

# SENATE JOURNAL

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### TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

February 13, 2002

#### Thirty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 11:15 a.m.

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Jesse Kiehl of the Juneau Jewish Community. Senator Elton moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the beliefs of all Alaskans:

*Adonai tsefatai tiftach ufi yagid tehilatecha.* Eternal God open my lips that my mouth may declare Your glory.

*Ata kadosh v'shimcha kadosh u'kedoshim bechol-yom yehalelucha selah. Baruch ata, Adonai, ha-eil hakadosh.* You are holy, Your Name is holy, and those who strive to be holy declare Your glory day by day. Blessed is the Eternal, the holy God.

We pray, O God, that You bless our nation, that it may always be a stronghold of peace, and its advocate among the nations. And bless, O God, those who serve it, that they may do Your will with an open heart, doing justly, loving goodness, and pursuing righteousness.

Blessed is the Eternal, Whose shelter of peace  
spreads over us, and over all the people of the world.  
Amen.

Senator Green led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the twenty-ninth and thirtieth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the Governor**

#### **HB 334**

Message dated and received February 12 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 334(FIN) "An Act making appropriations for a grant to Arctic Power to promote the opening of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas exploration and development; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 5, SLA 2002  
Effective Date: 02/13/02

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated February 11 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of  
House Resolutions****HJR 30**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 BY REPRESENTATIVES  
KOTT, Coghill, Foster, James,

Relating to an amendment to the Constitution of the  
United States prohibiting desecration of the Flag of  
the United States.

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

**Communications**

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

Municipal Bond Bank Authority, Certificate - Reserve Fund  
from Desi Mayo, Chairperson of the Board of Directors  
in accordance with AS 44.85.270

2001 Annual Report of the Alaska Highway Safety Office  
from Mary Moran, Director, Alaska Highway Safety Office, Division  
of Statewide Planning, Department of Transportation and Public  
Facilities

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 223**

The Judiciary Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 223 "An Act referencing the award of good time  
and restricting release on mandatory parole for prisoners serving  
certain sentences who fail to attain certain minimum educational  
standards; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be  
replaced with

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 223(JUD) "An Act limiting the award of good time and restricting release on mandatory parole for prisoners serving certain sentences who fail to attain certain minimum educational standards; providing that prisoners having attained or attaining those educational standards receive good time awards and availability of release on mandatory parole of one-third of the term or terms of imprisonment rounded off to the nearest day; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Taylor, Chair, Senators Cowdery, Donley, Therriault.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 238**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 238 "An Act relating to state plans and programs for the safety and security of facilities and systems in the state; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 238(STA) "An Act relating to state safety plans, programs, and procedures and to systems, facilities, and infrastructure in the state; exempting from public inspection as public records certain records and information relating to state safety plans, programs, and procedures; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Phillips, Stevens, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Halford.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

The bill was referred to the Transportation Committee.

**SB 240**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 240 "An Act relating to the crimes of damaging an oil or gas pipeline or supporting facility, criminal mischief, and terroristic threatening; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 240(STA) "An Act relating to the crimes of murder, conspiracy, criminal mischief, and terroristic threatening; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Phillips, Stevens, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Halford.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

**SB 242**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 242 "An Act relating to concealed handgun permittees." Signing do pass: Senator Taylor, Chair, Senators Therriault, Donley, Cowdery, Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 244**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 244 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Examiners in Optometry; and relating to optometrists" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 244(FIN)

Signing do pass: Senator Kelly, Cochair, Senators Green, Austerman, Leman. Signing no recommendation: Senators Hoffman, Olson, Wilken, Ward.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Community and Economic  
Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 257**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 257 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 257(FIN) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Professional Counselors; and relating to licensing of professional counselors."

Signing do pass: Senator Kelly, Cochair, Senators Green, Austerman, Hoffman, Olson, Leman, Ward.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Community and Economic  
Development

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 263**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 263 "An Act relating to the subsequent acquisition of title to, or an interest in, real property by a person to whom the property has purportedly been granted in fee or fee simple; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 263(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair, Senators Austerman, Davis, Leman, Torgerson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 267**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 267 "An Act establishing the Alaska veterans' memorial endowment fund and providing for credits against certain taxes for contributions to that fund; relating to other tax credits for certain contributions; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Phillips, Stevens, Davis, Halford.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

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

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**SB 268**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 268 "An Act relating to the issuance of state-guaranteed revenue bonds by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to finance mortgages for qualifying veterans; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Phillips, Stevens, Davis, Halford.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SJR 31**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 Urging the United States Congress to permit the use of tax exempt bonds to fund loans for veterans who served after 1976, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.  
31(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Phillips, Stevens, Davis, Halford.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Senate State Affairs Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions**

**SJR 34**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34 BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

Disapproving the Local Boundary Commission recommendation regarding the annexation of territory to the City of Homer.

