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Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Halford at 10:53 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Torgerson was excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend C. Ronald Covey, of the Douglas Community United Methodist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Honorable Senators, members of the staff, distinguished guests and visitors; as we prepare to consider matters material, let us take a moment to look within and draw upon the spiritual.

Creating Power, when we look upon the mountains, draped with the heavens and standing timeless through the centuries, we realize how fleeting are our days. May we use the time we are given, not as wastrels, but as wise people, so that our lives, our deeds, and our decisions will be remembered with honor. Let it be so. Amen.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer offered on February 15 by the Chaplain, Jesse Kiehl of the Juneau Jewish Community, be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Grant, O Eternal God, that we may live this day in peace, and raise us up, each morning to life renewed. Spread over us the shelter of Your peace; guide us with Your good counsel; and for Your name's sake,

be our Help. Shield us from hatred and sickness; keep us from strife and famine and anguish. O God, our Guardian and Helper, give us refuge in the shadow of Your wings. O guard our coming and going, that now and always we have life and peace. *Baruch atah Adonai*. Blessed is the Eternal, whose shelter of peace spreads over us, and over all the people of the world.

God, bless this state that it may know justice and prosperity, and bless those who serve it that they may do Your will with an open heart. We acknowledge this day our differences as we pray that You will bring us closer together. Oh God Who sees us as we truly are, grant that we may find strength of spirit to do what is right, and make us ever mindful of our loved ones and those who depend on us.

God of all Alaska, we ask this blessing: *Yisa Adonai panav eilecha veyasem lecha shalom*. May God show you kindness, look on you with love, and give you peace. Amen.

Senator Ellis led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Recess

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:57 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Porter called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Halford, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:06 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Frank Murkowski.

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

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

President Halford asked Representative Murkowski to introduce special guests. Representative Murkowski introduced her mother, the Honorable Senator's wife, Nancy Murkowski, and the following members of Senator Murkowski's staff: Connie McKenzie, of the Juneau office; Jack Phelps, Carrie Lehman and Gregg Renkes of the Washington, D.C. office.

President Halford appointed Representative Murkowski and Senator Olson to escort the Honorable Frank Murkowski to the Joint Session.

The House Sergeant at Arms, Sean Riley, announced Senator Murkowski's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Frank Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and introduced by President Halford.

Senator Murkowski introduced Captain Mark Skibinski.

United States Senator Murkowski delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Olson and Representative Murkowski.

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Halford adjourned the Joint Session at 12:22 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Messages from the Governor

Letter dated and received February 13 was read, stating in accordance with Article III, section 25 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 39.05.080, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services

Jay Livey - Juneau
Appointed: 10/09/01

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Marjorie J. Kaiser - Anchorage
Appointed: 07/16/97 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05
Steven R. Tarola - Homer
Appointed: 07/16/97 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05
Sandra R. Wilson - Fairbanks
Appointed: 07/16/97 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Ellen L. Ganley - Fairbanks

Appointed 06/29/95 Reappointed: 01/31/96, 02/19/99 and
01/31/02 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Linda Cyra-Korsgaard - Anchorage

Appointed: 09/11/98 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 06/30/05

Donald J. Iverson - Anchorage

Appointed: 08/12/97 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Scott McLane - Soldotna

Appointed: 08/12/97 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Patricia Peirsol - Fairbanks

Appointed: 08/12/97 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

William A. Granger - Anchorage

Appointed: 06/29/01 Expires: 03/01/03

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

William (Randy) R. Graf - Anchorage

Appointed: 06/21/01 Expires: 03/01/02

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Dr. Gregory M. Culbert - Eagle River

Appointed: 01/24/02 Expires: 03/01/05

Dr. R. Clark Davis - Ketchikan

Appointed: 11/14/01 Expires: 03/01/04

Dr. Carol J. Davis - Fairbanks

Appointed: 11/16/98 Reappointed: 07/15/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Commissioner Mary McDowell - Juneau

Appointed: 10/06/97 Reappointed: 08/20/01 Expires: 03/01/06

The appointment was referred to the Resources Committee.

Board of Dental Examiners

Dr. Robert J. Allen - Bethel

Appointed: 11/14/01 Expires: 03/01/03

Dr. William L. Gerace - Anchorage

Appointed: 06/25/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Dr. Rebecca Neslund - Kodiak

Appointed: 11/14/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Dispensing Opticians

James D. Rothmeyer - Fairbanks

Appointed: 03/17/99 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

State Board of Education and Early Development

Sally Rue - Juneau

Appointed: 03/23/00 Reappointed: 01/31/02 Expires: 03/01/07

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Game

George Matz - Anchorage

Appointed: 05/17/01 Expires: 03/01/04

J. Dana Pruhs - Anchorage

Appointed: 05/17/01 Expires: 03/01/03

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

State Commission for Human Rights

Kathy K. Wisthoff - Anchorage

Appointed: 02/20/97 Reappointed: 01/31/02 Expires: 03/01/07

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Jeffrey M. Feldman - Anchorage

Appointed: 09/01/93 Reappointed: 07/16/97 and 06/07/01

Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Roberta Demoski - Anchorage

Appointed: 01/18/02 Expires: 03/01/03

Aaron T. Isaacs - Klawock

Appointed: 06/12/00 Reappointed: 01/18/02 Expires: 03/01/05

David D. Rasley - Fairbanks

Appointed: 11/14/01 Expires: 03/01/04

Raymond P. Smith - Anchorage

Appointed: 03/06/95 Reappointed: 06/30/95, 07/31/98 and

08/22/01 Expires: 03/01/04

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Board of Marine Pilots

Jack G. Poulson - Juneau

Appointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/04

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Larry Holman - Anchorage

Appointed: 08/22/01 Reappointed: 12/14/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

State Medical Board

Dr. Allan G. Schlicht - Juneau

Appointed: 11/14/01 Expires: 03/01/04

Thomas H. Wilson - Fairbanks

Appointed: 11/14/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Phil A. Younker, Sr. - Fairbanks

Appointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Martha J. Falkar Linden - Anchorage

Appointed: 11/26/97 Reappointed: 07/21/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Nursing

Dr. Nancy L. Sanders - Anchorage

Appointed: 08/23/99 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dr. Erik D. Christianson - Ketchikan

Appointed: 06/01/98 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Pharmacy

Gerry Knasiak - Ketchikan

Appointed: 04/16/98 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Laura Lee Nelson - Juneau

Appointed: 06/29/99 Reappointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Sundi M. Hondl - Wasilla

Appointed: 01/21/98 Reappointed: 08/22/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Laura McDonough - Anchorage

Appointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/04

Dr. George D. Rhyneer - Anchorage

Appointed: 11/06/01 Expires: 03/01/04

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Professional Counselors

Janet McGillivary - Anchorage

Appointed: 03/21/00 Reappointed: 11/06/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Dr. Allan A. Morotti - Fairbanks

Appointed: 11/16/98 Reappointed: 11/06/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Steven Beardsley - Anchorage

Appointed: 12/11/98 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/04

Vickie L. McCubbin - Anchorage

Appointed: 12/11/98 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/04

Dr. Donna Peterson - Soldotna

Appointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/04

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners

Dr. Carey S. Edney - Anchorage

Appointed: 10/31/97 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointment was referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Sheila Gallagher - Anchorage

Appointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/06

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Judy Kemplen - Anchorage

Appointed: 01/21/98 Reappointed: 06/30/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Stephen F. Turner - Anchorage

Appointed: 08/25/00 Reappointed: 01/18/02 Expires: 03/01/06

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Real Estate Commission

Lowell (Tom) T. Freeman - Anchorage

Appointed: 11/06/01 Expires: 03/01/03

Jeannie Johnson - Douglas

Appointed: 06/07/01 Expires: 03/01/05

Susan Rainey - Fairbanks

Appointed: 09/15/01 Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Mark Begich - Anchorage

Appointed: 05/29/01 Expires: 03/01/09

Joseph Hardenbrook - Fairbanks

Appointed: 06/01/01 Expires: 06/01/03

Commissioner Marlene A. Johnson - Juneau

Appointed: 05/29/01 Expires: 03/01/09

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Will Abbott - Anchorage

Appointed: 07/01/99 Reappointed: 07/01/01 Expires: 03/01/07

The appointment was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Board of Social Work Examiners

Lorraine M. Jaeger-Kirsch - Douglas

Appointed: 11/14/01 Reappointed: 01/18/02 Expires: 03/01/06

Denny Patella - Anchorage

Appointed: 09/11/98 Reappointed: 08/22/01 and 09/25/01

Expires: 03/01/05

The appointments were referred to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee.

