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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**February 25, 2015**

**Thirty-seventh Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

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

Spirit of Life, known by many names yet by no name fully known, help us to find the patience to accept our fears and wounds, and the persistence to pursue our hopes and dreams. Our hopes and dreams seem all too often shattered. On a worldly scale, our dreams of a peaceful world are rudely broken by the daily news of yet another country torn by violence or famine; in our communities, we see homelessness, domestic violence, substance abuse and all the ills of modern life.

But from this brokenness can come brilliance as we strive to make things better. The artist who creates a beautiful mosaic, creates it using broken shards of glass; the artist does not see the broken dish, he, or she, sees what can be done with that brokenness.

Spirit of Life, help us to always be open to growth and change, to movement, to grace, and to seeing the brilliance in all the brokenness. As Leonard Cohen so aptly said, "there are cracks, cracks, in everything – that's how the light gets in."

In the name of all that is holy, and in all holy names that have ever been uttered, let us say Blessed be, Shalom, and Amen.  
(David Dierdorff, Unitarian Universalist Regional Lay Leader)

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated February 23 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

#### **First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions**

##### **HCR 2**

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(EDC) BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE,

Designating January 24 - 30, 2016, as Alaska School Choice Week.

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

#### **First Reading and Reference of House Bills**

##### **HB 70**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 70(RES) BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act adding land and water to the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."

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

**Communications**

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

Alaska State Fair 2014 Annual Report and  
The Socioeconomic Impacts of the Alaska State Fair, 2014  
from Jerome Hertel, General Manager  
in accordance with AS 03.20.030

2014 Annual Report  
from Craig W. Richards, Attorney General  
Department of Law  
in accordance with AS 44.23.020(b)(7)

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated February 19 was received stating the monetary terms of the July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017 collective bargaining agreement reached with the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

President Meyer referred the report to the Finance Committee.

**Standing Committee Reports**

Reports dated February 23 were read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Judiciary Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Kathryn Dodge – Fairbanks  
Lester Lunceford – Anchorage

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Dr. George Brown – Douglas

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the reports: Senator Coghill, Vice Chair; Senators Costello, Micciche.

Report dated February 23 was read stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Resources Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Board of Game**

Kip Fanning – Yakutat

Teresa Sager Albaugh – Tok

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Coghill, Stedman, Stoltze.

**SB 33**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act relating to remittance of tire fees; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Ellis, Meyer, Giessel, Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 34**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 34 "An Act relating to investment of the power cost equalization endowment fund; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Costello, Chair; Senators Stevens, Giessel, Meyer, Ellis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SJR 13**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Supporting oil and gas exploration and development on the outer continental shelf offshore of the state; opposing attempts to prohibit oil and gas development in the Chukchi Sea Planning Area and the Beaufort Sea Planning Area; and requesting that the federal Administration cease and desist from all future restrictions in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(RES) Supporting oil and gas exploration and development on the outer continental shelf offshore of the state; opposing attempts to prohibit future oil and gas development in the Beaufort and the Chukchi Seas, including the Hanna Shoal area; and requesting that the federal Administration cease and desist from restrictions that adversely affect active or future leases in high petroleum potential areas in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas, including the Hanna Shoal area.

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Coghill, Micciche, Stedman, Stoltze.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SJR 16**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE,

Expressing support for the Arctic Economic Council; and requesting that the United States Congress express support for the Arctic Economic Council, for

the chair of the Arctic Economic Council to be a resident of this state, and for the structure of the Arctic Economic Council leadership to mirror the rotation of the chair of the Arctic Council.

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on the Arctic.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 12**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12 BY SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to the payment of sick leave by employers; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **SB 61**

SENATE BILL NO. 61 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act establishing a museum construction grant program in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

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

#### **SB 62**

SENATE BILL NO. 62 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regulation of marijuana, marijuana testing, marijuana products, and marijuana accessories; relating to the licensing of marijuana retailers, producers, processors, boutique producers, brokers, and home growers; relating to taxation of marijuana; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Third Reading of Senate Bills**

##### **SB 35**

SENATE BILL NO. 35 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 35 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

##### SB 35

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

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

Yeas: Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, MacKinnon, McGuire, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Nays: Kelly

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 35 passed the Senate.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that 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.

### **Citations**

In Memoriam - Judith Florence Woods

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

In Memoriam - Patsy Miller

Representative(s) Reinbold

Senator(s) MacKinnon, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, 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**

#### **SB 1**

Senators Olson, Ellis, Gardner, Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors 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.

#### **HB 35**

Senators Ellis, McGuire, Costello, Olson, Coghill, Stevens, Micciche, Bishop, Egan, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(STA) "An Act establishing March 27 as Great Alaska Good Friday Earthquake Remembrance Day." Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **SB 39**

Senators Huggins, MacKinnon, Giessel, Bishop, Micciche, Coghill, Dunleavy, Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 39 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 27 and March 6. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.



Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that President Meyer be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 27 through evening plane time, March 1. Without objection, Senator Meyer was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Engrossment**

#### **SB 35**

SENATE BILL NO. 35 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 27, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:47 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 26**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Feb 26**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**                      **3:30 PM**  
 + SCR 1 CIVICS EDUCATION TASK FORCE  
 + Presentation: Secondary School Boarding Stipend Program  
 Elizabeth Nudelman, Director, School Finance DEED  
 District Operated Residential Schools  
 (Variable Length and 180-day Term Programs)  
 Various School Districts  
 Mt. Edgecumbe High School  
 Bill Hutton, Superintendent

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**FINANCE**

**Feb 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **9:00 AM**  
 += SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 Departments: Corrections, Public Safety, and Law  
 Department of Fish and Game  
 <Above Agenda Item Rescheduled from 02/23/14>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Feb 26      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
+                      Presentation: Juneau Access and KABATA  
                         Administrative Order 271  
                         Commissioner-Designee Marc Luiken, Department of  
                         Transportation and Public Facilities  
+                      Presentation: Ambler Road  
                         Mark Davis, Alaska Industrial Development and  
                         Export Authority - via teleconference  
                         Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 27      Friday                                  Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
                         No Meeting Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 25      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
-- Rescheduled from 02/23/15 --  
-- Uniform Rule 23 Waived --  
                         Medicaid Expansion Presentation given by DHSS  
                         Commissioner Valerie Davidson  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 27      Friday                                  Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
                         No Meeting Scheduled

**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 25      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              12:00 PM**  
+                      CRIME SUMMIT  
-- Invited and Public Testimony --

**Feb 27      Friday                                  Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
+= SB 51 UNIFORM INTER.CHILD SUPPORT;PARENTAGE  
+ SB 49 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND  
-- Invited and Public Testimony --  
+                      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 15 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUM TAX  
 + SB 47 LIFE INSURANCE/ANNUITY EXEMPTIONS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

**Feb 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM**  
 + Joint Hearing with House Resources Committee  
 Overview on the Mining Industry in Alaska  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Overview of Extraction Industry in Alaska:  
 Anchorage Economic Development Corporation  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>  
 += SB 32 TIMBER SALES  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearing:  
 Sheldon Fisher, Department of Administration Commissioner  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 "Continuing Discussion of the Implementation of  
 Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM)"  
 Kevin Anselm, Director, Division of Banking & Securities,  
 DCCED  
 Lori Wing-Heier, Director, Division of Insurance DCCED  
 += HJR 13 RETAIN ARMY FORCES IN ALASKA  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 02/24/15>  
 + SB 9 ELECTION PAMPHLETS  
 + Bills/Topics Previously Heard/Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Mar 05**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **9:00 AM**  
 + Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearings:  
 Rebecca Hamon, Alaska Police Standards Council  
 Gustaf Sandahl, Alaska Police Standards Council  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 <Hearing Rescheduled from 02/24/15>

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 26**      **Thursday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **1:00 PM**  
 + Dalton Highway - Informational Hearing with the  
 Department of Transportation and Industry  
 Representatives Discussing the Conditions and  
 Needs on the Dalton Highway  
 Additional Departments May be Added to the Agenda

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Mar 11**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development

**Mar 17**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development

**Mar 24**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 12**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Military & Veterans Affairs

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Department of Public Safety		
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Department of Public Safety		
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Closeout		

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC**

<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:15 AM</b>
+	Presentation: "Managing the Arctic Maritime Domain through Available Technology"		
	Ed Page, Executive Director of the Marine Exchange of Alaska		
	-- Invited and Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Audits		
	Alaska State Legislature Financial Statements and Audit Report		
	Executive Session		
	Statewide Single Audit FY14 Preliminary		
	Other Committee Business		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	Audits - Executive Session: Statewide Single Audit FY14 Final		
	Other Committee Business		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch and Learn Presentation: "The Smartest Kids in the World" and Quality Teaching in Alaska Given by Alaskan Teachers: Jacob Bera, Mary Janis, Jennifer Waisanen, and Bob Williams Sponsored by Senator Bishop		