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Thursday

March 3, 2005

Fifty-third Day

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

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senator Gary Stevens was excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Davis, Hoffman were absent.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be excused from a call of the Senate today and on March 4. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Hoffman be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tim Frega of Auke Bay Bible Church. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father, I am burdened to pray today for our men and women from Alaska that are soldiers overseas. I pray that You keep them safe and that You give them comfort while they are away from home. I ask Father that you take and give their children love from above. Bless their wives and husbands that are here at home without their mates. Give them strength to carry on the work of the home.

I know that in a spiritual sense, Father, that we all are in a warfare with the wicked one. I know that Jesus has the power to break bondages and give freedom. May these men and

women in this Senate put on the “whole armor of God” daily and may they realize how clever our real enemy is. Because of this Jesus, may these Senators daily give their lives to Your agenda and to Your control.

In Christ’s name I pray.

Amen.

Senator Elton led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the fifty-second legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the House

Message dated March 2 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 1

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1(HES) BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 76

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Big Game Commercial Services Board and to the regulation of big game hunting services and transportation services; and providing for an effective date."

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

Concur Messages

SJR 2

Message dated March 2 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 with the following amendment:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 am H
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.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 2 am H

Shall the Senate Concur in the House amendment to SJR 2?

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Ellis, French, Green, Guess, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Elton

Excused: Davis, Hoffman, Stevens G

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 am H 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.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

SJR 5

Message dated March 2 was read, stating the House passed and returned for consideration SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 with the following amendment:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION
NO. 5(O&G) Urging the United States Congress to
reauthorize the Methane Hydrate Research and
Development Act.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved that the Senate concur in the House amendment.

The question being: "Shall the Senate concur in the House amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS SJR 5(O&G)

Shall the Senate Concur in the House
amendment to SJR 5?

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Excused: Davis, Hoffman, Stevens G

and so, the Senate concurred in the House amendment, thus adopting HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(O&G) Urging the United States Congress to reauthorize the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Communications

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

State of the Alaska Workforce Investment System
Alaska Workforce Investment Board Annual Report
from Andy Baker, Chair, Alaska Workforce Investment Board
in accordance with AS 23.15.580(b)(9)

Standing Committee Reports

SB 98

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 98 "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, other appropriations, and reappropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Wilken, Green, Cochairs; Senators Bunde, Dyson, Stedman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 101

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 101 "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 101(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair; Senators Wagoner, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SJR 11

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT,

Urging the United States Congress to amend the tax code to repeal the federal excise tax on communications.

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

SJR 12

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT,

Requesting the United States Senate to move quickly to confirm all nominations by President George W. Bush to the United States Supreme Court.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 127**

SENATE BILL NO. 127 BY SENATORS FRENCH, Elton, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting a public officer from taking official action regarding a matter in which the public officer has a significant financial interest; and defining 'official action' for purposes of the chapter generally referred to as the Executive Branch Ethics Act."

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

SB 128

SENATE BILL NO. 128 BY SENATOR THERRIault, entitled:

"An Act relating to consideration by the Local Boundary Commission of a requested borough incorporation."

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

SB 129

SENATE BILL NO. 129 BY SENATOR HUGGINS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the wrongful recording of a notice of pendency of an action relating to title to or right to possession of real property."

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

SB 130

SENATE BILL NO. 130 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to a special deposit for workers' compensation and employers' liability insurers; relating to assigned risk pools; relating to workers' compensation insurers; stating the intent of the

legislature, and setting out limitations, concerning the interpretation, construction, and implementation of workers' compensation laws; relating to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board; assigning certain Alaska Workers' Compensation Board functions to the division of workers' compensation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and to that department, and authorizing the board to delegate administrative and enforcement duties to the division; establishing a Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; providing for workers' compensation hearing officers in workers' compensation proceedings; relating to workers' compensation medical benefits and to charges for and payment of fees for the medical benefits; relating to agreements that discharge workers' compensation liability; relating to workers' compensation awards; relating to reemployment benefits and job dislocation benefits; relating to coordination of workers' compensation and certain disability benefits; relating to division of workers' compensation records; relating to release of treatment records; relating to an employer's failure to insure and keep insured or provide security; providing for appeals from compensation orders; relating to workers' compensation proceedings; providing for supreme court jurisdiction of appeals from the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; providing for a maximum amount for the cost-of-living adjustment for workers' compensation benefits; relating to attorney fees; providing for the department to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to provide information services and legal representation to injured employees; providing for administrative penalties for employers uninsured or without adequate security for workers' compensation; relating to fraudulent acts or false or misleading statements in workers' compensation and penalties for the acts or statements; providing for members of a limited liability company to be included as an employee for purposes of workers' compensation; establishing a workers' compensation benefits guaranty fund; relating to the second injury fund; making conforming amendments; providing for a study and report by the medical services review committee; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

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

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 3:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill related to the workers' compensation system. This bill proposes discrete improvements to the current system. The goal of these changes is to increase the efficiency and flexibility of the current system, and significantly reduce some of its costs, in order to ensure that benefits will continue to be available in substantially the same form they are today without stifling employment opportunities.

The Legislature has consistently striven to have our workers' compensation system quickly and efficiently deliver fair and predictable benefits to injured workers at a reasonable cost to their employers. Despite those efforts, the current system has not kept pace with the pressures caused by a growing, ever-changing workforce and rising medical costs. In response to complaints regarding delays in resolution of claims and the increasing costs of maintaining the current system, the enclosed bill proposes improvements to several areas.

A significant change proposed in this bill is the creation of a workers' compensation appeals commission. Currently, appeals from Alaska Workers' Compensation Board decisions are heard on a rotating basis by individual superior court judges. The bill proposes to have appeals heard by a five-member commission. This commission, like the board itself, would consist of both lay members representing workers and employers as well as a chair with legal training and workers' compensation experience. Appeals would be heard by a panel both knowledgeable in workers' compensation matters and available to produce consistent, legally precedential decisions in an expeditious manner.

The bill also places increased responsibility for oversight of the system in the hands of the workers' compensation division. The bill would increase the division's ability to investigate fraudulent claims, pursue employers who fail to provide coverage for their employees, and oversee medical costs. Under the current system the division must refer suspected fraudulent claims to other state agencies for investigation. Under this bill, the division would be able to investigate fraudulent claims on its own. The bill would also allow the division to investigate and quickly close down employers who attempt to operate without workers' compensation coverage. The board is then empowered to assess fines for failing to insure and the bill creates a fund to receive those fines and use them to pay benefits to injured workers whose employers failed to insure.

In addition, the bill gives the division additional authority to address medical costs that are now approaching 60 percent of every workers' compensation benefit dollar paid in Alaska. Under this bill, the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development is authorized to empanel a medical services committee. The committee will review the medical benefit delivery system including current charges, as well as the causes for the sharp rise in charges and possible solutions, and make recommendations for appropriate improvements. The committee is charged with reporting its findings and recommendations by March 1, 2007; sufficient time for a thorough study of the costs and appropriateness of the delivery system.

To address the immediate impacts of the recent premium increases and rising direct costs to self-insured businesses, the bill "rolls back" maximum payments to those under the medical fee schedule in effect on December 15, 1999. The bill also authorizes the division to develop a preferred drug list and establishes a statutory preference for generic drugs unless a worker's physician specifies a name brand drug for medical reasons.

The division is assisted in this endeavor by input from employers, insurers, providers, and the use of national, peer-reviewed medical treatment guidelines. Under the current bill, employers, insurers, and providers may agree to charges for services in advance. Workers would be under no obligation to select a physician from this preferred provider list but the rates for these providers' services would be established by contract with the insurer or employer.

The bill also provides the division with guidance in overseeing the efficacy of the medical benefits system. The bill would adopt the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's Occupational Medicine Practice Guidelines as a benchmark for medical treatment. The Guidelines provide for quality care while promoting some standardization of medical services. However, if a condition is not addressed by the Guidelines or the worker's physician recommends alternative treatment, the physician has the opportunity to provide medical justification for treatment outside the Guidelines.

In addition, the bill provides workers and employers greater flexibility over certain portions of the worker's claim. Currently, parties may not settle any portion of a worker's claim without board approval. The bill would allow parties represented by legal counsel to more quickly resolve a worker's claim by agreement without board approval, thereby freeing the board to focus on settlements needing more scrutiny such as those involving minors or workers unrepresented by counsel. It would also allow the parties to stipulate to a worker's eligibility for reemployment benefits without the expense and delay of a reemployment eligibility evaluation while also making it easier to exchange unwanted reemployment benefits for a limited cash benefit. This greater flexibility will make the reemployment process more efficient and satisfactory to both parties.

The bill further enhances the efficiency of the current system by expanding workers' access to legal counsel and including a limited release of medical information on the report of injury form. The bill allows the division to contract with non-profit organizations to provide legal services to injured workers unable to obtain private legal counsel. It also provides a limited medical release for medical records of treatment for the reported injury on the initial report of injury form. This second change is aimed at reducing unnecessary delays in payment resulting from a lack of supporting medical documentation for an injured worker's claim.

The bill also reduces insurers' costs by phasing out contributions to the Second Injury Fund. That Fund represents a limited mechanism for reducing impediments to the hire of workers with certain listed physical limitations. That mechanism has become outmoded due to developments in contemporary employment standards including the

Americans with Disabilities Act. The Second Injury Fund will not accept new claims and will be phased out as currently accepted claims are paid.

The bill would increase the coordination of benefits between the workers' compensation system and other disability systems. This would minimize the instances where double compensation results in a worker receiving combined disability benefits that exceed their take home pay. Finally, the bill would also cap the compensation rates of workers residing outside the State of Alaska to bring them in line with that paid to Alaska resident workers.

This bill represents a major step in bringing the existing system up to date with the current State of Alaska's work force. These changes to specific parts of the existing law are vital to the continuing survival of the workers' compensation system and the availability of a full range of benefits for injured workers in the future.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 52

SENATE BILL NO. 52 "An Act relating to the reorganization of certain functions of the division of banking, securities, and corporations and the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Bunde, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 316. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(L&C) "An Act relating to certain functions of the division of banking,

securities, and corporations and the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to program receipts and record search fees of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development related to banking, securities, and corporations; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, 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. 52(L&C) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(L&C) "An Act relating to certain functions of the division of banking, securities, and corporations and the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to program receipts and record search fees of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development related to banking, securities, and corporations; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 52(L&C)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Excused: Davis, Hoffman, Stevens G

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(L&C) passed the Senate.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, 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.

SB 87

SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to motor vehicle safety belt violations" was read the second time.

Senator Ellis offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 3:

Delete all material.

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Section 1. AS 28.05.099(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person convicted of a violation of AS 28.05.095(a) or (d) is guilty of an infraction and may be fined up to **\$45** [\$15] or the court may waive the fine if the person convicted donates **\$45** [\$15] to the emergency medical services entity providing services in the area in which the violation occurred."

Senator Ellis moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Bunde objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 87

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Ellis, French, Kookesh, Therriault

Nays: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Huggins, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Wagoner, Wilken

Excused: Davis, Hoffman, Stevens G

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, 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.

SENATE BILL NO. 87 was read the third time.

Senators Wilken, Seekins, Wagoner, Cowdery moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on the bill. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to motor vehicle safety belt violations" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 87

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Elton, French, Guess, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Dyson, Ellis, Green, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson

Excused: Davis, Hoffman, Stevens G

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 87 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Tammy Bennett

Senator(s) Green, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Honoring – Lynda Adams, Alaskan for Drug-Free Youth

Senator(s) Stedman, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Commemorating – Law Enforcement Memorial Day, May 13, 2005

Representative(s) Harris

Senator(s) Therriault, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Craig Russell Harpel

Senator(s) Bunde, Ben Stevens, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Joseph A. Thomas

Senator(s) Elton, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Kerttula, Weyhrauch

In Memoriam – Richard J. Stitt, Sr.

Senator(s) Elton, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken
Representative(s) Kerttula, Weyhrauch, Chenault

In Memoriam – Helen E. Parker

Representative(s) Kohring, Gatto, Neuman, Stoltze
Senator(s) Green, Huggins, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Guess, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

In Memoriam – Gary Foster

Representative(s) Kohring, Gatto, Neuman, Stoltze
Senator(s) Green, Huggins, Ben Stevens, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Guess, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, 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

Senator Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 24 to morning plane time, March 29. Without objection, Senator Bunde was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 52**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(L&C) "An Act relating to certain functions of the division of banking, securities, and corporations and the division of occupational licensing in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to program receipts and record search fees of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development related to banking, securities, and corporations; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 87

SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act relating to motor vehicle safety belt violations" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Green, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., March 4, 2005. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

March 2005

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 04	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 07	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ HB 42	JOE WILLIAMS, SR., COASTAL TRAIL		
	<Pending Referral>		
+ SB 112	TAX ON REAA RESIDENTS		
+ SB 114	SERVICE AREAS IN SECOND CLASS BOROUGHES		
Mar 11	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 14	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 102	COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 03	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+= SB 97	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS/CBR		
+= SB 98	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 04	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 07	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 63	USE SEAT BELT ROAD SIGNS	
+	HB 158	PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNT/PUBLIC EDUC FUND	
+	HB 115	AIRPORT CUSTOMER FACILITY CHARGES	
Mar 08	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	HB 64	EXTEND BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY	
+	SB 100	ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGES	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 09	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	HB 1	INCREASE AMT OF BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 10	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Senate Bill:	
		RETIREMENT SYSTEM LEGISLATION	
		<Pending Introduction and Referral>	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 11	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 04	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	-- Meeting Canceled --		
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 07	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+	SB 24	REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES	
+	SB 31	PERS\TRS REHIRES	
+	SB 4	REQUIRE CPR FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Mar 09	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 11	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Mar 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 08	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	Select Committee on Legislative Ethics		
	Confirmation Hearing: Dennis "Skip" Cook		
+ SB 67	CLAIMS AGAINST HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 09	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+	Select Committee on Legislative Ethics		
	Confirmation Hearing: Marianne Stillner		
+ SB 105	OVERTIME WAGES FOR FLIGHT CREW		
+ SJR 10	SUPPORT FEDERAL MARRIAGE AMENDMENT		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 10	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:30 AM
+ SB 117	RECORDED STATEMENTS OF CHILD VICTIMS		
+ SB 118	ONLINE ENTICEMENT OF MINOR		
+ SB 119	BAN ONLINE DIST. OF PORNOGRAPHY TO MINORS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 03	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	Confirmation Hearings:		
	Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy-		
	Max E. Mertz - Juneau		
	Catherine L. Wilson - Tok		
	Regulatory Commission of Alaska -		
	Anthony A. Price - Anchorage		
+ HB 15	LIQUOR LICENSES: OUTDOOR REC. LODGE/BARS		
+ HB 90	STATE TREASURY WARRANTS		
Mar 08	Tuesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+ SB 130	WORKERS' COMPENSATION		
+ HB 102	MEDICAL LICENSE: APPLICATION/FOREIGN GRAD		
+ SB 124	FISHERIES BUSINESS LICENSE; BOND		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 10	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Mar 04 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 07 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 = SB 103 OIL & GAS: REG. OF UNDERGROUND INJECTION
 = SB 110 POLLUTION DISCHARGE & WASTE TRMT/DISPOSAL
 -- On the Above Bills Testimony --
 <By Invitation Only>
 + HB 76 BIG GAME SERVICES & COMM. SERVICES BD
 + HCR 2 IN-STATE NATURAL GAS NEEDS

Mar 09 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 113 GULF OF ALASKA GROUND FISH FISHERY

Mar 11 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 03 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 08 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 10 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 03 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 += SB 40 KUSKOKWIM PORT AUTHORITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 08 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 10	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
	-- Meeting Canceled -- Budget Closeout		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**COURT SYSTEM**

Mar 10	Thursday -- Meeting Canceled -- Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
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EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 08	Tuesday FY 06 Operating Budget	Senate Finance 532	2:00 PM
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 03	Thursday Missions and Measures Overview Follow-up to 2/17/05 Meeting	Fahrenkamp 203	3:00 PM
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Mar 10	Thursday Preliminary Budget Close-Out Discussions	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
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FISH & GAME

Mar 07	Monday Missions and Measures	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 03	Thursday Department's Budget Overview	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
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Mar 08	Tuesday Tentative Meeting	Senate Finance 532	4:00 PM
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Mar 10	Thursday -- Meeting Canceled -- Budget Closeout	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
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FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Mar 03	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:15 AM
	Missions and Measures Discussion		

Mar 10	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:15 AM
	FY 06 Budget Changes		

LAW

Mar 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	4:00 PM
	-- Agenda Change -- Budget Detail & Questions Missions & Measures		

Mar 10	Thursday	Butrovich 205	4:00 PM
	Budget Closeout		

MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mar 04	Friday	Beltz 211	7:30 AM
	-- Rescheduled to 03/07/05 -- FY 06 Budget Review		

Mar 07	Monday	Beltz 211	5:30 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 03/04/05 -- FY 06 Budget Review		

NATURAL RESOURCES

Mar 08	Tuesday	Beltz 211	8:15 AM
	Missions and Measures		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 03	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
	FY 06 Budget Review		

Mar 07	Monday	Beltz 211	7:30 AM
	FY 06 Budget Review		

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REVENUE

Mar 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 -- Meeting Postponed to 03/10/05 --
 Budget Closeout

Mar 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Budget Closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
 -- Meeting Canceled --
 Budget Closeout

JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

Mar 03 Thursday Capitol 106 3:00 PM
 Hearing on Assisted Living Regulations
 That Were Adopted June 2004

ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mar 15 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 Presentations by General Holly and Boeing

OTHER MEETINGS

CHILDREN'S CAUCUS

Mar 07 Monday Butrovich 205 12:00 PM
 -- Note Date Change --
 + Presentation: Family Wellness Warriors
 with the Southcentral Foundation, an
 Alaska Native Healthcare Organization

OTHER MEETINGS (continued)**FISH CAUCUS**

Mar 03	Thursday	Butrovich 205	12:00 PM
	Harbor Maintenance Funding Issues		

JOINT SESSION

Mar 30	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski		