

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**April 4, 2007**

**Seventy-ninth Day**

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Jesse Perry of the Northern Light United Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

*With a hunger for what God has in store, let us pray:*

Merciful and almighty God, from our diverse backgrounds and different faiths, we pray for the privilege of celebrating the gifts of life as one. Instill in us your joy, and give us a passion that all may enjoy life in its fullness. Mark us as your own, and never let us forget from whom we have come, and to whom we shall return. Thank you for opening our minds and hearts to the possibilities of faith.

Every week, O God, we see scenes of misery from around the globe. Human life is threatened, destroyed, and swept away by anger, war, and natural disasters of all kinds. Keep us from becoming callous to such events, and show us ways to be part of the healing of our world.

Gracious Creator, though we honor one flag, yesterday's election reveals a deep division among us; show us, we pray, a path to greater unity. Let us not wander as those who are lost, for many are weary and fearful that darkness will fall before we find our way home.

O God, out of chaos, bring us meaning; out of darkness, show us the light. And out of our failures, offer us forgiveness - especially we pray for the will to forgive others.

In the confidence that comes only from an abiding trust in you, I pray. Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the Governor**

#### **SB 82**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on April 2 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 82(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations and other appropriations; amending the lapse dates of certain appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 6, SLA 2007  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**Messages from the House**

Messages dated April 2 and April 3 were read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 109(JUD) am BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to bribery, receiving unlawful gratuities, and campaign contributions; denying public employee retirement pension benefits to certain legislators, legislative directors, and public officers who commit certain offenses, and adding to the duties of the Alaska Retirement Management Board and to the list of matters governed by the Administrative Procedure Act concerning that denial; relating to campaign financing and ethics, including disclosures, in state and municipal government, to lobbying, and to employment, service on boards, and disclosures by certain public officers and employees who leave state or municipal service or leave certain positions in state or municipal government; restricting representation of others by legislators and legislative employees; relating to blind trusts approved by the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 118**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(RLS) BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to underage possession of alcoholic beverages in a dwelling."

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

Senators Therriault, Dyson, Wilken added their names as cross sponsors on the bill.

**HB 171**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 171(STA) am BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the date and time for convening regular legislative sessions, certain procedures of the legislature, the date for organizing the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, and deadlines for certain matters or reports to be filed or delivered to the legislature or a legislative committee; prohibiting bonuses for legislative employees; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Communications**

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

House Joint Memorial No. 4 (Urging the legislatures of all western states to consider adoption of resolutions working toward the development of a federal bipartisan, long-term solution that addresses sustainable management of federal forest lands)  
from the Idaho House of Representatives and Senate

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 1**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Olson, Chair; Senators Thomas, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Education and Early  
Development

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 4**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN)

Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs;  
Senators Elton, Thomas, Huggins. Signing do pass: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill is on today's calendar.

**SB 97**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 97 "An Act relating to identification seals for certain articles created or crafted in the state by Alaska Native persons; relating to the Alaska State Council on the Arts; and making certain identification seal violations unfair trade practices" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 97(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair. Signing no recommendation:  
Senators McGuire, Huggins, Wielechowski, Therriault.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 112**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 112 "An Act relating to the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses and permitting causes of action for certain sexual offenses that would otherwise be barred by the statute of limitations to be brought during a certain one-year period." Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair. Senator McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Huggins. Signing amend: Senator Therriault.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Alaska Court System

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 116**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 116 "An Act relating to the Uniform Money Services Act, to money transmission services, and to currency exchange services; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 116(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senator Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senators Bunde, Stevens, Hoffman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 25**

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 25 "An Act relating to landowners' immunity for allowing use of land without charge for a recreational activity; relating to landowners' liability where landowner conduct involves gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct; relating to claims of adverse possession and prescriptive easements, or similar claims; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Huggins, Chair; Senator Stevens. Signing no recommendation: Senators Green, McGuire, Stedman, Wagoner. Signing amend: Senator Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SR 5**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5 Recognizing the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Alaska Jurisdiction, 35th Annual Communication Week. Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators French, Green.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 4**

SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 745. Senator Therriault objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) was adopted.

