soldotna

Appointed: 9/27/2005 Reappointed: 3/1/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Reappointed: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Rick Traini – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/15/2011 Reappointed: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Patricia A. Vollendorf – Anchorage

Appointed: 4/12/2004 Reappointed: 3/10/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Reappointed: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Robert C. Weel – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/23/2006

Reappointed: 3/1/2009 Reappointed: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Fishermen’s Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Donald L. Stiles – Nome

Appointed: 8/12/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2020

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

Big Game Commercial Services Board

James (David) Jones – Kodiak

Appointed: 3/1/2013

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Kelly Vrem – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

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

Board of Dental Examiners

Dr. Thomas Kovaleski – Chugiak

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Dr. David Nielson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Paula Emswiler Ross – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Dr. Paul Silveira – Valdez

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Board of Nursing

Julie Gillette – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/10/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Sharyl Toscano – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Board of Pharmacy

Leif Holm – North Pole

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

The appointments were referred to the Health and Social Services Committee.

Board of Education and Early Development

Esther Cox – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2010

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Dr. Keith Hamilton – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Rebecca Himschoot – Sitka

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Martin Laster – Juneau

Appointed: 8/15/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2018

David Legg – Chugiak

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2018

The appointments were referred to the Education Committee.

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Michael Connors – Homer

Appointed: 3/10/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

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

Board of Marine Pilots

David Arzt – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/10/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Shirley Marquardt – Unalaska

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2018

The appointments were referred to the Transportation Committee.

Communications

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

Schedule of Compensation and Schedule of Travel
Alaska Court System Supreme Court Justices, Appellate Court Judges
and Administrative Director, Calendar Year 2014
from Christine E. Johnson, Administrative Director
Alaska Court System
in accordance with AS 22.20.037(d)

Eleventh Annual Report to the Governor of Alaska
and the Alaska Legislature
from Kathleen A. Frederick, Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Administration
in accordance with AS 44.64.020(a)(7)

Annual Report FY 2014
from Lauree Morton, Executive Director
Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Department of Public Safety
in accordance with AS 18.66.050

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 15

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 15 BY
SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the tax on policy year premiums for life
insurance policies."

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

SB 37

SENATE BILL NO. 37 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault
awareness and prevention efforts in public schools."

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

SB 38

SENATE BILL NO. 38 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act relating to a warrant requirement for searches of
electronic devices."

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

SB 39

SENATE BILL NO. 39 BY SENATOR STOLTZE, entitled:

"An Act repealing the film production tax credit; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective dates of secs. 31 - 33, ch. 51, SLA 2012; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 40

SENATE BILL NO. 40 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; making reappropriations; amending appropriations; repealing appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 2:

Dear President Meyer:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year 2015 (FY2015).

A limited number of requests that were not anticipated when the FY2015 budget was considered during the 2014 legislative session are being submitted for your consideration.

The largest supplemental request is due to the new Medicaid Enterprise System defects that resulted in FY2014 expenditures being recorded in FY2015, as directed by Legislative Audit's review. This resulted in a large general fund lapse in FY2014 and shortfall in

FY2015. The second significant supplemental request is the repeal of one-time education funding for FY2016 and FY2017. Although education is among my highest priorities, all areas of the budget, including priority areas, must be reduced.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 41

SENATE BILL NO. 41 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal history record checks for psychologists and psychological associates; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 42

SENATE BILL NO. 42 BY SENATOR STOLTZE, entitled:

"An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from February 6 through February 8, February 12 through February 15, and February 27 through March 9. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 21 through morning plane time, February 22. Without objection, Senator Kelly was excused.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, February 27 through evening plane time, March 1. Without objection, Senator Gardner was excused.

Senator Stoltze moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, February 6 through evening plane time, February 8. Without objection, Senator Stoltze was excused.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 13 through evening plane time, February 18. Without objection, Senator Huggins 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 10:00 a.m., February 6, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 05 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SCR 3 AK SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK
 Presentation: ANSWERS (Alaska Navigator:
 Statewide Workforce and Education-Related Statistics)
 Stephanie Butler, Director of Operations
 Alaska Postsecondary Education Commission

FINANCE

Feb 04 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 + SB 28 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

Feb 05 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Overview Governor's FY15 Supplemental Request
 Pat Pitney, Director, OMB
 + SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES
 <Pending Referral>
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 06 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
 Michael Burns, Executive Director
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 04 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 06 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 04 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + -- Location Change --
 Presentation: Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 06 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 ++ SB 30 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 -- Location Change --
 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 05 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 04 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + Overview of ANILCA and Statehood Compact
 Citizens Advisory Commission on Federal Areas
 Topics/Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 06 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 + Overview: Department of Natural Resources
 Commissioner Mark Myers
 Topics/Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 05 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
 + Alaska Department of Military and Veterans
 Affairs - Discussion of National Guard Issues
 BG Leon M. "Mike" Bridges, Commissioner (DMVA) &
 Adjutant General (AKNG)
 Craig Richards, Attorney General (Department of Law)
 "Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of
 Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act to Tax and
 Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of
 Marijuana" - Ballot Measure Sponsors
 Dr. Tim Hinterberger, Primary Sponsor, Petition
 13PSUM / Ballot Measure No. 2
 Mr. Bruce Schulte, Coalition for Responsible
 Cannabis Legislation
 Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 05 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:00 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY

Feb 05 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:00 PM**
 + Alaska Industrial Development and Export
 Authority (AIDEA): Overview of Their Gas Utility
 Purchase

SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC

Feb 05	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:15 AM
+	Overview of the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission's Final Report and Implementation Plan -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:15 AM
+ SB 16	STATE ARCTIC POLICY AND REPORTS -----		

JOINT COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
+	-- Agenda to be Announced -- -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----		

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 -----		

MISCELLANEOUS MEETING

Feb 09	Monday	Capitol 106	1:00 PM
	School District Legislative Fly-In Informal Q & A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System All Legislators are Invited to Participate		