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Leslie D. Bogda Wheeler - Wasilla

Appointed: 05/15/96 Reappointed: 12/11/98 and 01/18/02

Expires: 03/01/04

The appointment was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Dorothy Bradshaw - Fairbanks

Appointed: 01/30/96 Reappointed: 06/02/98 and 07/01/01

Expires: 03/01/04

John Giuchici - Fairbanks

Appointed: 10/10/91 Reappointed: 06/25/96, 09/07/00 and 01/18/02 Expires: 03/01/05

Stephen T. Hagedorn - Anchorage

Appointed: 08/19/91 Reappointed: 06/25/96 and 09/06/00 and 01/18/02 Expires: 03/01/05

James (Jay) N. Rhodes - Ketchikan
Appointed: 09/11/01 Expires: 03/01/04
Philip E. Ulmer - Eagle River
Appointed: 01/30/96 Reappointed: 06/02/98 and 07/01/01
Expires: 03/01/04

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

Messages from the House

Message dated February 13 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 243

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 243(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to sexual assault or abuse of a minor."

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

HB 274

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 274(L&C) BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the qualification of a physician used for an employer's independent medical examination and to the authority of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board to provide an expedited hearing when an employee needs medical treatment; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

HB 320

HOUSE BILL NO. 320 am BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN, Guess, Meyer, Fate, Hudson, Kerttula, Coghill, Hayes, Wilson, Stevens, James, Crawford, Lancaster, Kookesh, Croft, Kott, McGuire, Halcro, Murkowski, Dyson, Rokeberg, Cissna, entitled:

"An Act relating to the use of electronic balloting equipment."

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

Communications

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

Report from the Department of Law and the Department of Public Safety on Law Enforcement Activities Related to Charitable Gaming from Bruce Botelho, Attorney General
in accordance with AS 05.15.090

Notification of availability of Alaska Energy Authority Annual Capital Project Status Reports: Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project, Terror Lake Hydroelectric Project, Lake Tyee Hydroelectric Project, Swan Lake Hydroelectric Project, Solomon Gulch Hydroelectric Project from Robert Poe, Executive Director, Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority
in accordance with AS 44.83.950(b)

Status of Brown Bears and Other Natural Resources in the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary and Refuge in 2001
from Frank Rue, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game
in accordance with AS 16.20.041(f) and 16.20.160(f)

Notification of availability of Annual State Loan Report and Report on Reinstatements
from Deborah Sedwick, Commissioner, Department of Community and Economic Development
in accordance with AS 37.05.035 and 16.10.350(b)

Alaska Railroad Corporation Special Report to the Legislature and Administration, State of Alaska, January 2002
from Patrick Gamble, President and CEO

Standing Committee Reports

SB 206

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 206 "An Act relating to registration plates and parking permits for persons with disabilities and to illegal use of parking spaces for persons with disabilities" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 206(TRA)

Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair, Senators Wilken, Taylor, Elton, Ward.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Administration

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

President Halford added a Finance Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 222

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 222 "An Act relating to certain motor vehicles that are required to yield to following traffic" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 222(TRA)

Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair, Senators Wilken, Taylor, Ward. Signing no recommendation: Senator Elton.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 226

The Transportation Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 226 "An Act requiring highways to be designed and constructed so that they will adequately serve anticipated traffic levels for the next 30 years; and providing for an effective date," and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
BILL NO. 226(TRA) "An Act requiring certain
highway projects to be designed and constructed so
that the highways will adequately serve anticipated
traffic levels for at least the next 30 years; and
providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Cowdery, Chair, Senators Taylor, Ward.
Signing no recommendation: Senators Wilken, Elton.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 236

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 236 "An Act making supplemental and other appropriations for homeland security; and providing for an effective date." Signing no recommendation: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Halford, Phillips, Stevens. Signing amend: Senator Davis.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 266

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered 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," and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 266(L&C)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

SB 270

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 270 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Dispensing Opticians; relating to the regulation of dispensing opticians; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 270(L&C)

Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair, Senators Davis, Torgerson.
Signing no recommendation: Senator Austerman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SCR 22

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22 Relating to declaring March 2002 as Sobriety Awareness Month. Signing do pass: Senator Therriault, Chair, Senators Halford, Phillips, Stevens, Davis.