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 290**

SENATE BILL NO. 290 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:



"An Act relating to taxes regarding certain commercial passenger vessels operating in the state; relating to apportionment of business income; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 11:

Dear President Halford:

The cruise ship tax I propose in this legislation is part of a three-year sustainable budget plan designed to help fill Alaska's \$1.2 billion budget gap. Failure to act this year to address this gap threatens Alaska's economic good health and the jobs Alaska's families depend on.

This cruise ship tax is part of my year-one proposal to raise \$400 million in new revenues in each of the coming three years. The other revenue elements in this first year are a reinstatement of a tax on income earned in Alaska and an increase in Alaska's tax on alcohol.

Every year Alaska welcomes more than 600,000 visitors to our state to tour Alaska's pristine waters on cruise ships. Our visitors enjoy the amenities we offer: clean air and water, a safe and healthy setting, and a supportive business environment.

The vast majority of the companies operating cruise ships we welcome here pay no tax to Alaska, to any other state, or to the federal government on their income from cruise ship operations. A tax based on the number of cruise ship passengers imposes the least administrative burden on the industry.

A small tax on visitors who stay overnight on a cruise ship is a reasonable way for a state to recoup some of its expense in maintaining the infrastructure that helps serve the visitor industry. The

tax proposed in this bill, \$30 per visitor who stays overnight in Alaska on a passenger vessel, is comparable to a hotel bed tax. Indeed, it is a smaller percentage than the bed tax charged per night in many visitor destinations.

This tax would apply to all passengers who stay overnight in Alaska on commercial vessels. It exempts government-owned vessels, such as the state ferries and military vessels, because these vessels are in a different industry and the government already contributes to the state infrastructure. It does not apply to vessels with less than 12 berths because these vessels are not in the cruise industry. In sum, it is a broad-based nondiscriminatory tax.

Some oppose a passenger tax because they argue it is unconstitutional, yet my Administration is confident this measure is constitutional. I have included a fair share protection provision in the bill, however, that would impose a corporate income tax on the same vessels should the passenger tax be struck down.

I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Knowles

Governor

**SB 291**

SENATE BILL NO. 291 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental and other appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12:

Dear President Halford:

Today I am transmitting two supplemental appropriation bills for FY2002 which pay for emergency and unanticipated expenses and those the Legislature short-funded during last year's regular session. This bill is sometimes referred to as the "fast track supplemental bill" because it includes items with particularly tight time requirements that are not accommodated by the usual passage of supplemental appropriations later in the spring.

Approximately half of the supplemental general funds required are in the fast track bill because formula programs were short-funded last May and the agencies will soon be without sufficient appropriation authority to meet statutory obligations. The largest of these is Medicaid, where the funding level was cut nearly \$2 million below the Department of Health and Social Services low-case projection offered with my December 2000 budget proposal. The department informed the Legislature the following April that the mid-case projection was more likely due to significant increases in the caseloads and costs for seniors and the disabled. The year-to-date information is actually tracking with the mid-case scenario.

Also as part of last year's cuts from my proposed budget, subsidized adoptions were funded below the department's projection by \$1.8 million. It now appears that \$2.5 million more will be needed this year for state obligations to parents who have adopted children with special needs. We should remember that in addition to these children having permanent homes, adoptions are less expensive for the state than keeping children in foster care.

A third statutory obligation under-funded in the current budget is Power Cost Equalization assistance for high rural energy costs. Continuing high fuel prices in rural Alaska force the need for \$1.1 million more for this statutory formula than has been appropriated so far.

The Alaska Marine Highway System lost approximately \$3.6 million between fiscal year 2001 and 2002 due to the fire aboard the Columbia. Because of that loss and this year's increased fuel costs of \$280,000, the Marine Highway Fund needs \$2.9 million to avoid drastic service changes this spring.

Four highway maintenance stations have had actual or imminent structural failure that required them to be abandoned. This bill pays for temporary replacement space as well as design for the Chandelar replacement on the Dalton Highway in the Brooks Range so it can be constructed this summer. The cost of replacing all four stations will be added to the deferred maintenance bond package I recently introduced.

Fortunately, we have unanticipated excess interest earnings on the tobacco settlement bonds which are restricted to use for capital projects or to retire those same bonds. I recommend using a portion of the earnings for eligible projects in this bill.

I urge you to put this bill on a "fast track" for final action as early in March as possible. This will allow us to take advantage of the construction season for the highway maintenance stations and the University's Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Facility at Lena Point. Approval of this bill in March will also ensure uninterrupted processing of Medicaid payments and subsidized adoption and guardianship payments.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Knowles  
Governor

**SB 292**

SENATE BILL NO. 292 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental and other appropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12:

Dear President Halford:

I am transmitting to you today two supplemental appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2002. Issues requiring attention on an expedited basis are in a separate "fast track" bill. This bill includes supplemental needs with less immediate timing requirements.

The Administration and Legislature made considerable progress reforming the supplemental budget process several years ago. Unfortunately, we have lost some of that progress. Again this year we address the inevitable consequences of actions which supposedly reduced the general fund budget in May, but which actually just split the budget into two parts. Examples include going even below low-case projections for formula programs, not funding fire suppression and core emergency services, and not fully funding commitments such as private sector leases. Fire suppression alone accounts for \$7.2 million of this supplemental request; full payment of leases is another \$1.3 million. The \$16.5 million general fund placeholder amount for supplementals in the budget plan is clearly not sufficient to cover known supplemental funding requirements of this magnitude.

Some of the shortfalls can be covered with excess appropriations in other areas. For instance, based on current estimates of general funds needed for the foundation formula, \$1.9 million can be transferred to cover supplemental needs. Wherever possible, departments have made internal adjustments to keep within current appropriation levels. Nevertheless, supplemental requests are required when increased costs are beyond an agency's ability to adjust without detrimental effects on services the Legislature already approved in the budget.

Some of the supplemental requests will allow us to take advantage of increased federal aid in areas ranging from coastal impact assistance to satellite communication, geological projects, power projects and education grants to be passed on to local school districts.

As we work together on the FY2003 budget, the appropriations requested in this bill and its companion "fast track" supplemental should be used as reference points for determining realistic budget levels for the coming year. It is not appropriate to give the public the impression that May budget levels are realistic when we know for certain they simply push part of the budget off until the following year.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Tony Knowles  
Governor

A spreadsheet entitled "FY2002 Supplementals" was attached.

**SB 293**

SENATE BILL NO. 293 BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to diversion payments, wage subsidies, cash assistance, and self-sufficiency services provided under the Alaska temporary assistance program; relating to the food stamp program; relating to child support cases that include persons who receive cash assistance or self-sufficiency services under 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 and Finance Committees.

**SB 294**

SENATE BILL NO. 294 BY SENATORS ELLIS, Wilken, entitled:

"An Act relating to adult day services facilities; relating to certain crimes occurring near an adult day services facility; relating to certain contracts for adult day services; relating to reports of harm regarding certain vulnerable adults; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 295**

SENATE BILL NO. 295 BY SENATOR KELLY, entitled:

"An Act relating to the disclosure of information regarding delinquent minors to certain licensing agencies; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 296**

SENATE BILL NO. 296 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Railroad; authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, or operation of facilities for the transportation of natural gas resources within and outside the state by others; authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue bonds to finance such facilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12:

Dear President Halford:

The State of Alaska has a unique opportunity to jumpstart the construction of the Alaska Highway natural gas pipeline by using creative financing to lower the cost of the project. This bill I am transmitting today authorizes the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue bonds for the pipeline project, leveraging the ability of the corporation to issue tax-exempt bonds for industrial development. This financing plan can push pipeline construction all the closer in our future, resulting in jobs for Alaskans and revenue to the state while delivering natural gas to a waiting continent.

The railroad's ability to issue tax-exempt bonds to finance industrial development was authored by Alaska Senator Ted Stevens and approved by Congress in 1983 with the transfer of the Alaska Railroad from federal to state ownership. Congress reaffirmed the railroad's authority to issue tax-exempt bonds in the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

Estimates prepared by Goldman Sachs and the Department of Revenue suggest the financing plan presented in this bill will increase the economic viability of the natural gas line construction project by saving the facility owners more than \$1 billion over the life of the project.

The bill allows the Alaska Railroad to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and operation of facilities for the transportation of natural gas resources within and outside the state. It specifically authorizes the railroad to negotiate with producers of natural gas and issue up to \$17 billion in bonds for construction of a natural gas pipeline that follows the Trans Alaska Pipeline System from the North Slope to Delta Junction and the Alaska Highway into Canada.



While the railroad would issue the bonds, neither the railroad nor the state would own the gas line nor be liable for the debt. That responsibility would fall on the private companies that build, own, and operate the gas line. The bill also requires that prior to issuing bonds, the railroad must determine that any contract or lease is sufficient to pay back the bonds as scheduled, maintain reserves for the payments, and pay all costs necessary to secure the bonds.

The railroad has always been important to Alaska's economy. Anchorage was born as a railroad construction town. The railroad supported construction of the Alaska Highway during World War II and the subsequent military buildup in Alaska. It helped build the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and along its 611 miles of track, the Alaska Railroad carries 7 million tons of freight and half-a-million passengers every year providing jobs to 700 Alaskans.

I urge you to take prompt action on this measure. This is an important step in advancing the construction of an Alaska natural gas pipeline.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Knowles  
Governor

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

In Memoriam – Miriam Manuyak Baldwin

Representative(s) Joule

Senator(s) Olson, Hoffman, Halford, Austerman, Green, Lincoln, Kelly, Davis, Taylor, Elton, Leman, Wilken, Therriault, Stevens

In Memoriam – Jay Dennis Poss

Representative(s) McGuire

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

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.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citation be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Special Order of Business**

Honoring – Brigadier General John V. Hoyt  
Representative(s) Mulder  
Senator(s) Donley, Therriault, Phillips, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Davis,  
Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens

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

### **Unfinished Business**

Senators Olson, Ward moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 15. Without objection, Senators Olson, Ward were excused.

#### **SB 266**

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 266 "An Act authorizing the commissioner of community and economic development to refinance and extend the term of a fishery enhancement loan." Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **HB 196**

Senator Donley moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 196(JUD) "An Act establishing a right of action for a legal separation; requiring a report about legal separations; and amending Rule 42(a), Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 15, 2002. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Heidi Vogel  
Secretary of the Senate

February 2002

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

**Feb 13      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 += HB 96 ACQUIRING JESSE LEE HOME  
 += HB 52 COMPACT FOR ADULT OFFENDER SUPERVISION  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 14      Thursday                              Senate Finance 532              9:30 AM**  
 SB 291 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK  
 SB 292 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS  
 Supplemental Budget Overview  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Feb 13      Wednesday                              Butrovich 205                      1:30 PM**  
 += SB 256 CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM  
 + Report: American Institute for Full  
 Employment/Welfare Reform  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 13      Wednesday                              Beltz 211                              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**JUDICIARY (Continued)**

**Feb 15      Friday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 14      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 270 BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
 + SB 252 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM/BOARD  
 + SB 266 FISHERY ENHANCEMENT LOANS

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**RESOURCES**

**Feb 13      Wednesday                                      Senate Finance 532              3:30 PM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 + Joint w/Joint Committee on Natural Gas  
 Pipelines  
 Overviews:  
 Dept of Revenue- Financial Participation  
 in AK Natural Gas Pipeline  
 Dept of Natural Resources- Gas Supply and  
 Demand; Natural Gas and NGL Value

**Feb 15      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**RULES**

**Feb 14      Thursday                                      Fahrenkamp 203              10:30 AM**  
 SB 244 OPTOMETRISTS: SUNSET AND MISCELLANEOUS  
 SB 257 EXTEND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
 HCR 12 FOREIGN SHIPS AND U.S. LONGSHOREMEN

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Feb 14 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM**  
 = SCR 22 SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Feb 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Meeting Postponed to 2/19/02 --  
 = HB 68 IMMUNITY: CABBIE DRIVING DRUNK'S CAR HOME  
 SB 265 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS/NURSE PRACTITIONERS  
 SB 260 HISTORIC/ANTIQUÉ MOTOR VEHICLES

**Feb 19 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Rescheduled from 2/14/02 --  
 += HB 68 IMMUNITY: CABBIE DRIVING DRUNK'S CAR HOME  
 += SB 265 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS/NURSE PRACTITIONERS  
 += SB 260 HISTORIC/ANTIQUÉ MOTOR VEHICLES

**Feb 21 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Feb 22 Friday Anch Lio Conf Rm 10:00 AM**  
 + -- Time and Location Change --  
 Problems Associated with the Construction  
 Claim Processes set forth in AK  
 Procurement Code

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

**Mar 01 Friday Capitol 102 8:30 AM**  
 Proposed Regulations for Special Schools

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**NATURAL GAS PIPELINES**

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| <b>Feb 13</b><br>+ | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Joint w/Senate Resources Committee<br>Overviews:<br>Dept of Revenue- Financial Participation<br>in AK Natural Gas Pipeline<br>Dept of Natural Resources- Gas Supply<br>and Demand; Natural Gas and NGL Value | <b>Senate Finance 532</b>             | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
| <b>Feb 15</b><br>+ | Introduction of draft resolution<br>in support of<br>producers' federal enabling legislation<br>Karol Lyn Newman, JCNGP attorney:<br>Federal Energy Regulatory Commission<br>Issues- Upstream Access, Jurisdiction               | <b>Friday</b><br><b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**FISH CAUCUS**

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| <b>Feb 14</b><br>+ | Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute:<br>Overviews of Export Marketing Program,<br>US Salmon Initiative | <b>Thursday</b><br><b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
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**JOINT SESSION**

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| <b>Feb 19</b> | US Senator Frank Murkowski | <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>House Chamber</b>   | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Feb 20</b> | Chief Justice Dana Fabe    | <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |