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Thursday

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Forty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:18 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Olson were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Kathleen Wakefield of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Senator Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sorrow, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.
(Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi)

Senator Elton led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the forty-fifth legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 4 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House**SB 10**

Message dated February 21 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 10 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated February 21 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 109**

HOUSE BILL NO. 109 BY REPRESENTATIVE COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to failure by an election official to execute the voter's certificate on an absentee ballot or by a person authorized by law to execute the voter's certificate on a questioned ballot."

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

Communications

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

Office of Equal Employment Opportunity 2000 Annual Report
from Thelma Buchholdt, Director
in accordance with AS 44.19.451(a)(12)

Storage Tank Assistance Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2000
from Michele Brown, Commissioner, Department of Environmental
Conservation
in accordance with AS 46.03.363

Standing Committee Reports**SB 37**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 37 "An Act relating to collective negotiation by physicians with health benefit plans; and to health benefit plan contracts with individual competing physicians" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37(JUD) "An Act relating to collective negotiation by physicians with health benefit plans, to health benefit plan contracts with individual competing physicians, and to the application of state antitrust laws to agreements involving providers and groups of providers affected by collective negotiations."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Taylor, Chair, Senators Cowdery, Therriault. Signing do not pass: Senators Ellis, Donley.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 77

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 77 "An Act repealing the exception that applies to collection and payment of interest of \$150 or less on royalty or net profit share underpayments and overpayments; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Torgerson, Chair, Senators Pearce, Taylor, Kelly, Lincoln, Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 84

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 84 "An Act exempting joint action agencies from regulation by the state or municipalities; relating to the relationship between a joint action agency and the public utilities that form the joint action agency; relating to powers and immunities of a joint action agency; requiring filing of the joint action agency agreement; relating to the financial affairs of a joint action agency; declaring certain joint action agencies to be political subdivisions for certain purposes; relating to liability and indemnification of officers, employees, and agents of joint action agencies; and defining 'agency agreement' as used with reference to joint action agencies" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 84(JUD) "An Act exempting certain joint action agencies from regulation by the state or municipalities; relating to the relationship between certain joint action agencies and the public utilities that form the joint action agencies; relating to powers and immunities of certain joint action agencies; requiring filing of certain joint action agency agreements; relating to the financial affairs of certain joint action agencies; declaring certain joint action agencies to be political subdivisions for certain purposes; relating to liability and indemnification of officers, employees, and agents of certain joint action agencies; and defining 'agency agreement' and 'parties to the agency agreement' as used with reference to certain joint action agencies."

Signing do pass: Senator Taylor, Chair, Senators Therriault, Cowdery.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

HJR 7

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES) am Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production. Signing do pass: Senator Torgerson, Chair, Senators Taylor, Pearce, Kelly. Signing no recommendation: Senator Elton. Signing do not pass: Senator Lincoln.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Oil and Gas Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 16

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; and authorizing compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(RLS) "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; authorizing

compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date." (technical title change)

Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Therriault, Ellis, Phillips, Cowdery.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal note No. 1, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Fiscal No. 2, Department of Environmental Conservation

The bill is on today's calendar.

SB 19

The Rules Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act repealing the termination date of changes made by ch. 87, SLA 1997 and ch. 132, SLA 1998 regarding child support enforcement and related programs; repealing the nonseverability provision of ch. 132, SLA 1998; repealing certain requirements for applicants for hunting and sport fishing licenses or tags, and for certain hunting permits, to provide social security numbers for child support enforcement purposes; and providing for an effective date." Signing to calendar: Senator Pearce, Chair, Senators Ellis, Therriault, Phillips, Cowdery.

The bill is on today's calendar.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 15

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 BY SENATORS AUSTERMAN, Lincoln, Leman, Taylor, Elton, Cowdery,

Relating to imports of salmon from Chile.

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

SJR 16

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 BY SENATOR
TORGERSON,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the
State of Alaska relating to certain municipal
annexations.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 112**

SENATE BILL NO. 112 BY THE SENATE HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act placing certain employees of the Alaska
Mental Health Trust Authority in the exempt service;
establishing a minimum salary for the long term care
ombudsman; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 113

SENATE BILL NO. 113 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the delay of the reduction of
supplementary public school funding; and providing
for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional
Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services and Finance
Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early
Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20:

Dear President Halford:

Caring about Alaska's students means caring about ALL students, regardless of where they live and go to school. Allocation of public school funding must be equitable, not competitive. This bill I transmit today suspends a provision that created divisiveness in our school funding formula by limiting the funding for enrollment increases in primarily rural districts. The suspension will be in place pending a comprehensive statewide review of educational costs and specific recommendations to the legislature to make any necessary adjustments to the formula.

This legislation is built on the recommendations of the Education Funding Task Force. The current funding formula, which became effective beginning with the 1998 - 1999 school year, was a major departure from the previous school foundation formula and resulted in a substantial reallocation of funding from the regional educational attendance areas in rural Alaska to the urban school districts of the state. To mitigate the loss of funding to these rural districts, the formula provided a supplementary funding floor to hold those districts harmless from a decrease in funding at 1999 enrollment levels. At the same time, a school district with a funding floor that has an increase in enrollment from 1999 is eligible for only 60% of the increased funding entitlement. This formula makes the patently unjust statement that a rural student deserves less school funds than an urban student.

Under this bill, all school districts are eligible for 100% of the school funding calculated under the state funding formula for increased enrollment until fiscal year 2004. During this time, the Department of Education & Early Development will contract to devise a method for determining and updating district cost factors using information on the cost of providing educational services. I will seek additional funds in my fiscal year 2002 amended budget for this study.

This legislation is an investment in Alaska's future. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,
/s/
Tony Knowles
Governor

SB 114

SENATE BILL NO. 114 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to increasing the base student allocation and the maximum amount of quality school funding grants for public schools; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20:

Dear President Halford:

A new investment in education is necessary as the next step toward school excellence in Alaska. This bill I transmit today takes that step by increasing the per student allocation in school funding as well as the quality schools grants.

This legislation is built on the recommendations of the Education Funding Task Force that identified specific initiatives and programs over a five-year period to improve student achievement in Alaska. The legislation increases the base student allocation in the funding formula in the first year by \$115 per student, from the current \$3,940 to \$4,055. The base student allocation will increase approximately \$63

per year in each of the remaining four years of the plan. These increases will help provide the resources to ensure that all of Alaska's children have opportunities to meet the high academic standards we all know are necessary to succeed in today's world.

The base student allocation increase is just one piece of a funding commitment we need to achieve academic excellence in our schools. Another piece is raising the quality schools grant, which this bill proposes, from \$16 to \$65 per average daily membership. The Legislature last year provided one-time funding for learning opportunity grants. Improvement in student performance requires a continuous commitment of resources so that all students meet high academic standards. By providing the additional support through the quality schools grant, Alaskans can be assured the money will go to support student success in a standards-based instructional program.

This legislation is an investment in our children and Alaska's future. If we are serious about preparing all of our children for the workforce and the challenges of this new century, we must provide the resources for students to meet high academic standards and to hold schools accountable for their students' performance. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,
/s/
Tony Knowles
Governor

SB 115

SENATE BILL NO. 115 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board
of Storage Tank Assistance."

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

SB 116

SENATE BILL NO. 116 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska temporary assistance
program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social
Services, 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 February 21:

Dear President Halford:

Five years ago my Administration worked with the Legislature to create a new welfare law for Alaska. Under the banner of welfare reform, we repealed the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Job Opportunity and Basic Skills programs and created the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP). We have had great success with the program, with more Alaskans transitioning from welfare to work and our caseload dropping by more than 40 percent. Like many other states addressing welfare reform, we recognize what changes are needed to improve our program administration and ensure its continued success. These changes are addressed in the bill I transmit today.

The bill repeals the percentage limit on the number of families that may continue on assistance for more than 60 months due to hardship. Removal of this limit will permit the Department of Health and Social Services to base its hardship exceptions on objective criteria rather than on a fixed percentage of overall caseload. As families are successful in finding work and the overall caseload decreases, the number of hardship cases makes up a greater percentage of the total.

Alaska set an extremely aggressive goal, compared to other states, in capping our hardship cases at a specific percentage of the total. Other states either avoided time limits completely or set a broader range of

exemptions to the limits. We now recognize the fixed percentage in our law artificially bars needy families with disabled adults from receiving essential cash assistance and services for their children. The first families will begin to exceed the 60-month lifetime limit in July of 2002.

The bill also addresses the seasonal reduction provisions for a two-parent needy family by removing outdated eligibility requirements as cited in a Superior Court ruling. This change permits the department to apply the seasonal reduction provision to all two-parent needy families in which both parents are physically and mentally able to work.

Finally, the bill requires disabled parents to have self-sufficiency plans. The state can better serve these parents by promoting their efforts toward self-sufficiency.

We have seen dramatic, positive changes for poor Alaska families. Thousands of recipients have been assisted into work and the state has saved millions of dollars in welfare benefit payments. The reform measures provided a durable framework for a new era of welfare in Alaska. I urge your favorable consideration for these improvements to the program.

Sincerely,
/s/
Tony Knowles
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 16

SENATE BILL NO. 16 "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to

releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; and authorizing compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Pearce, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Rules Committee Substitute offered on page 469. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(RLS) "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; authorizing compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date" (technical title change) was adopted and read the second time.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(RLS) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(RLS) "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; authorizing compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 16(RLS)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Cowdery, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Green, Halford, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Pearce, Phillips, Therriault, Torgerson, Ward, Wilken

Nays: Taylor

Excused: Hoffman, Olson

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(RLS) passed the Senate.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 19

SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act repealing the termination date of changes made by ch. 87, SLA 1997 and ch. 132, SLA 1998 regarding child support enforcement and related programs; repealing the nonseverability provision of ch. 132, SLA 1998; repealing certain requirements for applicants for hunting and sport fishing licenses or tags, and for certain hunting permits, to provide social security numbers for child support enforcement purposes; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Green, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Health, Education and Social Services Committee Substitute offered on page 287. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(HES) "An Act relating to federal child support enforcement requirements regarding social security number information, employer reports about employees, and certain kinds of automated data matching with financial institutions; repealing the termination date of changes made by ch. 87, SLA 1997, and ch. 132, SLA 1998, regarding child support enforcement and related programs;

repealing the nonseverability provision of ch. 132, SLA 1998; repealing uncodified laws relating to ch. 87, SLA 1997, and ch. 132, SLA 1998; and providing for an effective date" was adopted and read the second time.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(HES) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(HES) "An Act relating to federal child support enforcement requirements regarding social security number information, employer reports about employees, and certain kinds of automated data matching with financial institutions; repealing the termination date of changes made by ch. 87, SLA 1997, and ch. 132, SLA 1998, regarding child support enforcement and related programs; repealing the nonseverability provision of ch. 132, SLA 1998; repealing uncodified laws relating to ch. 87, SLA 1997, and ch. 132, SLA 1998; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 19(HES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Austerman, Cowdery, Davis, Donley, Ellis, Elton, Green, Kelly, Leman, Lincoln, Pearce, Therriault, Torgerson, Wilken

Nays: Halford, Phillips, Taylor, Ward

Excused: Hoffman, Olson

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 19(HES) passed the Senate.

Senator Leman 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.

Senator Taylor gave notice of reconsideration.

Citations

Honoring – Mayor Ed Zeine

Representative(s) Harris

Senator(s) Lincoln, Elton, Davis, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green,
Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Donley, Halford, Leman

In Memoriam – Clarence Allen Lovejoy

Senator(s) Leman, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly,
Green, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Donley, Halford

Representative(s) Crawford, Berkowitz, Meyer, Green

In Memoriam – Diana M. Craig

Representative(s) Green

Senator(s) Ward, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly,
Green, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Donley, Halford, Leman

In Memoriam – Nello Oscar Long

Representative(s) Hudson, Kerttula

Senator(s) Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green,
Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Donley, Halford, Leman

In Memoriam – Sumner Stanley Woodman

Representative(s) Scalzi

Senator(s) Torgerson, Ward, Elton, Davis, Lincoln, Austerman,
Taylor, Kelly, Green, Pearce, Hoffman, Wilken, Donley, Halford,
Leman

Senator Leman 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 Halford requested Senator Pearce restate her motion from
February 21. The motion was out of order at that time.

