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Third Day

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

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senator Hughes was excused from a call of the Senate. The seat from District E was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell, White Fields Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I humble myself under your mighty hand, the mighty hand of God. Blessed be Your name, oh Lord! I give You all the praise, honor and glory due Your name. Hear my cry, oh Lord and give heed to my prayer. I ask that Your presence fill this place. Bring winds of refreshing to this Senate body. They have labored long and hard in the past season. As they turn the page now in the new year with a new season ahead; I pray You lift any weariness they may feel from their shoulders. Renew their strength and may your peace that passes all understanding replace any stress or anxiety.

May you, God, be gracious to them and bless the fruit of their labors this day. Give them renewed vision and expectation of new beginnings; a fresh start and a

sense of accomplishment on the horizon as they
reason together. Cause your face to shine upon them,
Lord. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Senator Meyer led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Messages dated May 17, 2017 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 105

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the taking of wolves and the use of certain traps and snares in certain areas adjacent to the Denali National Park and Preserve."

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

HB 124

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 124(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to corporations, including benefit corporations, and other entities; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 150

HOUSE BILL NO. 150 BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS, entitled:

"An Act relating to pay, allowances, and benefits for members of the organized militia."

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

HB 151

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 151(FIN) BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to training and workload standards for employees of the Department of Health and Social Services and providing immunity from damages related to those standards; relating to foster care home licensing; relating to civil and criminal history background checks for foster care licensing and payments; relating to placement of a child in need of aid; relating to the rights and responsibilities of foster parents; requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide information to a child or person released from the department's custody; and providing for an effective date."

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

Communications

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

Joint Armed Services Committee Report
January 2018
in accordance with AS 24.20.675

Alaska Energy Authority
Susitna-Watana Hydro
2017 Report to the Legislature
in accordance with AS 44.83.085

Legislative Affairs Agency
Division of Legal and Research Services
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
December 2017
in accordance with AS 24.20.065

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council
2018 Biennial Report to the Governor and Legislature
in accordance with AS 44.33.520

Department of Corrections
Department of Health and Social Services
Joint Annual Report on Recidivism Reduction
January 2018
in accordance with AS 47.38.100

Department of Administration
Alaska State Officers Compensation Commission
Findings and Recommendations
January 17, 2018
in accordance with AS 39.23.540

Department of Revenue:

Treasury Division
Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program
Annual Report
January 16, 2018
in accordance with AS 06.65.350

Investment Earnings Report
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
January 16, 2018
in accordance with AS 19.65.070

Investment Earnings Report
Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund
January 16, 2018
in accordance with AS 37.05.550

Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
2018 Reports to the Legislature:

Identified RS-2477 Rights-of-Way
in accordance with AS 19.30.400

Notification of Availability of the Annual Mining Report
in accordance with AS 27.05.060

Land Disposal Income Fund Status
in accordance with AS 38.04.022

Land in the Land Disposal Bank Status
in accordance with AS 38.04.020

Water Removals and Exports
in accordance with AS 46.15.020

Absence of any Interim Classifications
in accordance with AS 38.05.300

Cooperative Resource Management or Development Agreements
in accordance with AS 38.05.027

Efforts to Maintain or Enhance Access to and Along Fishing
Streams
in accordance with AS 38.04.205

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:

2017 Annual Report, Unabridged
2017 Annual Report, Condensed

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SCR 14

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 BY SENATOR COSTELLO,

Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 108

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 108 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the State Medical Board; relating to the licensing of physicians, osteopaths, and podiatrists; relating to the certification of medical assistants; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to the practice of podiatry; relating to the practice of osteopathy; relating to assault of a medical professional; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 145

SENATE BILL NO. 145 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the membership of the Alaska
Criminal Justice Commission; and providing for an
effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska
Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Criminal
Justice Commission membership.

The Alaska Criminal Justice Commission was established to evaluate
a broad spectrum of criminal justice subjects including sentencing and
criminal justice practices, the rights of victims and of the accused,
restitution, and reformation. The Commission's membership includes
voices from the Alaska Native community, the judicial system,
municipal law enforcement, victim's rights advocates and legislators
(in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity) and many other perspectives.