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

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 52

The Finance Committee considered HOUSE BILL NO. 52 am "An Act relating to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision; amending Rules 4 and 24, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Donley, Cochair, Senators Leman, Ward. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kelly, Cochair, Senators Green, Austerman, Wilken, Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 3, Senate Finance Committee

President Halford added a Judiciary Committee referral to the bill.

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SCR 26

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26 BY SENATOR GREEN,

Relating to Avalanche Awareness Month.

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

SCR 27

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE,

Authorizing a recess by the Senate for a period of more than three days.

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

SCR 28

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28 BY SENATOR
AUSTERMAN,

Establishing the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry
Task Force.

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

SCR 29

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29 BY SENATORS
KELLY, Phillips,

Relating to urging the Governor to institute a hiring
freeze on state government.

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

SJR 35

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 BY SENATOR DAVIS,

Supporting funding for federal highway programs.

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

SJR 36

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36 BY THE SENATE RULES
COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the
State of Alaska relating to providing for priorities for
and among subsistence uses in the allocation of fish,
wildlife, and other renewable resources.

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

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 14:

Dear President Halford:

Today I am introducing an innovative approach to resolving an issue that has haunted Alaskans for more than a decade -- the permanent protection of subsistence. Probably more than any single issue, our failure to resolve subsistence has contributed to the growing divide between urban and rural Alaskans. This approach protects the importance of subsistence for rural Alaskans first, and then recognizes the needs of those urban residents who have a customary and traditional use of fish and game resources. It is a fresh and widely supported starting point for achieving a permanent resolution to subsistence.

This proposal is built on the hard work of many Alaskans. Last August, I convened 42 prominent Alaskans from all walks of life -- business, civic, religious, Native -- in the Subsistence Leadership Summit. By demonstrating an overwhelming sense of unity and a new level of understanding, respect, and agreement, they re-ignited the hope of bringing Alaskans together. The Summit made a major contribution to helping find a solution to the long-standing subsistence dilemma.

To build on the work of that summit, I then asked 11 Alaskans -- most of them members of the Summit -- to craft a potential subsistence amendment to the Alaska Constitution. That group succeeded in writing the constitutional amendment that I am offering today in this resolution. It will protect the lifeblood that subsistence is to the cultural, spiritual, economic and physical well being of rural Alaskans.

I am asking that we place this constitutional amendment before the public for a vote, allowing Alaskans to take a major step toward bridging the divide that has separated our urban and rural residents.

We have debated and struggled with the subsistence issue for far too many years. We must finally act to protect the subsistence way of life and regain state management of all fish and wildlife uses throughout Alaska. Alaskans have the right to vote on this constitutional amendment, and the need for the chance to do so. I encourage your prompt action on this resolution.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Knowles
Governor

SJR 37

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37 BY SENATOR KELLY,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to officers and employees of the executive branch.

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

SJR 38

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 BY SENATOR KELLY,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to information regarding proposed expenditures.

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

SJR 39

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39 BY SENATOR ELLIS,

Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to protect the Social Security Trust Fund.

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

SJR 40

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40 BY SENATOR HALFORD,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska permitting certain bills dealing with appropriations or taxes to take effect only if approved by the voters.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 163**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 163 BY SENATORS LINCOLN, Davis, Ellis, Hoffman, Elton, entitled:

"An Act relating to the commission of an offense or a juvenile delinquency act involving the victim's race, sex, color, creed, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, ancestry, or national origin; relating to sentencing, informal adjustment, and adjudication for those offenses and acts; relating to a diversity tolerance program for certain juvenile delinquency acts; relating to a civil cause of action for certain acts involving discriminatory harassment; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 297

SENATE BILL NO. 297 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act moving employees of the Alaska mental health trust land unit of the Department of Natural Resources from the partially exempt service to the exempt service."

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

SB 298

SENATE BILL NO. 298 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain licenses for the sale of tobacco products; relating to tobacco taxes and sales and cigarette tax stamps; relating to provisions making certain cigarettes contraband and subject to seizure and forfeiture; relating to certain crimes, penalties, and interest concerning tobacco taxes and sales; relating to notification regarding a cigarette manufacturer's noncompliance with the tobacco product Master Settlement Agreement or related statutory provisions and to confiscation of the affected cigarettes; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 13:

Dear President Halford:

This bill I am transmitting today is designed to reduce the importation of black market cigarettes into Alaska by requiring each pack of cigarettes sold in the state be clearly marked with a tobacco tax stamp.

On October 1, 1997, Alaska increased its tobacco tax rate on cigarettes from 29 cents per pack to \$1 per pack. The impetus for the tax increase was to promote public health. The Legislature and the Administration believed that if cigarettes were more expensive, fewer people would smoke. Our particular hope was that the increase in cost would cause fewer young people to take up the unhealthy habit in the first place.

The tobacco tax increase has had a significant effect on the sale of taxable cigarettes in Alaska. In the five fiscal years before the tax increase, cigarette sales averaged 53 million packs per year. In the three complete fiscal years since the increase, cigarette sales have averaged 42.1 million packs per year — a drop of more than 20 percent. Much of this decrease can be attributed to reduced smoking. And yet, we also believe an unknown quantity of untaxed cigarettes are imported into the state. Existing laws make it difficult to track just how many untaxed cigarettes are coming into Alaska.

The Department of Revenue believes a very simple measure — a tax stamp on each package — would help close our borders to the importation of untaxed cigarettes. This bill would require a stamp affixed to all packs of cigarettes on which the tax has been paid. The stamps would be heat-applied so they could not be transferred to untaxed packs and would be difficult to counterfeit. The colorful stamp would be easily recognizable so that Department of Revenue personnel, law enforcement agents, and consumers would immediately know whether the tax had been paid on any given pack of cigarettes. In addition, the bill would require the tax be paid before the cigarettes are imported into the state.

The bill also would place considerable weight behind the state's ability to enforce the stamp requirement. The Department of Revenue and law enforcement agencies would have the authority to seize and destroy unstamped cigarettes, and violators could be subject to significant civil penalties and criminal liability.

Other states, many of which have much lower cigarette taxes than Alaska, have long recognized the benefit of a tax stamp on cigarettes. At this time, 46 states require a stamp on cigarettes. This bill draws from the statutes and experience of those other states. States that recently adopted a cigarette tax stamp program have significantly increased their tobacco tax revenues. Michigan reported an 8.7 percent increase in cigarette taxes in the first year of its program, 1999. Initial reports from Hawaii — a state that, like ours, doesn't have bordering states but does have a high tax rate — indicate an amazing 25 percent increase in tax collection.

Although these results from other states are encouraging, we do not have a reliable basis to predict the size of the effect of cigarette tax stamps here in Alaska. Given that cigarette tax revenue is about \$40 million per year, each one percent increase in tax collected would raise about \$400,000 per year.

Stamps do not come free and distributors will incur costs when affixing stamps to individual packs of cigarettes. In recognition of the cost, the bill provides a tax discount for distributors of two percent for the first one million stamps and one percent for all additional stamps.

I urge your support of this important bill. It will enhance compliance with the state's revenue laws while providing an important public health benefit.

Sincerely,

/s/

Tony Knowles

Governor

SB 299

SENATE BILL NO. 299 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment of an additional southcentral panel to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board and to appointments to that panel; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 300

SENATE BILL NO. 300 BY SENATOR LINCOLN, entitled:

"An Act relating to Native handicrafts and other articles made in the state."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 301

SENATE BILL NO. 301 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act amending the Alaska Corporations Code as it relates to delivery of annual reports, notice of shareholders' meetings, proxy statements, and other information to shareholders, and providing for electronic proxy voting."