Senator Pearce moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused
from a call of the Senate on March 1 and from March 7 through 9.
Without objection, Senator Pearce was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 16**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 16(RLS) "An Act regarding oil discharge prevention and cleanup involving self-propelled nontank vessels exceeding 400 gross registered tonnage and railroad tank cars and related facilities and operations and requiring preparation and implementation of oil discharge contingency plans for those nontank vessels and railroad tank cars; amending the definition of 'response action' that relates to releases or threatened releases of oil and thereby amending the duties and liabilities of response action contractors; authorizing compliance verification for nontank vessels and for trains and related facilities and operations; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 26, 2001. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

February 2001

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

Feb 23	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 26	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 28	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+ SB 4	MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION		
+= SB 48	MUNICIPALITIES:INCORP/PROPERTY VALUATION		
	Testimony by Invitation Only		
Mar 01	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Feb 22	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 29	APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 23	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	-- Meeting Canceled, Bills Rescheduled to 2/26/01--		
+ SB 72	TAKE A CHILD HUNTING SEASON		
SB 65	PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES		
SB 84	PUBLIC UTILITY JOINT ACTION AGENCIES		
SB 64	HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN WWII VETS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 26 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

+ = SB 72 TAKE A CHILD HUNTING SEASON
 = SB 65 PAY EQUITY FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
 = SB 84 PUBLIC UTILITY JOINT ACTION AGENCIES
 = SB 64 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN WWII VETS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 27 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

= HB 117 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 = SB 73 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/AMEND
 APPROP.

Feb 28 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

= HB 117 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 = SB 73 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/AMEND
 APPROP.
 SB 58 ADD PHYSICIAN ASST TO STATE MEDICAL BOARD
 SB 77 NET PROFIT SHARE UNDER/OVERPAYMENTS
 SB 93 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES TEAM ALASKA TRUST
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 01 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM

= SB 29 APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 24 Saturday Butrovich 205 10:30 AM

+ -- Time Change --
 HS Graduation Qualifying Exam Hearing:
 Testimony from School Administrators, Teachers and
 Special Education Directors
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 26	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Quality Schools/Quality Students Update:		
	Association of Alaska School Boards		
+	Senate Bill:		
	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM		
	<Pending Introduction and Referral>		
	Testimony from School Boards Only		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 28	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	Fish Safety Monitoring:		
	Dept of Health & Social Services		
	Dept of Environmental Conservation		
+	SB 96	C.O.P.S FOR API DEMOLITION/CONSTRUCTION	
+	SB 112	LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN;MENTAL HLTH	
	AUTH		
+	Senate Bill:		
	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION QUALIFYING EXAM		
	<Pending Introduction and Referral>		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 23	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 26	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+	SB 97	PROBATION AND PAROLE FEES	
Feb 28	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+	SB 99	DNA REGISTRATION OF BURGLARS	
+	SB 105	VICTIMS' RIGHTS/ PRISONER'S PFD	
Mar 02	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 22	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+	Dept of Labor and Workforce Development Worker's Compensation Audit Report Review		

Feb 27	Tuesday	Terry Miller 104	1:30 PM
+	-- Location Change -- Joint w/(H) Confirmation Hearings: Kathleen B. Schreiber, Eagle River Linda C. Thomas, Juneau Daphne E. Brown, Anchorage Patrick H. Kalen, Fairbanks Dr. Robert E. Miller, Anchorage Darae Crews, Anchorage Sheryl L. Sutton, Juneau Larry Allen Ungerecht, Anchorage Richard D. Brickley, Fairbanks Aaron T. Isaacs, Klawock Anthony (Tony) J. Joslyn, Anchor Point Jeffrey L. Thompson, Anchorage The Honorable Cliff Davidson, Kodiak Carla L. Meek, Juneau James A. Hage, Fairbanks Stephen F. Turner, Anchorage Clarence Bolden, Anchorage Gail Dossman, Anchorage Lottie M. Michael, Anchorage James S. Strandberg, Anchorage Col William (Bill) McDonald, Fairbanks John A. Abshire, Wasilla Valerie K. Baffone, Anchorage Richard H. Behrends, Juneau John Giuchici, Fairbanks Stephen T. Hagedorn, Anchorage Andrew (Bear) J. Pickarski, Eagle River Marc D. Stemp, Bethel Robin E. Ward, Anchorage		

LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)

Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + Confirmation Hearings:
 Vince Coan, Wasilla
 Ronald L. Otte, Anchorage
 + SB 6 MOBILE HOME PARK EVICTION NOTICE
 + SB 37 PHYSICIAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEALTH INSURE

RESOURCES

Feb 23 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 26 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Trails and Easements: Dept Fish & Game

Feb 28 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 Supply and Demand of Future Natural Gas Market:
 Cambridge Energy Research Assoc

Mar 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

RULES

Feb 22 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM
 SB 16 OIL DISCH PREVENTION: NONTANK VESSELS/RR
 = SB 19 CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT/SOC SEC. #

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 22 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 SB 92 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE PF BOARD
 <Bill Postponed>
 + SB 103 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

STATE AFFAIRS (continued)

Feb 27 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 SJR 14 OPPOSE CANADIAN FEE TO TRANSPORT FIREARMS
 SB 102 SOCIAL SECURITY # & DRIVER'S LICENSES
 = SB 103 ELECTION CAMPAIGNS AND LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Mar 01 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 SB 92 REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE PF BOARD
 = SB 82 2001 REVISOR'S BILL

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 22 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 23 Friday Anchorage LIO Conference Room 1:30 PM
 + -- Time and Location Change --
 Presentation: Alaska's Future Transportation Needs

Feb 27 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 08 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 100 REGULATION OF AERONAUTICS
 = SB 59 FEDERAL FUNDS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR ROADS
 SB 83 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Feb 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 Follow-up on Dept Overview

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

Feb 22	Thursday	Terry Miller 104	8:00 AM
	Continuation of Child Care Issues		
Feb 27	Tuesday	House Finance 519	3:30 PM
	Joint w/(H) Pupil Transportation Review		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 28	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
	Missions and Measures Capital Budget Requests (other than Village Safe Water Program)		

FISH & GAME

Feb 22	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
	Div of Sport Fish, Div of Subsistence, Div of Wildlife Conservation		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Feb 22	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:45 PM
	-- Location Change -- Employment Security Division		
Feb 27	Tuesday	To Be Announced	3:45 PM
	Administrative Services/ Office of the Commissioner		

LAW

Mar 01	Thursday	Terry Miller 104	8:00 AM
	Overview: FY02 Operating Budget		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**REVENUE**

Feb 22 +	Thursday Missions and Measures Revenue Supplemental Requests	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
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JOINT COMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

Feb 27 +	Tuesday "Best Value" Procurement by UAF	Capitol 102	2:45 PM
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ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Feb 22	Thursday -- Time Change -- Alaska's Space Mission and Military Force Projection: Adjutant General Phil Oates, Military & Veterans Affairs Commissioner	House Finance 519	4:00 PM
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 28	Wednesday Executive Session: Preliminary Audit Rpts Final Audit Report: DPS/Board of Parole Audit Reports: Release of Final Audit to Public Release of Preliminary Audits for Agency Response	House Finance 519	12:00 PM
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 26	Monday FY02 Legislative Affairs Agency Budget Request FY02 Office of the Ombudsman Budget Request	House Finance 519	5:00 PM
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OTHER MEETINGS**CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

Feb 23	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Children's Advocacy Center		

FISH CAUCUS

Feb 22	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
+	Ecosystem Changes, Fisheries Implications		

JOINT SESSION

Feb 23	Friday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	-- Postponed to Wed Feb 28,2001 --		
	Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message		

Feb 28	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	-- Rescheduled from 02/23/01 --		
	Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Message		