Chapter One, 4SSLA 2017, added the Commissioner of the
Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), or the
Commissioner's designee, to the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
as a nonvoting member serving ex officio. Because the Commissioner
of DHSS oversees the Division of Juvenile Justice and the Division of
Behavioral Health, their membership ought to include voting
authority. This bill would change the Commissioner of DHSS, or the
Commissioner's designee, from a nonvoting member to a voting
member. Adjusting this Commissioner's membership to include voting
authority will bring a juvenile justice and behavioral health

perspective to the Commission's important work. Further, the DHSS Commissioner will bring needed input to help better integrate DHSS programming into the overall adult and juvenile criminal justice reform efforts.

This bill would also add as a member a resident of the state who was the victim of a felony crime. This addition will bring the needed perspective of victims to the Commission's evaluations of criminal justice subjects.

Furthermore, this will return to having an odd number of Commissioners for voting purposes which was the case prior to the enactment of Chapter One, 4SSLA 2017.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 146

SENATE BILL NO. 146 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to scheduled substances; relating to the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee; and authorizing the attorney general to schedule substances by emergency regulation."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Corrections
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Public Safety
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Law

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill allowing the Attorney General to schedule controlled substances by regulation on an emergency basis.

Currently, State law requires the Legislature to pass legislation before a substance can be added to the list of controlled substances in Alaska. This process takes time, often years, and even once a bill is passed, drug traffickers often stay one step ahead of the law by simply changing a chemical component of a drug so it is no longer considered a controlled substance.

In recent years, this has become a significant problem for substances such as spice and other synthetic opioids. For example, tramadol has an opioid-like effect on the body. This drug is on the federal controlled substances list, but was not a controlled substance in Alaska until recently, through inclusion as a schedule IVA controlled substance through Section Two, Chapter One, 4SSLA 2017. Tramadol pills sell for approximately five to ten dollars per pill in Alaska depending on where the pills are sold. School-age children are common abusers of the drug because of the easy acquisition and low cost. Before being scheduled as a controlled substance, State and local authorities could not seize the drug for prosecution without approval from federal authorities. Further, State prosecutors could not prosecute cases of tramadol abuse and federal prosecutors did not have the resources to adequately address those cases.

To avoid a repeat of this situation, this bill would allow the Attorney General to schedule substances by emergency regulation. Before scheduling a substance, the Attorney General would need to assess the danger of the substance and consult with both the Controlled Substances Advisory Committee and the State's Chief Medical Officer. Additionally, the bill does not impair the ability of the Legislature, through enactment of law, from annulling a regulation, or adding a substance to the controlled substance statutory schedules.

Allowing the Attorney General to schedule these dangerous substances by regulation would make us more agile and responsive when new or altered substances are identified. With this bill, the State would be able to keep up with drug traffickers as they alter these substances and enable the state to prosecute cases involving these new substances. We cannot continue to allow drug traffickers to be one-step ahead of us.

Let us make a Safer and Smarter Alaska. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 147

SENATE BILL NO. 147 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving a controlled substance in the second degree; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Corrections
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 5, zero, Department of Public Safety
Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Law

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Kelly,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill making large quantity distribution of drugs a class A felony offense punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

In Alaska, heroin and methamphetamine are the most heavily imported controlled substances. National surveys have shown that methamphetamine contributes to violent crime, and heroin is a contributor of property crime. Additionally, according to Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services, between 2009 and 2015 Alaska's heroin deaths have more than quadrupled. Alaska's geographical makeup and strained law enforcement resources have made Alaska a profitable location for drug traffickers. These traffickers are importing large amounts of controlled substances into our state and poisoning Alaskans.

For example, in 2016 the Statewide Drug Enforcement Unit seized 92.5 pounds (approximately 41,968.1 grams) of methamphetamine, and 252.9 pounds (approximately 114,584 grams) of heroin in Alaska. Those trafficking large amounts of drugs are not intermediary users distributing to support their habit. These individuals are typically connected to traffickers from outside of the state, and contribute significantly to Alaska's drug epidemic.

Under current law, a person who distributes 2.5 grams or more of a drug such as methamphetamine, or 1 gram or more of a drug such as heroin, is guilty of a class B felony. If it is the person's first felony offense, they are subject to a presumptive sentencing range of zero to two years, with a maximum possible sentence of 10 years. This has little deterrent effect for those importing large amounts of drugs into the state. Classifying the distribution of large amounts of drugs as a class A felony will allow judges additional discretion to appropriately handle these cases and deter those thinking of importing drugs into the state.

Without a supply we can reduce the demand, and in order to prevent addiction and relapse we must remove the temptation. To create a Safer Alaska, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 148

SENATE BILL NO. 148 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to powers of the Alaska Police Standards Council; and relating to background checks for admission to police training programs and certification as a police officer."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Public Safety

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Kelly,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council and national criminal background checks for prospective police officers.

The Alaska Police Standards Council (Council) is within the Department of Public Safety, and is tasked with overseeing professional standards for employment as a police officer and other law enforcement officials. Further, the Council is statutorily authorized to establish police training programs. A person may not be certified as a police officer without going through the required training and meeting other requirements the Council has established for the employment of police officers.

This bill adds to the Council's powers the ability for the Department of Public Safety to request a national criminal history record check from the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a person who applies to attend a training program established by the Council or who seeks employment as a police officer by an employer that lacks the ability to request a national criminal history record check. This bill would give

the Council the ability to assure that only qualified candidates become police officers by making sure that a thorough national background check is completed on all potential police officers. Currently, most employers authorized to submit requests for national criminal background checks from the Federal Bureau of Investigation already do, and would continue to do so. This bill would allow the Council to do the same in the situation where a person is applying to a training program established by the Council or where a potential employer does not have the ability to request a national criminal history record check.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker

Governor

SB 149

SENATE BILL NO. 149 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the surcharge imposed for
violation of state or municipal law."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Public Safety

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Kelly,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska
Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the surcharge imposed
on individuals convicted of violations of state or municipal law.

This bill would increase the surcharge fee collected under AS 12.55.039 for conviction of a felony from \$100 to \$200, for conviction of violation of a misdemeanor or municipal law offense from \$75 to \$150, for conviction of violation of a municipal ordinance from \$50 to \$100. For misdemeanor convictions, for which a sentence of incarceration may not be imposed, the surcharge would increase from \$10 to \$20. The Legislature may appropriate money collected from the surcharge fee to the Alaska police training fund (AS 18.65.225). The increased revenue as a result of the increased surcharge fee would, if appropriated by the Legislature, be used to stabilize and enhance public safety by helping fund training for both law enforcement and corrections.

This proposed bill strikes the necessary balance between the need to adequately fund police training programs and the ability of a convicted defendant to pay the surcharge. To create a Safer Alaska we need to ensure our officers are receiving adequate training in order to protect the ones we love.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker

Governor

SB 150

SENATE BILL NO. 150 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to pretrial release procedures;
amending Rule 41, Alaska Rule of Criminal
Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Kelly,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would allow a judicial officer to consider out-of-state criminal history when determining bail and release conditions.

In January of 2018, the "Phase III" of criminal justice reform went into effect. This phase substantially changes the method for determining appropriate bail and release conditions. Under the new system, bail is largely dependent upon a person's charge and risk level, as determined by a pretrial services officer using a risk assessment tool. Persons charged with certain misdemeanors, and who are assessed as low to moderate risk, must be released on their own recognizance or on an unsecured bond. Further, persons charged with certain class C felonies and who are assessed as low risk must also be released on their own recognizance or on an unsecured bond. The judge has no discretion to impose monetary bail in these situations.

Unfortunately, the risk assessment tool does not take into account a person's out-of-state criminal history. Therefore, judges are prohibited from imposing monetary bail for these individuals, regardless of what their out-of-state criminal history looks like. This is problematic given Alaska's transient population, especially in the summer months.

This bill would remove the provisions of law requiring release on a person's own recognizance or an unsecured bond and return discretion if the person has an out-of-state criminal history that has not been used in determining the person's risk level by the risk assessment tool. This will allow a judge to consider a person's full criminal history before making an appropriate release decision both for the offender and the public at-large.

For a Safer Alaska, 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 the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Pam Varni

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

Representative(s) Edgmon

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

Unfinished Business**SB 131**

Senators Gardner, Begich, Egan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 131 "An Act relating to a separate appropriation bill for operating expenses for public education and establishing a date by which the bill must be passed by the legislature and transmitted to the governor each year; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SCR 14

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:17 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Edgmon called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Kelly, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:01 p.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable William Walker, Governor.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Kelly appointed Senator von Imhof and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins to escort Governor Walker to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced the Honorable William Walker's entrance to the House Chamber.

Governor Bill Walker was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Kelly.

Governor Walker delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 13.

Governor Walker received a standing ovation.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Kelly adjourned the Joint Session at 7:54 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

Adjournment

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 22, 2018. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Jan 18	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 23	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 25	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+ SB 125	AIDEA FINANCING FOR LNG PLANT		

EDUCATION

Jan 19	Friday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Jan 22	Monday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 24	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+ SB 131	EDUCATION FUNDING; BUDGET		
	-- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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EDUCATION (continued)

Jan 25 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += SB 131 EDUCATION FUNDING; BUDGET
 -- Public Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Jan 26 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 18 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Presentation: Overview FY19 Operating Budget
 David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Div.

Jan 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Joint with the Senate Resources Committee
 Overview of Regulations for House Bill 111
 Department of Revenue Tax Division

Jan 22 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Presentation: 2017 Fall Revenue Forecast
 Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, Dept. of Revenue
 Ken Alper, Director, Tax Division, Dept. of Revenue
 Dan Stickel, Chief Economist, Dept. of Revenue

Jan 23 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Presentation: Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
 Overview
 Angela Rodell, CEO, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
 Bill Moran, Chair, Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board of Trustees

Jan 24 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 143 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

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FINANCE (continued)

Jan 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 - Joint with Senate Resources Committee -
 + Presentation: Update on the Alaska LNG Project
 Alaska Gasline Development Corporation

Jan 26 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Presentation: Deferred Maintenance
 Adam Bryan, Capital Budget Coordinator, Office
 of Management and Budget

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Jan 19 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 22 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 24 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + HB 43 NEW DRUGS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL
 -- Public Testimony --

Jan 26 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Jan 19 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 22 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 24 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Jan 26 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Jan 18** **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + How Can We Boost Alaska's Economy?
 Dept. of Commerce, Community, and Economic
 Development
 Presentation: Northern Opportunity Strategy
 - Commissioner Mike Navarre
 - Britteny Cioni-Haywood, Director, Division
 of Economic Development
 Curtis Thayer, Alaska Chamber
 Kara Moriarty, Alaska Oil & Gas Association
 Jillian Simpson & Julie Jessen, Alaska Travel
 Industry Association
 John Springsteen, Alaska Industrial Development
 and Export Authority
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 23** **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + How Are Alaskans Innovating?
 Dept. of Commerce, Community, and Economic
 Development - Division of Insurance
 Health Insurance Innovation Waiver Update
 Lori Wing Heier, Division of Insurance Director
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 25** **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + How Do We Best Train Alaskans For Jobs?
 Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
 Presentation: Alaska Technical Vocational
 Education Program (TVEP) Update
 Greg Cashen, Deputy Commissioner
 Paloma Harbour, Administrative Services Director
 Allison Biastock, Alaska Workforce Investment
 Board Director
 Aviation Advisory Board
 Lee Ryan, Ryan Air
 Gideon Garcia, Northern Air Cargo
 Tom George, Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association
 Steve Strait, Board Member
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
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RESOURCES

- Jan 19 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Joint with the Senate Finance Committee
 Overview of Regulations for House Bill 111 (Ch 3, SSLA 17)
 - Department of Revenue Tax Division
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 19 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview: State of Alaska Mining Claims and Filing Process
 - Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Mining, Land, and Water
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
 + Overview: Forestry Development, Opportunities,
 and Restrictions
 - Department of Natural Resources Division of
 Forestry
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 22 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview: Alaska's Mining Filing Claim Process
 - Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Mining, Land and Water
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 24 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview:
 Alaska's Oil & Gas Royalty, Unitization Process
 - Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Oil & Gas
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 25 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + - Joint with the Senate Finance Committee -
 Update on the Alaska LNG Project:
 - Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 26 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview: Alaska's Oil Production Forecast
 - Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Oil & Gas
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
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STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 18	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 23	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ SCR 14	DECORATION OF HONOR AWARD		
	-- Public Testimony --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Jan 25	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 18	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 23	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Jan 25	Thursday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP ON OIL & GAS

Jan 18	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
+	Scoping Meeting Schedule for 2018		
	Advisory Group:		
	Overview of Advisory Group Membership, Capacity		
	Scoping for Advisory Group Meeting Schedule		
	Topics		

OTHER MEETINGS

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Jan 25 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
Lunch & Learn:
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
Presentation By Frank Richard and President Keith Meyer
Sponsored by Representative Josephson