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

SB 302

SENATE BILL NO. 302 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act defining the term 'mental health professional' for the purpose of statutes relating to the evaluation of prisoners who may need psychological or psychiatric treatment, for the purpose of statutes relating to the evaluation of children in need of aid and delinquent minors who may need to be confined in a secure residential psychiatric treatment center or who should be released from such a center, for the purpose of statutes requiring certain professionals to report the possibility that a vulnerable adult has been abused or neglected, and for the purpose of statutes relating to mental health civil commitments."

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

SB 303

SENATE BILL NO. 303 BY SENATOR PHILLIPS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the location of regular and special legislative sessions; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 304

SENATE BILL NO. 304 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to an optional group of persons eligible for medical assistance who require treatment for breast or cervical cancer."

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

SB 305

SENATE BILL NO. 305 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter registration."

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

SB 306

SENATE BILL NO. 306 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Prescription Drug Assistance Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 307

SENATE BILL NO. 307 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska teacher recruitment loan assumption 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 308

SENATE BILL NO. 308 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska coastal management program and the responsibilities of the Alaska Coastal Policy Council."

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

SB 309

SENATE BILL NO. 309 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to actions to quiet title to, eject a person from, or recover real property or the possession of it, and to acquisition of real property by adverse possession; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 310

SENATE BILL NO. 310 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act amending the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act to provide for the assignment and coordination in one office within the Department of Natural Resources, the State Pipeline Coordinator's Office, of the responsibility for state authorizations for and state oversight of the preconstruction, design, and construction of pipelines to transport natural gas from the North Slope to market, and to require the cooperation of state agencies in the work of the office; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 311

SENATE BILL NO. 311 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to the public school trust fund, the Alaska children's trust, and the Alaska heritage endowment fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 312

SENATE BILL NO. 312 BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to enterprise zones."

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

SB 313

SENATE BILL NO. 313 BY SENATORS THERRIAULT, Austerman, entitled:

"An Act repealing a provision relating to legislative approval of construction projects of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation."

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

SB 314

SENATE BILL NO. 314 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taxation of mobile telecommunications services by municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 315

SENATE BILL NO. 315 BY SENATORS ELLIS, Davis, Elton, Hoffman, Lincoln, Olson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the primary election; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 316

SENATE BILL NO. 316 BY SENATOR ELTON, entitled:

"An Act relating to stalking and to violating a protective order or injunction; and amending Rule 4, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration."

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

SB 317

SENATE BILL NO. 317 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the national forest income program in the Department of Community and Economic Development and to the authority of the department to adopt regulations; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 318

SENATE BILL NO. 318 BY SENATOR LEMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to assignments of permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 319

SENATE BILL NO. 319 BY SENATOR TORGERSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to shallow natural gas leasing; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 320

SENATE BILL NO. 320 BY SENATOR COWDERY, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain motor vehicle repairs and prohibiting discrimination in motor vehicle insurance rates based on credit rating or credit scoring; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 321

SENATE BILL NO. 321 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Veterinary Examiners and the practice of veterinary medicine."

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

SB 322

SENATE BILL NO. 322 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to default under a deed of trust, to deed of trust foreclosures, and to home ownership and protection of equity."

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

SB 323

SENATE BILL NO. 323 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the mandatory incorporation of certain boroughs in the unorganized borough; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 324

SENATE BILL NO. 324 BY SENATOR TAYLOR, entitled:

"An Act providing that a utility or electric operating entity owned and operated by a political subdivision of the state competing directly with a telecommunications utility is not subject to the Alaska Public Utilities Regulatory Act."

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

SB 325

SENATE BILL NO. 325 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to civil liability for use of an automated external defibrillator; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 326

SENATE BILL NO. 326 BY SENATOR THERRIAULT, entitled:

"An Act relating to evaluating state assumption of the wastewater discharge program under the federal Clean Water Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 327

SENATE BILL NO. 327 BY SENATOR DONLEY, entitled:

"An Act relating to motor vehicle insurance; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 328

SENATE BILL NO. 328 BY SENATOR HALFORD BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act requiring that a nonresident big game hunter be accompanied by a big game guide who is providing big game hunting services to the nonresident under a contract with the nonresident or who is employed by a big game guide who has a contract to provide big game hunting services to the nonresident."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

SB 329

SENATE BILL NO. 329 BY SENATOR HALFORD, entitled:

"An Act authorizing community development quota groups to hold commercial fishing permits."

