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Eighteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:02 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Ellis, Stedman, Stevens were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Kirk Elmore, Landmark Apostolic Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, I stand here today in your presence as you are my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I ask today that you bless this assembly of men and women as they endeavor to conduct the valuable and important business of the state of Alaska; despite a difference of opinions, backgrounds or affiliations, they will do so in such a manner that is pleasing to you and your Holy Word.

The thoughts and direction of this distinguished body will no doubt be an influential contributor to the direction of this great state that we call home. I pray that you will guide their hearts to be mindful of your desire and the desires of the people, and that be a constant reminder of their obligations that they have been elected to consider. I understand the challenges of such a responsibility and so I humbly ask for you to impart wisdom and guidance as they conduct the business of the state of Alaska.

Lord, I have been privileged to call this my home with my wife and three boys; I ask that you continue to bless this state and its elected officials as they accept the task of making it a place that is financially responsible, prosperous, and mindful of its constituents. I want to say that I personally thank you Lord for this opportunity to be with these officials to pray for the work that is set before them. I humbly do so in Jesus' name.

Amen and God bless you all.

Senator Giessel led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 4 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HJR 10

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10(RES) BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE,

Opposing the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing attempts by President Obama to alter management of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal based on the revised Comprehensive

Conservation Plan or accompanying Environmental Impact Statement; and encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal that does not open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development.

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

Standing Committee Reports

SCR 3

The Education Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 Designating January 25 - 31, 2015, as Alaska School Choice Week, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3(EDC) Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week.

Signing do pass: Senator Dunleavy, Chair; Senators Giessel, Huggins, Gardner.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 12

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 BY SENATOR STOLTZE,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the office of attorney general.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 43**

SENATE BILL NO. 43 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to immunity for a fire department and employees or members of a fire department."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Allie Ostrander

Representative(s) Olson

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

In Memoriam - Violet Willson

Representative(s) Edgmon

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

In Memoriam - Donald Rose Wright

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

In Memoriam - Percy Duyck

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

In Memoriam - Vera Rawlin

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

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

Unfinished Business

President Meyer made the following appointment:

Task Force on Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Senator Micciche, Cochair

SB 1

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 10

Senators Stoltze, Dunleavy, Kelly, McGuire, Costello, Coghill, Micciche, Bishop, Egan, Giessel, MacKinnon, Huggins, Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10(RES) Opposing the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing attempts by President Obama to alter management of the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal based on the revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan or accompanying Environmental Impact Statement; and encouraging the United States Congress to reject a proposal that does not open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 13, and from February 16 to plane time, February 18. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, February 13 through morning plane time, February 16. Without objection, Senator Costello was excused.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 5 through evening plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senator Gardner 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., February 9, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:19 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 10	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	State Assessment Review Board Confirmation Hearings		
	William Roberts - Kodiak		
	Steve Van Sant - Palmer		
+	SB 22	MOTOR VEHICLE REG. TAX: COLLECTION COSTS	
Feb 12	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

EDUCATION

Feb 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Presentation: School Rating System - Alaska		
	School Performance Index (ASPI)		
+	Presentation: Elementary and Secondary Education Act		
	Department of Education and Early Development		
Feb 12	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	SB 31	SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT PREVENTION PROGRAMS	

FINANCE

- Feb 06 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
 Michael Burns, Executive Director
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 26 BUDGET: CAPITAL
 + SB 40 SUPPLEMENTAL/CAPITAL/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 28 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Jeff Jessee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Corporation Overview
 Administrative Order 271
 Alaska Aerospace Corporation
 Presentation: FY16 Budget Overview
 University of Alaska
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 += SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Presentation: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
 FY16 Budget Overview
 Bryan Butcher, CEO / Executive Director, Alaska
 Housing Finance Corporation
 Les Campbell, Budget Director, Alaska Housing
 Finance Corporation
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 09	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 11	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 1	REGULATION OF SMOKING		
	-- Public Testimony --		
Feb 13	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Location Change --		
+ SB 30	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 09	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 35	2015 REVISOR'S BILL		
	Confirmation of Public Members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics: Dennis "Skip" Cook and Herman G. Walker		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 11	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+ SB 30	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 13	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 30	MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 10	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Feb 12	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM

RESOURCES

Feb 06 +	Friday Overview: Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Mark Myers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Topics/Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Feb 09 +	Monday Confirmation on Governor's Appointments Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Benjamin Brown, Verne Rupright Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Michael Gallagher -- Public Testimony on Appointments -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Feb 11 +	Wednesday Overview: Department of Fish and Game -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
Feb 13 +	Friday Confirmation on Governor's Appointments Big Game Commercial Services Board - James (David) Jones, Kelly Vrem -- Public Testimony on Appointments -- + SB 32 TIMBER SALES -- Public Testimony -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + SB 6 ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
 -- Public Testimony --
 + SJR 2 CONST. AM: G.O. BONDS FOR STUDENT LOANS
 -- Public Testimony --
 + "Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of
 Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act to Tax
 and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of
 Marijuana"
 Bills or Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

Feb 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM
 + Department of Administration - Overview
 + SB 36 ELECTRONIC DISTRIB. OF REPORTS/NOTICES
 -- Public Testimony --
 + "Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of
 Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act to Tax
 and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use of
 Marijuana"
 Bills or Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled
 Streamed live on AKL.tv

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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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> --

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 12 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 AIDEA Overview of the Interior Energy Projects
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 26 **Thursday** **Barnes 124** **3:30 PM**
 Audits
 Alaska State Legislature Financial Statements
 and Audit Report
 Executive Session
 Statewide Single Audit FY14 Preliminary
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 10 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **5:00 PM**
 + Ratification of Charity Events
 Other Committee Business
 -- Teleconference <Listen 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