Senator Wielechowski offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 2, following "amount;":

Insert "**amending medical income eligibility provisions for persons under 19 years of age and for pregnant women;**"

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**\*\* Section 1.** AS 47.07.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) In addition to the persons specified in (a) of this section, the following optional groups of persons for whom the state may claim federal financial participation are eligible for medical assistance:

(1) persons eligible for but not receiving assistance under any plan of the state approved under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act, Supplemental Security Income) or a federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

(2) persons in a general hospital, skilled nursing facility, or intermediate care facility, who, if they left the facility, would be eligible for assistance under one of the federal programs specified in (1) of this subsection;

(3) persons under 21 years of age who are under supervision of the department, for whom maintenance is being paid in whole or in part from public funds, and who are in foster homes or private child-care institutions;

(4) aged, blind, or disabled persons, who, because they do not meet income and resources requirements, do not receive supplemental security income under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act), and who do not receive a mandatory state supplement, but who are eligible, or would be eligible if they were not in a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility to receive an optional state supplementary payment;

(5) persons under 21 years of age who are in an institution designated as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded and who are financially eligible as determined by the standards of the federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

(6) persons in a medical or intermediate care facility whose income while in the facility does not exceed \$1,656 a month but who would not be eligible for an optional state supplementary payment if they left the hospital or other facility;



(7) persons under 21 years of age who are receiving active treatment in a psychiatric hospital and who are financially eligible as determined by the standards of the federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

(8) persons under 21 years of age and not covered under (a) of this section, who would be eligible for benefits under the federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program, except that they have the care and support of both their natural and adoptive parents;

(9) pregnant women not covered under (a) of this section and who meet the income and resource requirements of the federal program designated as the successor to the aid to families with dependent children program;

(10) persons under 21 years of age not covered under (a) of this section who the department has determined cannot be placed for adoption without medical assistance because of a special need for medical or rehabilitative care and who the department has determined are hard-to-place children eligible for subsidy under AS 25.23.190 - 25.23.210;

(11) persons who can be considered under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(3) (Title XIX, Social Security Act, Medical Assistance) to be individuals with respect to whom a supplemental security income is being paid under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c (Title XVI, Social Security Act) because they meet all of the following criteria:

(A) they are 18 years of age or younger and qualify as disabled individuals under 42 U.S.C. 1382c(a) (Title XVI, Social Security Act);

(B) the department has determined that

(i) they require a level of care provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded;

(ii) it is appropriate to provide their care outside of an institution; and

(iii) the estimated amount that would be spent for medical assistance for their individual care outside an institution is not greater than the estimated amount that would otherwise be expended individually for medical assistance within an appropriate institution;

(C) if they were in a medical institution, they would be eligible for medical assistance under other provisions of this chapter; and

(D) home and community-based services under a waiver approved by the federal government are either not available to them under this chapter or would be inappropriate for them;

(12) disabled persons, as described in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII), who are in families whose income, as determined under applicable federal regulations or guidelines, is less than 250 percent of the official poverty line applicable to a family of that size according to the federal office of management and budget, and who, but for earnings in excess of the limit established under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(q)(2)(B), would be considered to be individuals with respect to whom a supplemental security income is being paid under 42 U.S.C. 1381 - 1383c; a person eligible for assistance under this paragraph who is not eligible under another provision of this section shall pay a premium or other cost-sharing charges according to a sliding fee scale that is based on income as established by the department in regulations;

(13) persons under 19 years of age who are not covered under (a) of this section and whose household income does not exceed **175 percent of the federal poverty line for Alaska set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and revised under 42 U.S.C. 9902(2)**

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(B) \$2,208 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF TWO PERSONS;

(C) \$2,782 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF THREE PERSONS;

(D) \$3,355 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF FOUR PERSONS;

(E) \$3,928 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF FIVE PERSONS;

(F) \$4,501 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF SIX PERSONS;

(G) \$5,074 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF SEVEN PERSONS;

(H) \$5,647 A MONTH IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF EIGHT PERSONS;

(I) \$5,647 A MONTH, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL \$574 A MONTH FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON ABOVE EIGHT PERSONS WHO IS IN THE HOUSEHOLD IF THE HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF NINE PERSONS OR MORE];

(14) pregnant women who are not covered under (a) of this section and whose household income does not exceed **175 percent of the federal poverty guideline for Alaska set by the United States Department of Health and Human Services**

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WHO IS IN THE HOUSEHOLD IF THE  
HOUSEHOLD CONSISTS OF NINE PERSONS OR  
MORE];

(15) persons who have been diagnosed with  
breast or cervical cancer and who are eligible for coverage  
under 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII)."

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 4, line 1:

Delete "secs. 1 - 10"

Insert "secs. 2 - 11"

Page 4, line 3:

Delete "secs. 8 and 10"

Insert "secs. 9 and 11"

Page 4, line 7:

Delete "Section 11"

Insert "Section 12"

Page 4, line 8:

Delete "sec. 12"

Insert "sec. 13"

Senator Wielechowski moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1.  
Senator Therriault objected.

Senator Stedman called the Senate. Senator Stedman lifted the call.

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

CSSB 4(FIN)  
Second Reading  
Amendment No. 1

**YEAS: 14 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Therriault, Wilken

Excused: McGuire, Wagoner

Absent: Dyson

and so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

President Green stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 4(FIN) am "An Act extending the cash assistance benefit program for seniors under the senior care program and increasing the benefit amount; amending medical income eligibility provisions for persons under 19 years of age and for pregnant women; and providing for an effective date" will be on the April 10 calendar.

**SB 85**

SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act extending the termination date for the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Stevens 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. 85 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act extending the termination date for the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**SB 85**

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

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

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wielechowski, Wilken

Excused: McGuire, Wagoner

Absent: Dyson

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 85 passed the Senate.

Senator Stevens 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 130**

SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to the registration of certain vehicles owned by ranchers, farmers, or dairy workers" was read the second time.

President Green stated SENATE BILL NO. 130 will be on the April 10 calendar.

**Third Reading of Senate Bills****SB 123**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(FIN) "An Act relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined benefit retirement plans; relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined contribution retirement plans; relating to the judicial retirement system; relating to the health reimbursement arrangement plan for certain teachers and public employees; relating to the supplemental employee benefit program; relating to the public

employees' deferred compensation program; relating to group insurance for public employees and retirees; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 123(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Dates

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

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wielechowski, Wilken

Excused: McGuire, Wagoner

Absent: Dyson

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(FIN) passed the Senate.

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

### **Citations**

Honoring – Cheryl Fecko

Representative(s) Thomas

Senator(s) Kookesh, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Honoring – Casey Marre

Representative(s) Gatto, Neuman

Senator(s) Green, Huggins, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

In Memoriam – Gladene Lorraine Stewart

Senator(s) Stevens, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Representative(s) LeDoux

In Memoriam – SFC Christopher Robert Brevard

Representative(s) Gatto

Senator(s) Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Senator Stevens 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 Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate to morning plane time on April 10. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Dyson be excused from a call of the Senate on April 5. Without objection, Senator Dyson was excused.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on April 5 and to afternoon plane time on April 10. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, April 5 through evening plane time, April 9. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

### **SB 121**

The reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 121(L&C) "An Act relating to discharge from small commercial passenger vessels; relating to information-gathering requirements for small commercial



passenger vessels; providing for an effective date by repealing the delayed effective date found in sec. 16, ch. 153, SLA 2004; and providing for an effective date" was not taken up this legislative day and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Engrossment**

#### **SB 85**

SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act extending the termination date for the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

#### **SB 121**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 121(L&C) "An Act relating to discharge from small commercial passenger vessels; relating to information-gathering requirements for small commercial passenger vessels; providing for an effective date by repealing the delayed effective date found in sec. 16, ch. 153, SLA 2004; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

#### **SB 123**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(FIN) "An Act relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined benefit retirement plans; relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined contribution retirement plans; relating to the judicial retirement system; relating to the health reimbursement arrangement plan for certain teachers and public employees; relating to the supplemental employee benefit program; relating to the public employees' deferred compensation program; relating to group insurance for public employees and retirees; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., April 5, 2007 for the purpose of a technical session. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Apr 05      Thursday                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --

+    SB 136    MUNICIPAL ROAD SERVICE AREAS  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 10      Tuesday                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --

+ =   SB 136    MUNICIPAL ROAD SERVICE AREAS  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 12      Thursday                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --

+ =   SB    3    COMMUNITY DIVIDEND PROGRAM  
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Apr 04      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

+    HB 95    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+    HB 96    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 05      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

No Meeting Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Apr 06</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 07</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 08</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>2:30 PM</b>
+= HB 95	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+= HB 96	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	Public Testimony Schedule		
	2:30 - 3:30 pm: Juneau		
	3:30 - 5:00 pm: Sitka, Wrangell, Homer,		
	Petersburg, Dillingham & Cordova		
	5:00 - 6:30 pm: Fairbanks		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= SB 125	PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Apr 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+= HB 95	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+= HB 96	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
+	Public Testimony Schedule		
	1:00 - 2:30 pm: Bethel, Kotzebue, Barrow,		
	Nome, Delta Junction, Off-Nets		
	2:30 - 4:00 pm: Anchorage		
	5:00 - 6:30 pm: Kenai, Valdez, Kodiak,		
	Ketchikan, Seward, Mat-Su, Glennallen, Tok		
<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+= HB 95	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
+= HB 96	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	Committee Amendments		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Apr 12      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              5:00 PM**

+ HB 95    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET  
Committee Amendments

**Apr 13      Friday                              Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

+ HB 95    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET  
Committee Amendments

+            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 13      Friday                              Senate Finance 532              5:00 PM**

+ HB 95    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET  
Committee Amendments

**Apr 14      Saturday                              Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

+ HB 95    APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

+ HB 96    APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET  
Committee Amendments

+            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Apr 04      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              2:45 PM**

-- Time Change --

+ SB 28    LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES

**Apr 06      Friday                              Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Apr 04      Wednesday                      Beltz 211              2:45 PM**

-- Time Change --

+ SB 104    NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT

-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

+            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 09</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 11</b> += SB 104	<b>Wednesday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 11</b> += SB 104	<b>Wednesday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 12</b> += SB 104	<b>Thursday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 13</b> += SB 104	<b>Friday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 13</b> += SB 104	<b>Friday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 14</b> += SB 104	<b>Saturday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Apr 15</b> += SB 104	<b>Sunday</b> NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Apr 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Apr 12 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 117 WORKERS' COMP: DISEASE PRESUMPTION  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 = SB 124 ALASKA WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BD ALLOCATION  
 = SB 115 GIFT CARDS  
 = HB 34 SALES BY WINERY LICENSEE  
 Overview: Affordable Housing  
 Dan Fauske, Executive Director, Alaska  
 Housing Finance Corporation  
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**RESOURCES**

**Apr 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 4:30 PM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 + Governor's Appointment - Confirmation  
 Hearing:  
 Denby Lloyd - Dept of Fish & Game  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + SB 103 LAND TRANSFERS ALASKA RR & EKLUTNA  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
  
**Apr 06 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Apr 05 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
  
**Apr 10 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
  
**Apr 12 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**  
 + HB 171 ACCOMMODATE 90-DAY SESSION  
 <Pending Referral>  
 += SB 135 ACCOMMODATE 90-DAY SESSION  
 + SB 40 LONGEVITY BONUS REAPPLICATIONS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Apr 05      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 10      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 HB 8   J. KEVIN LAMM TRAINING FACILITY  
 SB 137 LAND TRANSFERS ALASKA RR & DOTPF

**Apr 12      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 SB 139 LIABILITY FOR AIRPORTS AND AIRSTRIPS

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Apr 05      Thursday                      Fahrenkamp 203              8:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Department Budget Close-out

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Apr 11      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Apr 13      Friday                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 SCR 5 CIVICS EDUC/ CITIZENS ADVISORY TASK FORCE

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****AK CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION**

**Apr 12      Thursday                      Anch Lio Conf Rm              10:00 AM**  
 +      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
      10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
 +      -- Open Public Testimony --  
      6:00 pm to 8:00 pm



**JOINT COMMITTEES (continued)****AK CLIMATE IMPACT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION  
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<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Anch Lio Conf Rm</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
+	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
	8:30 am to 12:00 pm		
+	-- Open Public Testimony --		
	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm		

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Apr 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	-- Rescheduled from 4/3/07 --		
	Contracts & Other Committee Business		

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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
	-- Teleconference --		
	Full Committee: Open Session		
	Election of Committee Chairs		
	Public Comment		
	Chair/Staff Report		
	Budget		
	Legislation		

<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Senate Subcommittee: Executive Session		
	Public Comment		
	Executive Session		
	Public Session		

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

<b>Apr 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	"Filling the Need: Other Forms of Health Care"		
<b>May 02</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	"Week of the Uninsured: Alaska's Workforce"		