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

SB 330

SENATE BILL NO. 330 BY SENATOR WARD, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale of state land at auction."

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

SB 331

SENATE BILL NO. 331 BY SENATOR THERRIault, entitled:

"An Act relating to the jurisdiction of district courts."

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

SB 332

SENATE BILL NO. 332 BY SENATOR WARD, entitled:

"An Act relating to registration of mobile home dealers; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 333

SENATE BILL NO. 333 BY SENATOR WARD, entitled:

"An Act relating to the staff of the Alaska State Pension Investment Board."

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

SB 334

SENATE BILL NO. 334 BY SENATOR LINCOLN, entitled:

"An Act authorizing conveyance by the Department of Natural Resources of cultural education youth encampments."

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

SB 335

SENATE BILL NO. 335 BY SENATORS LINCOLN, Hoffman, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal bond reimbursement for school construction; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – John M. Lichtenberger
Senator(s) Elton, Wilken, Leman, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman,
Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Hoffman, Therriault
Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson

Honoring – Phil and Betty Ames, 55th Wedding Anniversary
Senator(s) Ward, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Davis, Halford, Lincoln,
Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Donley, Hoffman,
Therriault

Honoring – Karl Bausler, PA, ANP, Indian Health Service Medical Provider of the Year
Senator(s) Elton, Wilken, Leman, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Ellis, Olson, Hoffman, Therriault
Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson

Honoring – Darroll Hargraves
Senator(s) Olson, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Hoffman, Therriault
Representative(s) Foster

Honoring – Dr. Mary Francis
Senator(s) Taylor, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Olson, Hoffman, Therriault
Representative(s) Wilson

Honoring – Shishmaref Tannery
Representative(s) Joule
Senator(s) Olson, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Ellis, Hoffman, Therriault

Honoring – Superintendent Richard DeLorenzo, Chugach School District
Representative(s) Harris, Dyson
Senator(s) Lincoln, Leman, Elton, Davis, Halford, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Hoffman, Therriault

Honoring – Richard C. Campbell
Representative(s) Bunde
Senator(s) Cowdery, Ward, Wilken, Leman, Elton, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Hoffman, Therriault

In Memoriam – Kenneth Lawrence
Senator(s) Elton, Wilken, Leman, Davis, Halford, Lincoln, Austerman, Taylor, Kelly, Green, Stevens, Hoffman, Therriault
Representative(s) Kerttula, Hudson

In Memoriam – Robert C. "Bob" Bailey

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

Representative(s) Dyson

In Memoriam – Linda Hartshorn

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

Representative(s) Wilson

In Memoriam – Timothy P. Connaker

Representative(s) Rokeberg

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

In Memoriam – Gerald "Jerry" Johnson Bohms

Representative(s) Fate, Harris, Whitaker, Coghill, Hayes, James, Morgan, Davies

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

In Memoriam – Patricia D. Brokaw

Representative(s) Bunde

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

In Memoriam – Beverly Joan Dodge

Representative(s) Bunde

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

In Memoriam – Henry "Hank" Floyd Eaton

Representative(s) Bunde, Stevens

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

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

Unfinished Business

SB 278

Senator Wilken moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 278 "An Act requiring a good faith effort to purchase property before that property is taken through eminent domain; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 294

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 294 "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." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Kelly moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time on February 22. Without objection, Senator Kelly was excused.

Senator Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 20 through morning plane time, February 22. Without objection, Senator Austerman was excused.

