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Juneau, Alaska **Monday** **January 23, 2017**
Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Coghill was excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Stevens was absent.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Stevens be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Stevens was 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.

Dear Lord,

Please grant us gratitude - to appreciate all that we have; humility - to understand the things we lack; and hope - to continue to strive for a better future. Amen.

Senator Costello led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 32**

SENATE BILL NO. 32 BY SENATOR HUGHES, entitled:

"An Act relating to biological products; relating to the practice of pharmacy; relating to the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Labor and Commerce Committees.

SB 33

SENATE BILL NO. 33 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act naming the state ferries built in Ketchikan and entering Alaska marine highway system service on or after 2017; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public
Facilities

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 20:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to establish the authorized names for the State ferries built in Ketchikan and entering the Alaska Marine Highway System service on or after 2017.

Currently, two Day Boat Alaska Class Ferries are under construction at Vigor Alaska in Ketchikan. As required by Alaska law, each vessel bears the name of an Alaska glacier. One ferry will be named the *Motor Vessel Tazlina* and the other the *Motor Vessel Hubbard*.

Last year, I called on Alaska students to submit essays on potential names for the vessels. The Lieutenant Governor and I reviewed and selected two names from those suggested in the hundreds of essays submitted. One of the winning essays was by Tanalian School 7th grader, Malea Voran, who proposed the name “Tazlina.” In her essay she explained that “Tazlina,” an Ahtna Athabascan name meaning “swift river,” is an appropriate name for a ferry, which should be named after something swift and agile. “This name would remind us that even small things are capable of doing big things. This small boat could be named after something big and inspiring,” Malea wrote.

The Tazlina Glacier begins 1.6 miles north of Mt. Cushman, flows north 25 miles to its terminus one mile south of Tazlina Lake and 43 miles north of Valdez. Tazlina Glacier was named in 1898 by W. C. Mendenhall of the U.S. Geological Survey for the Tazlina River.

The other winning essay was by Eagle River High School 10th grader, Taylor Thompson, who suggested the name “Hubbard,” which, unlike many glaciers, has been thickening and advancing into Disenchantment Bay for over a century. Taylor noted “this glorious slab of ice has defied its predisposition and proved to be a true wonder. An Alaskan ferry should be just as incredible,” Taylor wrote.

The Hubbard Glacier flows southeast and southwest 80 miles to its terminus at Disenchantment Bay, 34 miles north northeast of Yakutat in the St. Elias Mountains. Hubbard Glacier was named for Gardiner G. Hubbard, 1822-1897, a regent of the Smithsonian Institution and founder and president of the National Geographic Society. Hubbard was interested in the exploration of Alaska and helped instigate Israel Cook Russell’s 1890 and 1891 expeditions, which were sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Like you, I look forward to seeing these beautiful vessels sail in Alaska waters for years to come. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 34

SENATE BILL NO. 34 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; and relating to issuance of identification cards and driver's licenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Public Safety

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 20:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 for the issuance of identification cards and driver licenses. The bill intends to allow the Department of Administration (Department) to issue both REAL ID compliant and noncompliant identification cards and driver licenses. The bill will also remove the funding restriction that prevents the State from complying with the REAL ID Act.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 (Act) is comprised of several sections that strengthen federal laws to protect against terrorist entry into the United States, improve security for driver licenses and identification cards, improve border infrastructure, and changes other aspects of immigration law. In order to prevent terrorists from obtaining state driver licenses and identification cards, the Act creates national standards for their issuance and manufacture, and mandates what source documents states can use to verify a person's identity. The Act does not usurp State authority to issue licenses or identification cards, but rather provides stronger oversight to ensure that all licenses and identification cards are less subject to tampering and fraud.

Similar to our current driver license regime, the bill gives the Department the authority to adopt regulations to issue compliant licenses and identification cards. The regulations must conform to the Act and federal regulations to ensure that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security certifies the licenses and cards issued by the State. Once the regulations are adopted, the Department will begin to offer the compliant driver licenses and compliant identification cards to the public.

The benefits of the State issuing compliant licenses and identification cards include allowing our residents to access military facilities, federal facilities, and pass through Transportation Security Administration checkpoints at airports with their State identification documents. Currently, Alaska driver licenses and identification cards cannot be used to enter military bases. It is expected that Alaskans will soon be unable to fly domestically or access federal buildings because our documents do not conform to the Act's requirements. This will require Alaskans to use their passport or other federally issued identification documents to fly to the lower forty-eight or go to a federal building. For those who do not have a passport, they will be required to obtain one at an additional personal expense to themselves.

The bill also recognizes that some Alaskans may not want a REAL ID license or identification card. To accommodate those people, the State will continue to issue non-REAL ID compliant identification documents. If the Department is not sure which document a person wants, the default option will be a noncompliant one. Furthermore, a noncompliant document can never cost more than a compliant one, and the State must treat all driver licenses and identification cards the same. With these provisions in place, we strike the right balance between offering federally recognized and traditional identification documents.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Senator Micciche 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 - Gary Bader

Senator(s) Egan, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski
Representative(s) Kito, Parish

Senator Micciche 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

Senator Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 27 through evening plane time, January 29. Without objection, Senator Wilson was excused.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 26 through evening plane time, January 29. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 25, 2017. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:11 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 24 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Jan 23 Monday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
+ Overview of the K-12 Foundation Formula

Jan 27 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
+ -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
Increasing Broadband Access and Capacity for Rural Schools

FINANCE

Jan 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
+ Presentation: Intent Language Report
David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division
Megan Wallace, Attorney, Legislative Legal Division

FINANCE (continued)

Jan 24	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Intent Language Funding Plan Alaska Travel Industry Association		
Jan 25	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Intent Language Status Update Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute		
Jan 26	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	Presentation: Overview FY18 Budget Alaska Mental Health Trust		
Jan 27	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 25	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Department Overview Commissioner Valerie Davidson Acting Assistant Commissioner Shawnda O'Brien **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		
Jan 27	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Presentation: Update on Medicaid Reform Monique Martin, DHSS Health Care Policy Advisor **Streamed live on AKL.tv**		

JUDICIARY

Jan 23	Monday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 25	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
+	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Presentation by the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission		

RESOURCES (continued)

Jan 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Alaska Energy Authority: Presentation on Alaska
 Affordable Energy Strategy

Jan 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 24 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Dr. Ralph Townsend, Institute of Social and
 Economic Research (ISER)
 + Presentation on Alaska's Economy
 4:30 pm
 + SB 1 APPROP: 2016 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT
 -- No Public Testimony <Introduction Only> --
 + SB 2 2016 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT
 -- No Public Testimony <Introduction Only> --

Jan 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Jared Walczak, Tax Foundation
 + Presentation on the Effects of Various Taxes on
 Alaska's Economy
 Bob Bartholomew, City & Borough of Juneau
 Finance Director
 Clinton Singletary, City & Borough of Juneau
 Sales Tax Administrator
 + Discussion on the Mechanics of Collecting Sales Tax

Jan 28 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:00 AM
 += SB 1 APPROP: 2016 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit 3 Minutes> --
 += SB 2 2016 PFD SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit 3 Minutes> --
 Invited Testimony on SB 1 and SB 2 From:
 Former Alaska State Senator, Rick Halford
 Dr. Jack Hickel
 Former Alaska State Senator & Representative
 Clem Tillion

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 24 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 26 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + Aviation Improvement Program
 Deputy Commissioner John Binder

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Jan 27 **Friday** **Senate Finance 532** **Time TBA**
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --
 Time: Immediately Following House Floor Session
 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
 Approval of January 13, 2017 Minutes
 David Teal, Legislative Finance Director
 - Interaction with LB&A - RPLs
 Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor
 - Handbook and Duties
 - Procedure and Confidentiality
 - Status of Audits
 - Travel
 Consultant Contracts - Executive Session
 - enalytica, Inc.
 - Hart Energy Publishing LLLP
 - Roger Marks

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 24 **Tuesday** **Location TBA** **8:30 AM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Call to Order
 Welcome New Legislators & Public Members
 Approval of Minutes
 a. August 18, 2016 Full Committee
 b. August 18, 2016 Senate Committee
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c. August 18, 2016 House Committee

-- Public Comment --

Election of Committee Chairs for 2017-18

Chair / Staff Report

a. Comments from Administrator

b. Informal Advice Staff Report

c. Ethics Training

- 2016 Final Numbers

- 2017 Training Update

d. Ethics Disclosures

e. COGEL Conference Report

- Comments from Conner Thomas, Skip Cook, and
Jerry D. Anderson

f. Publications

- Advisory Opinions & Public Decisions

- 2017 Standards of Conduct Handbook

Annual Benefit and Loan Review

Executive Session

Public Session

Other Business