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 25 and February 27. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

Senator Taylor moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate, not subject to a call, from morning plane time, February 22 through evening plane time, February 23. Without objection, Senator Taylor was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Leman moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., February 20, 2002. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Heidi Vogel
Secretary of the Senate

February 2002

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 20	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Feb 22	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+ SJR 34	DISAPPROVE HOMER BOUNDARY CHANGES <Testimony by Invitation Only>		

FINANCE

Feb 19	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	7:00 PM
+ HB 359	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROP TOURISM MARKETING		
+ SB 272	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROP TOURISM MARKETING		
Feb 20	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	Joint w/(H) Finance- State of the University		
SB 289	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
SB 245	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
SB 288	APPROP:MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
SB 246	APPROP:MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (Continued)

Feb 21 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:30 AM
 SB 11 COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE
 SB 140 SMALL WATER-POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
 HB 349 AGENCY PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL PLANS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 = SB 291 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: FAST TRACK
 = SB 292 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 = SB 250 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORTS
 = SB 256 CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 293 ALASKA TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 20 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 40 REVOKE DRIVER'S LIC. FOR FATAL ACCIDENT
 + SB 273 EXTEND BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF AK BAR ASSN
 + SCR 25 FISH & WILDLIFE PUBLIC TRUST/ANILCA SUIT

Feb 22 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 = SB 248 EXTENDING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
 <Bill Postponed to 2/25/02>

Feb 25 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 248 EXTENDING COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
 <Bill Rescheduled from 2/22/02>
 += HB 111 CIVIL LIABILITY AND LIVESTOCK

JUDICIARY (Continued)

Feb 27 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 196 RIGHT OF ACTION FOR LEGAL SEPARATION

Mar 01 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 += SB 204 WILDFIRES AND NATURAL DISASTERS

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 19 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 253 EXTENDING THE REGULATORY COM. OF ALASKA
 += SB 202 EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONS UNDER AGE 19
 + SB 280 WATER/SEWER/WASTE GRANTS TO UTILITIES

Feb 21 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + HB 291 LICENSING OF RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS
 + HB 245 MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPISTS
 + SB 235 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT
 + SB 267 ALASKA VETERANS' MEM.ENDOWMENT FUND

RESOURCES

Feb 20 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 22 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 141 AQUATIC FARMS FOR SHELLFISH
 += SB 266 FISHERY ENHANCEMENT LOANS
 + SB 277 DEFINITIONS OF FISHERIES BUSINESSES

RULES

Feb 21 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM
 SB 242 CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMITTEES
 SB 260 HISTORIC/ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES
 <Pending Referral>
 SJR 31 TAX EXEMPT BONDS TO FUND VETERANS LOANS
 SCR 22 SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH
 SCR 23 ALASKA TARTAN DAY
 <Pending Referral>
 SCR 27 RECESS OF THE LEGISLATURE: LATE MARCH

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 19 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 = SB 87 SPECIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS
 SB 190 GUARDIANSHIPS; CONSERVATORSHIPS
 SCR 23 ALASKA TARTAN DAY

Feb 21 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 = SJR 13 CONST. AM: PERMANENT FUND
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

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/ANTIQUE 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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

- Feb 19 Tuesday Terry Miller 104 3:30 PM**
 Discussion on Child Care Issues:
 Yvonne Chase, Deputy Commissioner, DEED
- Feb 21 Thursday Terry Miller 104 3:30 PM**
 Discussion on Child Care Issues:
 Yvonne Chase, Deputy Commissioner, DEED
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JOINT COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

- Feb 20 Wednesday Speaker's Chamber 1:15 PM**
 Information Technology Subcommittee Mtg.
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OTHER MEETINGS

ANCHORAGE CAUCUS

- Feb 23 Saturday Assembly Chamber 10:00 AM**
 Presentations:
 AK Railroad Corporation, University of Alaska Anchorage
 Ted Stevens International Airport, Child Advocacy Team,
 Municipality of Anchorage:
 Mayor, Assembly, Port of Anchorage, Anch 2020-Town Centers,
 University Medical District:
 Providence Medical Center, Alaska Regional Hospital,
 Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium,
 Alaska Psychiatric Institute
 Public testimony will be taken
 <Mtg location: Loussac Library-Anchorage>
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FISH CAUCUS

Feb 21 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
Shellfish Mariculture in Alaska: Economic
Opportunities for Coastal Residents

JOINT SESSION

Feb 19 **Tuesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
US Senator Frank Murkowski

Feb 20 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Chief Justice Dana Fabe

MINORITY CAUCUS

Feb 19 **Tuesday** **Governor's Conf Rm** **4:00 PM**
Joint w/(H)
Open Caucus
Report from Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer