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#### Messages from the House

##### **SB 117**

Message dated July 16 was received, stating the House failed:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 117(FIN)(fld H) "An Act relating to the longevity bonus program; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was returned to the Secretary for permanent filing.

##### **SB 146**

Message dated May 20 was received, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 146 "An Act relating to a commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

##### **SB 149**

Message dated May 21 was received, stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(RES) "An Act relating to timber, to the sale of timber by the state, and to the management of state forests."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SB 176**

Message dated May 20 was received, stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 176(JUD) "An Act relating to civil liability for injuries or death resulting from livestock activities."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SB 202**

Message dated May 21 was received, stating the House passed and returned:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 202(FIN) "An Act relating to school transportation; relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SCR 16**

Message dated May 21 was received, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning House Bill No. 232, relating to mercury  
classics.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

**SCR 18**

Message dated May 21 was received, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning House Bill No. 195, relating to the state  
health insurance plan.

The resolution was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

### **Communications**

Disclosure letters received in accordance with AS 24.60 will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 4 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 10.

### **Enrollment**

#### **SB 8**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 8(JUD) "An Act relating to tampering with public records" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:25 a.m., July 8, 2003.

#### **SB 13**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 13(L&C) "An Act relating to using credit history or insurance scoring for insurance purposes; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:18 p.m., August 5, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest error in HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 13(L&C), which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 7, lines 10-11:  
Delete ", premiums,"  
Insert "or premiums"

**SB 25**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(RLS) "An Act relating to the acquisition of teachers' housing by regional educational attendance areas and to a teacher housing loan program and a teachers' and nurses' housing loan program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:32 a.m., June 5, 2003.

**SB 26**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 26(STA) "An Act relating to state employees who are called to active duty as reserve or auxiliary members of the armed forces of the United States; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:50 a.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 41**

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 41(FIN) am H "An Act relating to medical care and crimes relating to medical care, including medical care and crimes relating to the medical assistance program, catastrophic illness assistance, and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:50 a.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 45**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(FIN) "An Act relating to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:04 a.m., June 10, 2003.

**SB 53**

SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to disposition of a traffic offense involving the death of a person; providing for the revocation of driving privileges by a court for a driver convicted of a violation of traffic laws in connection with a fatal motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle accident; amending Rules 43 and 43.1, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:30 p.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 71**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 71(FIN) "An Act relating to funding for transportation projects; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:25 a.m., July 8, 2003.

**SB 73**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 73(FIN) "An Act relating to the loan participation program of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and to regulations of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:04 a.m., June 10, 2003.

**SB 85**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 85(JUD) "An Act relating to the factors that may be considered in making a crime victim compensation award; relating to sentencing and to the earning of good time deductions for certain sexual offenses" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:30 p.m., June 9, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest errors in HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 85(JUD), which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 9, line 18:  
Delete "to a"  
Insert "to a"

Page 9, line 20:  
Delete "to a"  
Insert "to a"

**SB 87**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 87(JUD) "An Act relating to principal and income in the administration of trusts and decedents' estates and the mental health trust fund; adopting a version of the Uniform Principal and Income Act; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 9:58 a.m., July 16, 2003.

**SB 88**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 88(RES) "An Act relating to standards for forest resources and practices; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

**SB 89**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(RLS) am H "An Act amending the Regulation of Lobbying Act and the definition of 'lobbyist' as it applies in the act setting standards of conduct for legislators and legislative employees; and amending the Regulation of Lobbying Act and the legislative standards of conduct to allow a lobbyist to give and a person covered by legislative standards of conduct to accept tickets to a charity event during a legislative session" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:23 p.m., May 30, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest error in HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(RLS) am H, which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 3, line 14:

Delete "**a property**"  
Insert "**property**"

**SB 93**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(JUD) am H "An Act relating to limitations on actions to quiet title to, eject a person from, or recover real property or the possession of it; relating to adverse possession; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:20 a.m., June 26, 2003.

**SB 95**

SENATE BILL NO. 95 "An Act relating to strikes by employees of a municipal school district, a regional educational attendance area, or a state boarding school, and requiring notice of at least 72 hours of a strike by those employees" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:33 p.m., June 25, 2003.

**SB 98**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98(TRA) "An Act relating to civil liability for boat owners and to civil liability for guest passengers on an aircraft or watercraft; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

**SB 100**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) am H(brf sup maj fld H) "An Act making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; capitalizing funds; making other appropriations; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled,

signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:03 p.m., June 9, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest errors in HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) am H(brf sup maj fld H), which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 5, line 32:

Delete "Harboview"  
Insert "Harborview"

Page 13, line 3:

Delete "Association"  
Insert "Association"

Page 90, line 5:

"(recreational"  
Insert "(Chenega Bay, recreational"

Page 91, line 25, following ";":

Insert "and"

Page 92, line 7, following ";":

Insert "and"

Page 96, line 31:

Delete "balance"  
Insert "balances"

Page 98, line 24:

Delete "lines"  
Insert "line"

Page 99, line 17, following "**Design**":

Insert "**(HD 40)**"

Page 99, line 18, following "UP":

Insert "(ED 37)"



Page 110, line 2:  
Delete "lines"  
Insert "line"

**SB 105**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 105(HES) am(efd fld) "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, and persons in a medical or intermediate care facility" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:23 p.m., May 30, 2003.

**SB 106**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 106(FIN) am H "An Act relating to tires" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:13 p.m., June 25, 2003.

**SB 109**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 109(RLS)(efd fld) "An Act repealing the statute that sets priorities for the Department of Health and Social Services to apply to administration of the medical assistance program when there are insufficient funds allocated in the state budget for that program; and authorizing the department to make cost containment decisions that may include decisions about eligibility of persons and availability of services under the medical assistance program" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

**SB 112**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 112(FIN) "An Act relating to tax refunds for government agency purchases of fuel; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:40 p.m., June 13, 2003.

**SB 119**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(FIN) am H(efd fld) "An Act authorizing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to issue advisory opinions; amending campaign financial disclosure and reporting requirements, campaign contribution limits, provisions related to contributions after elections, and provisions related to unused campaign contributions; providing for expedited consideration of, and modifying procedures for determining, violations of state election campaign laws; amending the time period within which to file an administrative complaint of a violation of state election campaign laws; amending the definitions of 'express communication' and 'political party' for state election campaigns; amending the registration fee for lobbyists; providing for increased use of electronic filing for reports to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; adding a definition of 'commission' in the regulation of lobbying laws; amending the requirements for the reporting of financial interests by public officials; adding a definition of 'domestic partner' in the legislative ethics code and in the public official financial disclosure requirements; and making conforming amendments" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest errors in HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(FIN) am H(efd fld), which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 15, line 25:

Delete "AS 24.45.041(b)"

Insert "AS 24.45.041(b)(7)"

Page 23, line 23:

Delete "Notwithstanding sec. 44 of this Act,  
the"

Insert "The"

Page 23, line 31:

Following "senate,":

Insert "the"

Following "house,":

Insert "the"

**SB 124**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 124(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act relating to grants for alcoholism and drug abuse programs" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:32 a.m., June 5, 2003.

**SB 128**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 128(FIN) am(efd fld H) "An Act relating to licensing common carriers to dispense alcoholic beverages" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:18 p.m., August 5, 2003.

**SB 146**

SENATE BILL NO. 146 "An Act relating to a commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:50 a.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 147**

SENATE BILL NO. 147 "An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:33 p.m., June 25, 2003.

**SB 148**

SENATE BILL NO. 148 "An Act relating to allowable absences for certain members of the armed forces and their spouses and dependents for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:50 a.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 149**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 149(RES) "An Act relating to timber, to the sale of timber by the state, and to the management of state forests" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:03 a.m., August 5, 2003.

**SB 151**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 151(L&C) "An Act relating to the regulation of natural gas pipelines under the Pipeline Act; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:50 a.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 155**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 155(RLS) "An Act relating to predator control programs; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

**SB 157**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 157(HES) am H "An Act relating to inpatient psychiatric services for persons who are under 21 years of age and are either eligible for medical assistance or are in the custody of the Department of Health and Social Services" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:25 a.m., July 8, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest errors in CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 157(HES) am H, which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 1, line 10, following "that":  
Insert "the assistance is for"

Page 1, line 11:  
Delete "the assistance is for"

Page 1, line 14:  
Delete "the assistance is for"

Page 2, line 26, following "that":  
Insert "the assistance is for"

Page 2, line 27:  
Delete "the assistance is for"

Page 2, line 30:  
Delete "the assistance is for"

**SB 160**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 160(HES) "An Act relating to civil liability for use or attempted use of an automated external defibrillator; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

**SB 168**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 168(FIN) am H "An Act relating to issuance and revocation of licenses for the importation, sale, distribution, or manufacture of cigarettes and tobacco products; relating to a tax refund or credit for unsaleable, returned, or destroyed tobacco products; relating to restrictions on and penalties for shipping or transporting cigarettes; relating to records concerning the sale of cigarettes; amending and adding definitions relating to cigarette taxes; relating to the payment of cigarette taxes; relating to penalties applicable to cigarette taxes; relating to the definition of the wholesale price of tobacco products; relating to payment of cigarette taxes through the use of 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 stamps; relating to cigarette sales; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest errors in CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 168(FIN) am H, which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 1, line 3:  
Delete "unsaleable"  
Insert "unsalable"

Page 14, line 31:  
Delete "less"  
Insert "fewer"

Page 15, line 2:  
Delete "less"  
Insert "fewer"

Page 15, line 5:  
Delete "less"  
Insert "fewer"

**SB 175**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 175(JUD) "An Act relating to civil liability for inherent risks in sports or recreational activities" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest error in HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 175(JUD), which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 3, line 12:  
Delete "sport"  
Insert "sports"

**SB 176**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 176(JUD) "An Act relating to civil liability for injuries or death resulting from livestock activities" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:55 a.m., June 16, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest errors in CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 176(JUD), which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 1, line 10:

Delete "and"

Page 3, line 8:

Delete ","

Insert "or"

Page 5, lines 13 - 14:

Delete "or facilities"

Insert "facilities, or"

**SB 177**

SENATE BILL NO. 177 "An Act relating to cost-of-living benefits for retired members in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system who are called to active military duty; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:50 a.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 185**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(O&G) am H "An Act providing for a reduction of royalty on certain oil produced from Cook Inlet submerged land, and for a credit for certain exploration expenses against oil and gas properties production taxes on oil and gas produced from a lease or property in the state" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:04 a.m., June 10, 2003.

**SB 192**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 192(L&C) "An Act relating to teachers and training programs in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to the placement in the exempt service of certified teachers employed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to their eligibility to participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Alaska, and to the functions of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board regarding the Kotzebue Technical Center and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center; relating to local workforce investment areas and boards; repealing the business incentive training program; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 8:32 a.m., June 5, 2003.

**SB 198**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 198(STA) "An Act relating to recovery of civil damages by a peace officer or fire fighter; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 9:58 a.m., July 16, 2003.

**SB 202**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 202(FIN) "An Act relating to school transportation; relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:08 a.m., June 5, 2003.

**SB 210**

SENATE BILL NO. 210 "An Act regarding the computation of overtime compensation by employers before June 2, 1999; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:13 p.m., June 25, 2003.



**SB 213**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 213(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act establishing the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority and relating to that authority" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:04 a.m., June 10, 2003.

**SB 215**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 215(STA) "An Act relating to a lease-purchase agreement for, the construction and equipping of, and the financing of a seafood and food safety laboratory facility to be operated by the Department of Environmental Conservation, including the issuance of certificates of participation, and the use of certain investment income for certain construction and equipping costs; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:30 p.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 216**

SENATE BILL NO. 216 "An Act relating to international airports revenue bonds; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:30 p.m., June 9, 2003.

**SB 223**

SENATE BILL NO. 223 "An Act naming the state ferry first operating to serve between Metlakatla and Ketchikan; and providing for an effective date" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:19 p.m., August 5, 2003, with a House Letter of Intent (House Journal page 2018).

**SCR 13**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Encouraging the Department of Corrections to provide canned Alaska pink salmon to inmates of the Alaska prison system, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**SCR 15**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 229, relating to special medical parole and to prisoners who are severely medically or cognitively disabled, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**SCR 16**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 232, relating to mercury classics, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**SCR 18**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 195, relating to the state health insurance plan, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**SJR 5**

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(STA) Urging the President of the United States and the Congress to act to ensure that federal agencies do not retain records relating to lawful purchase or ownership of firearms gathered through the Brady Handgun Bill instant check system, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**SJR 8**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(JUD) Relating to the division of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest error in HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(JUD), which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 3, line 29, following "Alaska":  
Insert "and"

**SJR 10**

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10(JUD) Relating to the Pledge of Allegiance, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**SJR 16**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 Encouraging the federal government to end the federal subsidy of ethanol, and requesting the Congress of the United States to mandate that land currently used to grow corn for the production of ethanol be returned to its natural state, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

Memorandum from the Division of Legal and Research Services, Legislative Affairs Agency, reporting the following manifest error in SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16, which has been corrected in enrolling:

Page 2, line 24, following "profit,":  
Insert "for"

**SJR 17**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Relating to the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord, to annual legislative exchanges, and to continuing intergovernmental work on matters of joint concern and mutual interest, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:27 a.m., July 28, 2003.

**Messages from the Governor****HB 229**

Message dated May 27 and received May 30, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 229(FIN) "An Act relating to special medical parole and to prisoners who are severely medically or cognitively disabled; relating to a severe acute respiratory syndrome control program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 25, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 23**

Message dated May 28 and received May 29, 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. 23(JUD) "An Act relating to court-ordered restitution and compensation following a criminal conviction."

Chapter 26, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 08/26/03

**HB 159**

Message dated May 28 and received May 29, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 159 "An Act relating to the frequency of examinations of certain persons licensed to engage in the business of making loans of money, credit, goods, or things in action; repealing the requirement for a state examination and evaluation of the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 27, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 108**

Message dated May 28 and received May 29, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 108(FIN) "An Act relating to payment rates under the Medicaid program for health facilities and to budgeting, accounting, and reporting requirements for those facilities; abolishing the Medicaid Rate Advisory Commission; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 28, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 115**

Message dated May 28 and received May 29, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 115(FIN) "An Act relating to the correctional industries program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 29, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 120**

Message dated May 28 and received May 29, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 120 "An Act relating to the state's sovereign immunity for certain actions regarding injury, illness, or death of state-employed seamen and to workers' compensation coverage for those seamen; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 30, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 123**

Message dated May 28 and received May 29, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 123 am "An Act relating to adoptions and guardianships that include a subsidy payment by the state; eliminating annual review of the subsidy paid by the state after adoption of a hard-to-place child has occurred or a court has appointed a legal guardian for a hard-to-place child; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 31, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 139**

Message dated May 28 and received May 30, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 139 "An Act repealing the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 32, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 05/29/03

**HB 187**

Message dated May 29 and received May 30, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 187 "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Storage Tank Assistance; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 33, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 05/30/03

**SB 105**

Message dated June 2 and received June 3, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 105(HES) am(efd fld)  
"An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children, pregnant women, and persons in a medical or intermediate care facility."

Chapter 34, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 08/31/03

**SB 49**

Message dated June 2 and received June 3, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 49(STA) "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 35, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 124**

Message dated June 2 and received June 3, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 124 "An Act relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers and their employers and to railroad-highway grade crossings; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 36, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/03/03

**HB 146**

Message dated June 2 and received June 3, 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. 146(HES) "An Act repealing the termination date of certain provisions that require the reporting of social security numbers and automated data matching with financial institutions for child support enforcement purposes; relating to social security numbers on applications for commercial fishing licenses; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 37, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/03/03

**HB 170**

Message dated June 2 and received June 3, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 170(efd fld S) "An Act increasing certain motor vehicle registration fees."

Chapter 38, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 08/31/03



**HB 251**

Message dated and received June 5, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(FIN) "An Act relating to exemption of certain foreign pleasure craft from the mandatory pilotage requirement and to civil fines imposed on the owner or operator of a pleasure craft of foreign registry; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 39, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/06/03

**HB 2**

Message dated and received June 5, 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. 2(JUD)(title am) "An Act relating to the statute of limitations for certain civil actions relating to acts constituting sexual offenses; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 40, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 52**

Message dated and received June 5, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 52(STA) "An Act relating to the crime of distribution of child pornography and to the forfeiture of property used to possess or distribute child pornography, to commit indecent viewing or photography, to commit a sex offense, or to solicit the commission of, attempt to commit, or conspire to commit possession or distribution of child pornography, indecent viewing or photography, or a sexual offense."

Chapter 41, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/03/03

**HB 114**

Message dated and received June 5, 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. 114(JUD)(title am) "An Act relating to the issuance of a search warrant upon the sworn testimony or affidavit of a person communicated by telephone, other appropriate means, or facsimile machine."

Chapter 42, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/03/03

**HB 245**

Message dated and received June 6, 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. 245(JUD) am S "An Act relating to certain suits and claims by members of the military services; relating to certain suits and claims regarding acts or omissions of the organized militia; relating to workers' compensation and death benefits for members of the organized militia; relating to liability arising out of certain search and rescue, civil defense, fire management, and fire fighting activities."

Chapter 43, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/04/03

**HB 34**

Message dated and received June 6, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34 "An Act relating to negotiated regulation making; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 44, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/07/03

**HB 69**

Message dated and received June 6, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(RES) "An Act relating to regulation of shallow natural gas leasing and closely related energy projects; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 45, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/07/03

**HB 160**

Message dated and received June 6, 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. 160(FIN) "An Act relating to the emission control permit program; relating to fees for that program and to the accounting of receipts deposited in the emission control permit receipts account; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 46, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 162**

Message dated June 6 and received June 9, 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. 162(RLS) am(efd fld S)  
"An Act relating to fees adopted by the Department  
of Natural Resources under AS 44.37.025 or  
44.37.027 and to business license fees."

Chapter 47, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/04/03

**SB 124**

Message dated and received June 6, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 124(FIN)(efd fld)  
"An Act relating to grants for alcoholism and drug abuse programs."

Chapter 48, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/04/03

**SB 192**

Message dated and received June 6, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 192(L&C) "An Act relating to teachers and training programs in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to the placement in the exempt service of certified teachers employed by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, to their eligibility to participate in the Teachers' Retirement System of Alaska, and to the functions of the Alaska Workforce Investment Board regarding the Kotzebue Technical Center and the Alaska Vocational Technical Center; relating to local workforce investment areas and boards; repealing the business incentive training program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 49, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 154**

Message dated and received June 6, 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. 154(FIN)(efd fld S) "An Act relating to advancement in public schools of children under school age."

Chapter 50, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/04/03

**HB 313**

Message dated and received June 6, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 313 am S "An Act authorizing a pilot program relating to state procurement and the use of electronic commerce tools; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 51, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 243**

Message dated and received June 6, 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. 243(STA)(efd fld S) "An Act establishing state agency program performance management and audit powers in the Office of the Governor for the evaluation of agency programs."

Chapter 52, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/04/03

**HB 248**

Message dated and received June 6, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 248 "An Act relating to the annual salary of the chief procurement officer; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 53, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/07/03

**SB 202**

Message dated and received June 6, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 202(FIN) "An Act relating to school transportation; relating to the base student allocation used in the formula for state funding of public education; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 54, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 104**

Message dated June 10 and received June 11, 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. 104(FSH) "An Act relating to payment of the fisheries business tax and to security for collection of the fisheries business tax."

Chapter 55, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/08/03

**HB 105**

Message dated June 10 and received June 11, 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. 105(FIN) "An Act relating to loans to satisfy past due federal tax obligations of commercial fishermen and to the commercial fishing loan program."

Chapter 56, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/08/03

**HB 90**

Message dated June 10 and received June 11, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 90(FIN) "An Act relating to a salmon product development tax credit and a salmon utilization tax credit under the Alaska fisheries business tax; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 57, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 57**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(FIN) "An Act amending the manner of determining the royalty received by the state on gas production as it relates to the manufacture of certain value-added products."

Chapter 58, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/09/03

**SB 185**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 185(O&G) am H "An Act providing for a reduction of royalty on certain oil produced from Cook Inlet submerged land, and for a credit for certain exploration expenses against oil and gas properties production taxes on oil and gas produced from a lease or property in the state."

Chapter 59, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/09/03

**SB 151**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 151(L&C) "An Act relating to the regulation of natural gas pipelines under the Pipeline Act; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 60, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/12/03

**HB 61**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 61(RES) "An Act establishing an exploration and development incentive tax credit for operators and working interest owners directly engaged in the exploration for and development of gas for sale and delivery without reference to volume from a lease or property in the state; and providing for an effective date."



Chapter 61, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 102**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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. 102(STA) "An Act relating to concealed deadly weapons."

Chapter 62, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/09/03

**HB 177**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 177(STA) "An Act relating to concealed handguns."

Chapter 63, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/09/03

**HB 226**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 226 "An Act relating to the sale, offer for sale, representation, and labeling of food or other agricultural products as organic, and to the state organic certification program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 64, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 26**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 26(STA) "An Act relating to state employees who are called to active duty as reserve or auxiliary members of the armed forces of the United States; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 65, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 41**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 41(FIN) am H "An Act relating to medical care and crimes relating to medical care, including medical care and crimes relating to the medical assistance program, catastrophic illness assistance, and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions."

Chapter 66, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/09/03

**SB 45**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(FIN) "An Act relating to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

Chapter 67, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/09/03

**SB 146**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 146 "An Act relating to a commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 68, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 148**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 148 "An Act relating to allowable absences for certain members of the armed forces and their spouses and dependents for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 69, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 177**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 177 "An Act relating to cost-of-living benefits for retired members in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system who are called to active military duty; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 70, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 267**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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. 267(FIN) "An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to provide financing for the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, equipping, and operation of a natural gas pipeline and related facilities for the transportation of natural gas recovered from the North Slope of this state; authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue bonds to finance those facilities; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 71, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/12/03

**HB 28**

Message dated June 11 and received June 13, 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 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN) "An Act relating to adjustments to royalty reserved to the state to encourage otherwise uneconomic production of oil and gas; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 72, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/12/03

**SB 73**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 73(FIN) "An Act relating to the loan participation program of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and to regulations of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 73, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/13/03

**HB 112**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 112(FIN) "An Act relating to the authority of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue bonds and to a municipal tax exemption for certain assets and projects of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 74, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/13/03

**HB 203**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 203 "An Act relating to the definitions of 'net income' and 'unrestricted net income' for purposes of calculating the dividends to be paid to the state by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 75, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/13/03

**HB 256**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 256(FIN)  
am S "An Act relating to a dividend payment to the state made by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation each fiscal year; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 76, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 213**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 213(FIN)(efd fld) "An Act establishing the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority and relating to that authority."

Chapter 77, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/10/03

**SB 216**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 216 "An Act relating to international airports revenue bonds; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 78, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/13/03

**SB 215**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 215(STA) "An Act relating to a lease-purchase agreement for, the construction and equipping of, and the financing of a seafood and food safety laboratory facility to be operated by the Department of Environmental Conservation, including the issuance of certificates of participation, and the use of certain investment income for certain construction and equipping costs; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 79, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/13/03

**HB 280**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, 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. 280(FIN) "An Act relating to the regulation of commercial motor vehicles to avoid loss or withholding of federal highway money, and to out-of-service orders concerning commercial motor vehicles; moving authority for commercial motor vehicle regulation from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; amending Rule 43.1, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 80, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 86**

Message dated June 12 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR  
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 86(JUD)(efd  
fld S) "An Act relating to state permitted projects."

Chapter 81, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/10/03

**SB 100**

Message dated June 12 and received June 16, stating:

Dear President Therriault:

On this date I have signed with line item vetoes the following bill passed by the first session of the Twenty-third Alaska State Legislature and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.  
100(FIN) am H(brf sup maj fld H) "An Act making  
capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations,  
and reappropriations; capitalizing funds; making  
other appropriations; making appropriations under  
art. IX, sec. 17c, Constitution of the State of Alaska,  
from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and  
providing for an effective date."

Chapter 82, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

Introduction of the administration's operating budget last March and the Legislature's subsequent deliberations marked a turning point in Alaska's fiscal history. The approved budgets and revenue-related legislation reflect our joint recognition that Alaska's finances must immediately be corrected. We also recognize that we must take these necessary steps now and not wait for a "politically convenient" time - because it will never arrive. This means we must cut spending now, use our reserves prudently now, and get more users to help pay for state services. We also recognize that we must take the steps necessary now to generate revenues from resource development in the near future.



To these ends, I challenged the Legislature to keep Fiscal Year 2004 spending below the current year's and set a goal of not using more than \$400 million of the state's reserve funds, or Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR). As you know, the state has relied on the CBR since its creation in 1990 to prop up spending at a level which the state could not otherwise afford. Unfortunately, if we were to continue the last Administration's "business as usual" level of spending, the CBR would be depleted in early 2006 and we would need to cut the following year's spending by 40%, sending the state's economy in a downward spiral. To understand this and not take corrective steps would be irresponsible.

For this reason I proposed that we make spending decisions that will enable the CBR's remaining balance to last for five years. If we limit our annual draw to \$400 million, the reserve will be able to serve as "bridge financing" while new resource development causes new revenues to flow into the state's treasury.

While the Legislature did a good job in holding down spending, the Fiscal Year 2004 would have required an estimated CBR draw of \$525 million. As discussed with the Legislature prior to adjournment, my commitment to limit the CBR draw was steadfast. As a result, vetoes are necessary to prudently use these reserves. Accordingly, I have vetoed \$27 million from the capital budget that, when combined with action taken in the operating budget means the CBR balance will be reduced by \$380 million in order to support next year's level of reduced spending.

In reviewing the capital budget, every effort was made to fund projects that are traditional responsibilities of state government, such as transportation and protecting the public's health and safety. We also vetoed a great number of the "discretionary" projects that the Legislature added on behalf of district-related requests because again, we must get state government back to funding the basics of what state government should be doing. As earlier announced, we also vetoed the \$15 million in funding for Community Capital Matching Grants. For the time being, local communities will need to make the same kind of tough choices regarding what they do, just as the state is doing. The responsibility to make these difficult choices was not taken lightly, but it's one we recognized that must be done for the reasons earlier outlined.

The need to cautiously use our reserves made each of the vetoes necessary. The following is additional information about other reductions:

Department of Administration

*Electronic Filing of Public Official and Legislative Financial Disclosure Statements and Lobbying Activity Reports*

*Total veto: \$449,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Higher priority services*

This project was originally proposed to enable electronic filing as a substitute for a reduction in the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) staff and to replace existing overburdened reporting systems. The legislation and APOC budget ultimately approved by the legislature did not alter the APOC's operations as significantly as originally proposed, although agency staffing will be reduced. This project will be started when alternate funding becomes available. A \$1,000 balance is retained in the capital budget so that if Federal or other funding is obtained, the project could be funded through the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee during this interim.

*Alaska Land Mobile Radio*

*Total veto: \$127,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Other revenues to be available*

This reduction to \$400,000 is not expected to result in any service level changes. This appropriation is used to pay management costs for the Alaska Land Mobile Radio project, a long-term effort to improve emergency communications throughout the state. Existing Federal grant funding for this project does not cover management costs. The department will reduce management expenses and seek other funding to cover management costs.

*Payroll and Accounting Systems Replacement*

*Total veto: \$100,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Other savings available*

The department has determined that \$96,000 is expected to remain from the project's FY2003 capital appropriation.

Department of Community and Economic Development

*Grants to Local Governments and Grants to Named Recipients*  
*Total veto: \$9,170,050 (\$4,786,250 General Funds; \$3,099,400 AHFC*  
*Dividend; \$804,000 ASLC Dividend; \$480,400*  
*AIDEA Dividend)*

*Reason: Higher priority state obligations*

The Legislature added appropriations for grants primarily to local governments and/or non-profit organizations. The state's need to prioritize scarce revenues means that the state will be less able to fund local priorities until a time when state recurring revenue is sufficient to pay for the state's obligations. As a result, many of these discretionary projects were vetoed.

*Power Generation Projects*  
*Total veto: \$1,213,276 General Funds*  
*Reason: Higher priority state obligations*

Grants to Copper Valley Electric Association and Kodiak Electric Association for payment or retirement of pre-existing debt are eliminated. The Department of Law has advised that a payment for retirement of a pre-existing debt to which the state is not a party confers no benefit on the public, which violates the public purpose doctrine set out in the Alaska Constitution.

*Delta Junction Settlement*  
*Total veto: \$500,000 General Funds*  
*Reason: Department of Law advice regarding legality*

The Department of Law advises there are several legal concerns with this appropriation, which is to pay the costs of the settlement agreement for litigation regarding the establishment of a private prison in the vicinity of the city. If a borough were formed, the balance owing on the loan would be converted to a grant. Law again advises this violates the public purpose provision of the Alaska Constitution.

Department of Education and Early Development

*Yukon Koyukuk School District, Manley Hot Springs School*  
*Improvements*  
*Total veto: \$27,000 Alaska Student Loan Corporation Dividend*  
*Reason: Review process not followed*

State law has established a process by which school district projects are evaluated by the department (AS 14.11). The requesting school district should include this project for review as part of the FY 2005 annual evaluation of school construction and major maintenance projects for future funding consideration. This ensures consistent standards are used in evaluating school district projects.

*Section 63*

*Total appropriation: \$609,248 General Funds*

This is a one-year only appropriation to be distributed as a grant to the specific school districts listed. These grants hold harmless those school districts affected by the passage of SB 202 that moved funding for the learning opportunity grant program into the formula-driven state aid for public school program.

Department of Environmental Conservation

*Village Safe Water Projects -- Rural Clinics Sewer and Water Service*

*Total veto: \$500,000 (\$125,000 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Receipts, \$375,000 Federal Funds)*

*Reason: Other funding anticipated*

This reduces the Village Safe Water projects appropriation to \$78.3 million by eliminating \$500,000 in funding for water and sewer to rural clinics constructed with Denali Commission funding. The Denali Commission health care facility program has received over \$80 million for facility construction. It is anticipated that loss of the small Village Safe Water contribution for water and sewer will not have an appreciable effect on the program, and that water and sewer costs will be provided by the Denali Commission as part of the overall facility costs.

*Municipal Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Matching Grant Projects*

*Total veto: \$14,454,200 (\$6,899,900 General Funds; \$2,561,700 AHFC Dividend; \$1,272,600 AIDEA Dividend; \$3,720,000 Federal Funds)*

*Reason: Need to prioritize projects*

This reduces the Municipal Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Matching Grant funding to \$9,423,000. This program makes grants to communities for drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste projects. Projects proposed by communities for grant funding are assigned

priority scores as part of an application process. These reductions eliminate lower priority projects, which includes elimination of two solid waste planning projects considered lower environmental and public health priority, as well as a Valdez project that warrants further assessment before proceeding. Finally, the annual allocation for the Municipality of Anchorage was reduced in proportion to the overall program reduction - from \$3,000,000 to \$1,250,000.

*Village Safe Water Feasibility Studies*

*Total veto: \$300,000 (\$75,000 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividend; \$225,000 Federal Funds)*

*Reason: Lower priority projects*

This reduces the amount for Village Safe Water Feasibility Studies to \$2,645,800 by eliminating three projects that would study solid waste management alternatives in rural communities. Solid waste generally is a lesser health and environmental threat than drinking water and wastewater, and solid waste planning projects are considered primarily a local responsibility. Communities may be able to secure financial assistance from federal agencies.

Department of Fish and Game

*Maintenance and Deferred Maintenance Projects*

*Total veto: \$550,000 (\$450,000 General Funds, \$100,000 Fish & Game Funds)*

*Reason: Higher priority services*

The department will phase maintenance work on its facilities, docks, and commercial fishing aircraft and vessels around the state.

*Chignik/Cape Igvak Stock Separation Study*

*Total veto: \$50,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Funding inadequate*

The study relates to socioeconomic issues and the funding level provided by the Legislature is not sufficient to get the job done.

*Lower Kenai River Public Use Impact Study*

*Total veto: \$100,000 Fish & Game Funds*

*Reason: Study unnecessary as information available*

The funding is for a public use impact study on the Kenai River. The results were to be used to facilitate implementation of a guide moratorium on the river. The department believes that the survey is

not necessary to implement a moratorium. Instead, it will work with the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Governor's Office, and interested legislators to develop options and recommendations that will identify tools to address issues of growth and development of the guided sport fishing industry on a statewide basis.

Office of the Governor

*Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Projects*

*Total veto: \$250,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Other priority services*

This project funds the renovation and remodeling of state-owned facilities to remove physical barriers to persons with disabilities. In excess of \$12 million has been provided since 1993 and projects will continue to be addressed according to a statewide priority list.

Department of Health and Social Services

*Fairbanks Public Health Center Repair*

*Veto Total: \$110,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Higher priority services*

Other funding will be explored in order to make the needed repairs.

Department of Natural Resources

*Division of Parks – Sultana Road Maintenance*

*Total veto: \$8,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Higher priority services*

Priority is funding for the overall management of the park system and accordingly, this project was vetoed.

*Navigable Waters Assertions*

*Total veto: \$188,700 General Funds*

*Reason: Other funding available*

There were three appropriations in the FY 04 budget that fund, in part, asserting ownership of navigable waters. The two other appropriations address both navigable waters and RS 2477. With veto of this one appropriation, the other two are expected to provide sufficient funding for FY 04 work on assertions of navigable waters and RS 2477 trails.

*Recorder's Office Film Conversion*

*Total veto: \$250,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Other priority services*

The original \$338,000 appropriation would have converted the last ten years of existing film records to digital images. The project now will be phased so that 3-4 years of records are converted.

*Land Acquisition on Northern Afognak Island*

*Total veto: \$12,450,000 (\$2,000,000 Federal Receipts; \$10,450,000 EVOS)*

*Land Acquisition in Diamond Creek*

*Total veto: \$450,000 (Federal receipts)*

*Reasons: Policy Disagreement*

The first appropriation was for the purchase of land on Northern Afognak Island for the Perenosa Bay project. The second eliminates funding for land acquisition in the Diamond Creek project as part of the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust's development. For too long state government has allowed (and in the case of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Fund actually encouraged) public monies to be used to acquire private land, particularly in Prince William Sound. This is poor policy. We need to maximize the amount of land in private ownership.

*West Icy Bay Remediation*

*Total veto: \$150,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Law have reviewed the West Icy Bay remediation settlement and believe it may be possible to complete the summer 2003 effort for \$764,000. After this work is completed, an evaluation will be made to see if the entire project can be completed next year within this amount.

*Airborne Geophysical Surveys*

*Total veto: \$100,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

DNR will use the remaining \$100,000 in funding to provide information to the mining community by updating the six airborne geophysical surveys that were flown in 1994 and 1995, instead of doing new surveys.

## Department of Public Safety

*Fairbanks Roof Replacement**Total veto: \$510,000 General Funds**Reason: Insufficient funding to complete project*

The roof replacement is estimated to cost over \$1 million. The project cannot begin without full funding.

*New Ketchikan Public Safety Building Construction**Total veto: \$1,227,500 General funds**Reason: Project scope change*

Original financing plans for a new building in Saxman have not been successful. Less expensive alternatives are being developed during this interim. As a result, \$1.2 million remains for a new building.

## Department of Revenue

*Child Support Enforcement Case File Imaging Project**Total veto: \$50,000 (\$17,000 Receipt Supported Services; \$33,000 Federal Funds)**Reason: Management/other savings*

To achieve savings, the design phase will now be completed by in-house staff, which will extend the project to three years instead of two years. As a result, efficiencies expected to be gained from the project will be delayed until fully implemented.

*Child Support Enforcement Computer Replacement Project-Phase 4**Total veto: \$80,000 (\$27,200 Receipt Supported Services; \$52,800 Federal Funds)**Reason: Management/other savings*

Reduction will defer replacement of older computer hardware.

## Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

*Weights and Measures Test Unit Replacement Project**Total veto: \$75,000 General Funds**Reason: Higher priority services*

The department will seek lease purchase financing for replacement of Juneau's 1980 volumetric prover truck.



*Materials Stockpiles*

*Total veto: \$300,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Higher priority services*

Purchase of materials will become part of a specific maintenance or construction project's cost. Because the purchases now will be bid separately, economies of scale will not be realized. If project-related costs increase, there may be a slight increase in summer road maintenance costs.

*Federal Programs State Match*

*Total veto: \$8,980,500 General Funds*

*Reason: Other savings/sharing in costs*

The savings are the result of a decrease in Federal funding that the state expects from the highway and aviation programs (the state's funds are a percentage of the federal funds). Only the match required for basic highways and aviation programs remain. This lower funding level will not include the match for any new Federal earmarked projects or Denali Commission transportation funds that may become available to the State in future congressional appropriation bills. Federal aid will continue to be available for the Community Transportation Program (CTP) and Trails and Recreational Access for Alaska (TRAAK), but reductions will also be taken in the state match amount available. The department encourages local governments with road powers to participate in meeting 50% of the programs' match requirements for local roads and trail enhancements. This will reflect sharing of financial responsibility already found in the Airport Improvement Program and Harbor Corp of Engineer Program.

## University of Alaska

Alaska Geospacial Information Coalition

Total veto: \$500,000 General Funds

*Reason: Legal concerns*

While the goal of this project to improve the state's mapping has merit, the Department of Law has raised issues regarding the award of a grant to a group of private firms. This raises competitive bidding issues because it appears specific private firms are attempting to receive public money and an exclusive right to sell geospacial information produced. While public agencies support the project, it is inadvisable to approve the funding at this time because of these concerns.

*Kenai Vocational Education Project**Total Veto: \$50,000 ASLC Dividend Funds**Reason: Higher priority services*

The University of Alaska has a priority setting process by which it identifies capital and operating priorities. The local college is encouraged to work through this process so that its request can be evaluated and integrated into the University system's overall program. This type of priority setting process is especially important when dollars are scarce.

## Alaska Court System

*Deferred Maintenance Projects**Total veto: \$230,000 General Funds**Reason: Higher priority services*

Substandard lighting in the southeast courts and a roof repair in a Fourth District court facility will not take place.

*Justice Information and Communication Project**Total veto: \$50,000 General Funds**Reason: Higher priority services*

Communication systems may not be replaced within timeframes necessary for the scheduled deployment of the court's new case management system. A delayed implementation schedule may impact agencies relying on the court's case management system to be integrated into other state justice projects such as those within the Department of Public Safety and Child Support Enforcement Division.

The fiscal decisions we make over the next few years will be critical in determining the kind of Alaska we will leave for the next generation. These choices, including my vetoes of many worthy projects included in the capital budget, are in line with my view that we each must take responsibility today, for Alaska's tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski

Governor

**HB 75**

Message dated June 12 and received June 16, stating:

Dear President Therriault:

On this date I have signed with line item vetoes the following bill passed by the first session of the Twenty-third Alaska State Legislature and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CONFERENCE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE  
FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75 "An Act making capital  
appropriations for the operating and loan program  
expenses of state government, for certain programs,  
and to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective  
date."

Chapter No. 83, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

Introduction of the administration's operating budget last March and the Legislature's subsequent deliberations marked a turning point in Alaska's fiscal history. The approved budgets and revenue-related legislation reflect our joint recognition that Alaska's finances must be immediately corrected. We also recognize that we must take these necessary steps now and not wait for a "politically convenient" time - because it will never arrive. This means we must cut spending now, use our reserves prudently now, and get more users to help pay for state services. We also recognize that we must take the steps necessary now to generate revenues from resource development in the near future.

To these ends, I challenged the Legislature to keep Fiscal Year 2004 spending below the current year's and set a goal of not using more than \$400 million of the state's reserve funds, or Constitutional Budget Reserve (CBR). As you know, the state has relied on the CBR since its creation in 1990 to prop up spending at a level which the state could not otherwise afford. Unfortunately, if we were to continue the last administration's "business as usual" level of spending, the CBR would be depleted in early 2006 and we would need to cut the following year's spending by 40%, sending the state's economy in a downward spiral. To understand this and not take corrective steps would be irresponsible.

For this reason I proposed that we make spending decisions that will enable the CBR's remaining balance to last for five years. If we limit our annual draw to \$400 million, the reserve will be able to serve as "bridge financing" while new resource development causes new revenues to flow into the state's treasury.

While the Legislature did a good job in holding down spending, the Fiscal Year 2004 still would have required an estimated CBR draw of \$525 million. As discussed with the Legislature prior to adjournment, my commitment to limit the CBR draw was steadfast. As a result, vetoes are necessary to prudently use these reserves. Accordingly, I have vetoed \$138 million in general funds, of which \$112 million is from the operating budget. When compared to Fiscal Year 2003, overall spending has been reduced \$198 million, of which \$173 million is in the operating budget. It is important to note that even deeper reductions were made, but they were offset by increases in formula-driven programs, such as Medicaid. In addition, 209 positions have also been eliminated in executive agencies.

Accordingly, the CBR's overall balance will be reduced by \$380 million, taking it from its \$2.2 billion Fiscal Year 2003 ending balance to \$1.8 billion projected for Fiscal Year 2004.

Disciplined management, clear priority setting, and ensuring every dollar that is spent gets results is how the administration will work to minimize the impact of these reductions on the level of services delivered. While it will mean changes in how the state does business, be assured essential obligations of state government will be met. Winter maintenance will continue on state roads and highways and state parks will remain open.

Funding for K-12 education is held harmless from the budget reductions taken elsewhere in the operating budget. While we have been able to fully fund education this time around, it is the local school, with its teachers, school board members, superintendents, administrators, parents, and local communities, that carry the heavy responsibility of using these funds wisely to deliver the desired result of a better education for Alaska's children.

It's important that we not assume the answer to meeting the educational needs of Alaska's children is always more money. At the risk of stating the obvious, we must ensure the dollars currently being invested in education *result* in educated children. Currently there is great disparity in student performance from school to school and district to district. Some of our schools are only able to show less than 10 percent of their students proficient on a benchmark exam, while other schools are able to show more than 90 percent of their students proficient on the same exam. We must ensure resources get shifted away from administration over to the classroom and that our schools are working as smart as they can and using their financial resources in the best interest of our children.

We also are sensitive that some of our vetoes will greatly impact seniors that currently receive a Longevity Bonus check, as well as local governments that significantly rely on state revenue sharing to pay for local services and capital projects. To help seniors transition, we are proposing that \$10 million in one-time Federal funds be made available through the state's General Relief Assistance program. Income-eligible seniors would be able to receive a monthly payment of up to \$120. The payment also would be available to all eligible seniors, not just those that met the age cut-off for the Longevity Bonus program, for a temporary period until June 2004.

To assist local communities in transitioning from reliance on state revenue sharing, the administration also has proposed that \$15 million in these Federal funds be distributed to local communities, with a \$40,000 minimum payment to smaller communities. Veto of the funding for these long-standing programs was certainly a difficult decision, but the administration believes that local communities also must be more self-reliant and take responsibility for prioritizing what their governments do based on what they can afford.

The need to cautiously use our reserves made each of these, as well as the other vetoes necessary, some of which are discussed below:

Department of Administration

*Public Communications Services, Satellite Infrastructure*

*Total veto: \$200,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Reduced costs*

Level of projected current year costs is below amount approved and these savings are expected to continue in Fiscal Year 2004. This pays for satellite transponder services for public TV and radio and distance education. This reduction is not expected to result in any service level change.

## Department of Community and Economic Development

*Trade and Development*

*Total veto: \$115,400 General Funds*

*Reason: Overlapping services*

Eliminates a grant to the World Trade Center (WTC) Alaska. While the WTC has coordinated its activities with the Division of Trade and Development, especially in seafood promotion, the division believes it will be able to expand its work in this area through Federal funding.

*Capital Project Matching Grant Program Fund Capitalization*

*Total veto: \$15,000,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Return to core state responsibilities*

This appropriation provides funding that is distributed to local governments to meet priorities established at the local level (specific project appropriations are made in the capital budget). As the state tightens its belt, it is necessary to return to funding the state's traditional responsibilities. Until state recurring revenues are sufficient to pay for state responsibilities, local governments will need to find other funding to meet local priorities.

## Department of Corrections

*Community Residential Centers*

*Total veto: \$400,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

While this reduction will impact the department's flexibility in utilizing Community Residential Center (CRC) beds, careful and aggressive utilization management will enable the department to absorb this reduction with no appreciable affect on public safety. The department anticipates a reduction of one to two beds in each facility. If necessary, increased use of electronic monitoring will be used as an alternative.

## Department of Education and Early Development

*Quality Schools*

*Total veto: \$146,200 General Funds*

*Reason: Other funds available*

The cost to administer charter school grants will be shifted to the federally funded program. There should be no change in the level of technical assistance or support currently provided to charter schools.

*Education Special Projects*

*Total veto: \$50,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Return to core state services*

Eliminates a contracted service that provides curriculum materials and instruction support for the Alaska Minerals and Energy Resources program. Schools and teachers utilizing this program will have to secure the materials through a private vendor.

*Administrative Services*

*Total veto: \$54,800 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

With two major programs being transferred to other departments beginning in FY 2004, fewer administrative staff will be needed to support the remaining programs.

*Information Services*

*Total veto: \$121,100 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

A lower level of computer/technology support to department staff may be realized. This includes database development and programming services, technical training, and individual user support.

*District Support Services*

*Total veto: \$70,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

As a result of changing pupil transportation from a reimbursement program to a grant program beginning in FY 2004, less administrative support will be required. This reduction will have no impact on services to school districts.

## Department of Fish and Game

*Commercial Fisheries**Total veto: \$500,000 General Funds**Reason: Other revenues available/management savings*

A \$235,000 in general fund savings is possible because Federal funds are available for Bering Sea and Aleutian Island crab fisheries research. A \$130,000 savings in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim fisheries management component for salmon stock assessment programs on the Yukon, Tanana, and Anvik Rivers is possible by also transferring the project's costs to federal research grants.

In Headquarters Fisheries Management, a \$115,000 savings results from elimination of funds that previously supported Division of Habitat staff work on the review and coordination of Title 16 and Forest Practices permits (responsibility since transferred to Department of Natural Resources). Another \$20,000 savings will be realized in the division's Statewide Fisheries Library, but library services will continue at the same level due to federal grant funding.

*Boards of Fisheries and Game**Total veto: \$150,000 General Funds**Reason: Management/other savings*

Division of Sport Fish funds will be used to support the Board of Fisheries. This is similar to how the Division of Wildlife Conservation currently provides funding to support the Board of Game.

*Commissioner's Office**Total veto: \$100,000 General Funds**Reason: Management/other savings*

The deputy commissioner position dealing with wildlife issues will be funded with revenue from the Division of Wildlife Conservation.

*Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**Total veto: \$150,000 Receipt Supported Services**Reason: Management/other savings*

Savings will be realized by decreasing staff months in the commission's Research Section and Data Processing Section and by reducing contractual, equipment, and travel expenditures. These reductions will result in a delayed response or denial of requests and



less timeliness in processing permit and vessel license renewals and adjudication of pending cases. License renewals will take 6 days instead of 4 or 5; up to 20% of public research requests will be denied; delays in major projects will be 3 to 6 months.

Office of the Governor

*All Allocations*

*Total veto: \$125,800 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The reduction reflects an intent to hold the line on increased costs of government and means the Governor's office will internally absorb the increased health insurance cost without additional funding. No change in the level of service is anticipated.

Department of Health and Social Services

*Longevity Bonus Grants/Longevity Bonus Grants*

*Total veto: \$44,800,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Higher priority state services*

This reduction eliminates the funding for this program.

*Alaska Longevity Programs/Alaska Longevity Programs Management*

*Total veto: \$83,400 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Elimination of the Longevity Bonus Grants program will enable savings for postage and the possible elimination of one position.

*Behavioral Health/Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)*

*Total veto: \$355,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The ASAP program currently uses intermediaries (case managers) to make treatment or education arrangements for court-ordered clients. In smaller communities, it is possible for the treatment or education programs to work directly with the clients on meeting the court requirements, instead of working through an intermediary.

*Behavioral Health/Behavioral Health Medicaid Services*

*Total veto: \$3,029,900 General Fund Match*

*Reason: Other revenue available*

Savings are the result of the Federal government increasing its share of what it pays for the Medicaid program (to 61.34% from 58.39%). This is the result of the Federal Tax Relief Assistance program passed in May 2003 that temporarily increases the Federal Medicaid share, which allows the state to reduce its share without changing the level of services.

*Behavioral Health/Behavioral Health Grants*

*Total veto: \$541,600 General Funds*

*Reason: Management savings/program effectiveness*

Reduction includes the elimination of two residential alcohol and drug services. The first is to Safe Harbor in Kodiak, where Kodiak residents are not using the services. The second is to the North Slope Borough's program, which has experienced a sharp decline in admissions over the last few years.

*Behavioral Health/Behavioral Health Administration*

*Total veto: \$ 311,500 (\$12,700 General Funds; \$298,800 I/A Receipts)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Savings will be realized by eliminating functions for which funding is no longer available, realigning staff assignments, consolidating similar functions as part of the departmental reorganization, and reducing regional mental health grant administration. The division will close two offices, the SE Regional Office in Juneau and the Southcentral Regional Office in Wasilla.

*Children's Services/Children's Services Management*

*Total veto: \$185,900 (\$15,000 Federal; \$170,900 General Funds)*

*Reason: Management /other savings*

As a result of management structure changes, two management positions are being eliminated. The division is streamlining processes, and the reassignment of administrative duties allows the reduction. There will be no reduction to higher priority services such as front line workers.

*Children's Services/Front Line Social Workers*

*Total veto: \$29,800 General Funds*

*Reason: Higher priority services*

This reduction eliminates the program's share of the department's wellness program, which has been eliminated.

*Children's Services/Subsidized Adoption and Guardianship*

*Total veto: \$199,500 General Funds*

*Reason: Retain core services*

Eliminates funding for "Project Succeed" that goes to the Public Defender Agency and Office of Public Advocacy. The reduction reflects the Office of Children's Services' first priority of serving and protecting the state's most vulnerable children, those who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Remaining resources and services will be focused on more urgent and higher priority client needs, preventative and support programs for children and families.

*Children's Services/Residential Child Care*

*Total veto: \$403,300 (\$290,800 General Fund Match; \$112,500 General Funds)*

*Reason: Other revenue available/Management/other savings*

A \$290,800 savings is possible due to the increased share the Federal government will be paying for Medicaid, as discussed earlier. The remaining savings will come from a reduction in the funding for residential child care "Held Beds," less administrative travel, and in the funds set aside to provide additional supervision of a child in a facility.

*Children's Services/Women, Infants, and Children*

*Total veto: \$114,400 (\$2,300 General Funds; \$112,100 General Funds Match)*

*Reason: Return to higher priority services*

To retain priority services of on-going nutrition and food to qualified clients of the WIC program, the reduction will result in fewer printed publications and curtailment of enhancements to the nutrition web site. In addition, "Sippy cups," provided to infants to promote dental health, will not be distributed.

*Children's Services/Child Protection Legal Services*

*Total veto: \$474,200 General Funds*

*Reason: Return to core services*

This eliminates funding for the Public Defender Agency and the Office of Public Advocacy. As a result of prioritizing services, the Office of Children's Services' will use remaining resources to meet its foremost commitment to serve and protect the state's most vulnerable children, those who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

*Health Care Services/Medicaid Services*

*Total Veto: \$3,129,100 General Fund Match*

*Reason: Other revenue available*

Savings are possible because the Federal government is increasing its share of what it pays for the Medicaid program, as discussed earlier.

*Health Care Services/Catastrophic and Chronic Illness Assistance*

*Total veto: \$529,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Cost containment*

Program changes will reduce the scope of the CAMA program to provide health care to very poor individuals who have no other coverage and have a chronic or terminal illness. In order to continue to serve this segment of the population, the program will be changed to achieve savings by excluding transportation costs, elimination of inpatient and nursing home care, and limiting pharmacy benefits to three approved prescriptions per month.

*Health Care Services/Medical Assistance Administration*

*Total veto: \$100,700 (\$95,400 GF Match; \$5,300 General Funds)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Eliminates the division's share of the cost in the department's wellness program and deletes one vacant research analyst position.

*Health Care Services/Health Purchasing Group*

*Total veto: \$277,400 General Fund Match*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

A full review of senior services programs' needs within the department's new organizational structure is underway. Savings are expected to result from the deletion of one vacant position, contractual and other costs.

*Health Care Services/Certification and Licensing*

*Total veto: \$10,400 General Fund Match*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The savings are possible due to vacancies in staffing level, and a small reduction in service contracts. These changes will have minimal impact on service.

*Health Care Services/Hearings and Appeals*

*Total veto: \$8,500 General Funds Match*

*Reason: Salary savings*

Savings are possible due to the retirement of a long-time employee. No impact on services is expected.

*Health Care Services/Women's and Adolescents Services*

*Total veto: \$45,000 General Fund Match*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The new Division of Health Care services will blend potentially duplicative positions. Pending a full analysis of which duties/responsibilities will be reallocated and/or combined, this savings in salary costs is anticipated.

*Juvenile Justice/Probation Services*

*Total veto: \$37,200 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduces the Juvenile Justice share in the cost of the department's wellness program.

*Public Assistance/Child Care Benefits*

*Total veto: \$2,145,700 (\$145,700 GF; \$2,000,000 I/A Receipts)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The Division of Public Assistance is undertaking a major reorganization in which childcare programs from the Department of Education and Early Development will be incorporated into the division's current service delivery. This will streamline management and eliminate task duplication, resulting in the elimination of two positions. The result will be increased accountability in program management, better staff performance, better service delivery, and a less hierarchical structure.

*Public Assistance/General Relief Assistance*

*Total veto: \$50,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Return to core department services*

This reduction eliminates a grant to Alaska Legal Services for legal assistance for individuals pursuing Supplemental Security Income disability benefits.

*Public Assistance/Public Assistance Administration*

*Total veto: \$50,000 (\$40,000 Federal Funds; \$10,000 General Fund Match)*

*Reason: Consolidation/management savings*

This reduction eliminates the Deputy Director position as a result of the Division of Public Assistance's reorganization. The goal is to eliminate a layer of mid-management to increase accountability in program management and have a less hierarchical structure.

*Public Assistance/Public Assistance Field Service*

*Total veto: \$175,200 (\$100,000 General Fund Match; \$75,200 General Funds)*

*Reason: Consolidation/management savings*

Savings will be achieved by intensive management of staff vacancies and internal transfers of staff to implement the envisioned reorganizational changes. Implementation of the realignment process itself will balance achieving the desired internal result with stable service delivery to our clients.

*Public Assistance/Public Assistance Data Processing*

*Total veto: \$88,000 (\$38,000 Federal; \$38,000 General Fund Match; \$12,000 General Funds)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Savings will be realized as a result of the division's reorganization. One vacant full-time and one part-time vacant position will be eliminated.

*Public Assistance/OAA-ALB Hold Harmless*

*Total veto: \$940,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Program elimination*

Due to elimination of the Longevity Bonus program, this program and its funding can be eliminated.

*Senior & Disabilities Services/Senior & Disabilities Medicaid Services*

*Total veto: \$5,550,200 General Fund Match*

*Reason: Other revenue available*

Savings are possible because of the Federal government's increase in its share of what it pays for the Medicaid program as previously discussed.

*Senior & Disabilities Services/Senior & Disabilities Services Administration*

*Total veto: \$180,200 (\$125,400 General Fund Match; \$54,800 General Funds)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Staffing will be consolidated or reduced in the DD Waiver and Waitlist, DD grant management, and accounting. Additional savings will be realized by ending the consumer satisfaction survey and partially replacing it with the mental health statistical indicator project and re-engineering staff quality assurance efforts. The southeast office will be consolidated with the central office in Juneau.

*Senior & Disabilities Services/Protection, Community Services & Administration*

*Total veto: \$1,208,500 (\$16,700 General Fund Match; \$1,191,800 General Funds)*

*Reason: Maintain higher priority client services/cost containment*

Due to the reorganization of senior and disability services, efficiencies are possible. The division will take reductions in administrative costs to protect funding for direct client services. There may be some impact on consultation and processing time. A savings of \$383,500 with no reduction in services in the Personal Care Attendant grant program will be possible due to new Personal Care Attendant regulations that will be finalized by December 31, 2003 (Medicaid funding will be available which reimburses at a higher rate). A reduction of \$500,000 in the General Relief Program is possible due to refinancing from Medicaid, which will also save general fund dollars.

*Senior & Disabilities Services/Home and Community Based Care*

*Total veto: \$333,900 General Funds*

*Reason: Other revenue available*

This reduces grants to Adult Day programs by \$141,300 and Care Coordination by \$192,600. Funds can be replaced for both grant programs by federal funds that are now available for innovative respite programs. These reductions will have no impact on clients.

*State Health Services/Nursing*

*Total veto: \$185,000 (\$110,700 General Funds; \$74,300 I/A Receipts)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This eliminates two vacant staff positions, which will have minimal impact on direct services. The division is currently reviewing management layers in the nursing program to streamline decisions and accountability.

*State Health Services/Public Health Administrative Services**Total veto: \$38,500 General Funds**Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduces the division's share in the cost of the department's wellness program.

*State Health Services/Community Health/Emergency Medical Services**Total veto: \$57,600 General Funds**Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduces administrative and technical support for the Section of Community Health and EMS programs. There will be no change in the level of direct services to the public since the position was vacant.

*State Health Services/Community Health Grants**Total veto: \$500,000 General Funds**Reason: Other revenue available*

This supplants \$500,000 in general funds for grants to Maniilaq and Norton Sound with Tobacco Education and Cessation funding. There will not be a programmatic impact on public health nursing or these grantees as a result of this fund source shift. This change will reduce Tobacco Prevention and Control program from \$4.3 million to \$3.8 million in FY04.

*Administrative Services*

The following administrative reductions were identified because they would impact core responsibilities the least. They were also taken where duplicate systems are available to provide similar services at less cost, or, in the case of the data warehouse programs, where they are not functioning as effectively as envisioned. Individual component reductions are identified below:

*Administrative Services /Office of Program Review**Total veto: \$108,800 (\$15,400 Federal; \$23,100 General Fund Match; \$70,300 General Funds)**Reason: Management/other savings*

The reduction results in the consolidation of administrative functions in the Juneau Commissioner's office and eliminates a coordinator position in Anchorage.

*Administrative Services/Rate Review**Total veto: \$54,000 (\$27,000 Federal, \$27,000 General Fund Match)*



*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduction eliminates a vacant internal auditor position.

*Administrative Services/Administrative Support Services*

*Total veto: \$110,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduces information technology support for the data warehouse program and termination of the department's wellness contract.

*Administrative Services/Personnel and Payroll*

*Total veto: \$100,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduction eliminates the human resource training program.

*Administrative Services/Audit*

*Total veto: \$20,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduction eliminates a clerk position in the audit unit.

*Administrative Services/Health Planning & Facilities Management*

*Total veto: \$80,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduction eliminates research analysis of the data warehouse program.

*Boards and Commissions/Commission on Aging*

*Total veto: \$11,400 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Contractual services will be reduced.

Department of Labor and Workforce Development

*Occupational Safety and Health*

*Total veto: \$87,000 General Funds Program Receipts*

*Reason: Potential other funds available*

Reductions will be taken in the issuance of the certificates of fitness for asbestos abatement, hazardous painters, and explosive handlers. The department will attempt to replace these funds with additional Worker's Safety funds and/or federal Occupational Safety and Health funds.

*Various Department Programs*

*Total veto: \$113,000 General Funds, General Fund Match and  
General Fund/Program Receipts*

*Reason: Management/cost savings*

The contractual health insurance cost increases supported with general funds will be absorbed by the department. Absorbing this \$80,000, and

an additional \$33,000 for rent costs may result in decreased personnel, particularly in the Wage and Hour Administration. These reductions may increase response time for work permits from one to three days.

*Vocational Rehabilitation Client Services*

*Total veto: \$165,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/ Other savings*

The program will absorb the reduction through management efficiencies, which will include curtailment of travel to outlying areas and reduction in training.

## Department of Law

*All Divisions*

*Total veto: \$262,400 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The department will manage absorption of the additional health insurance cost holding positions vacant for a longer period of time. A \$108,200 savings in the Civil Division will be achieved by replacing hardcopy law books with an electronic format.

## Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

*Alaska National Guard, Army Guard Facilities Maintenance*

*Total veto: \$50,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Janitorial support services will be reduced for state armories. Facilities currently receiving five days of service will be reduced to three and facilities currently receiving three days of service will be reduced to two.

*Alaska National Guard, Air Guard Facilities Maintenance*

*Total veto: \$150,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Janitorial support services will be reduced for state armories. Facilities currently receiving five days of service will be reduced to three and facilities currently receiving three days of service will be reduced to two.

## Department of Natural Resources

*Management and Administration, Information Resource Management*

*Total veto: \$65,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

One Cartographer position in the Land Records Information Section (LRIS) will be eliminated. Although the loss of one cartographer means slower initial update times for graphic land record changes, LRIS will work with other divisions to better manage the workload and minimize the impacts of this reduction.

*Resource Development, Geological Development*

*Total veto: \$150,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The Division will keep the Division Director position vacant in FY04 while evaluating the future management structure of the division. Another \$15,000 in program receipts is eliminated because revenues from the sale of publications are down as customers are accessing publications digitally.

*Fire Suppression, Fire Suppression Preparedness*

*Total veto: \$300,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Cost savings*

There are contract cost savings for statewide aircraft availability for retardant air tankers and a utility fixed-wing aircraft that were not known when the budget was prepared.

*Fire Suppression, Fire Suppression Preparedness*

*Total veto: \$90,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Area Office Fire Warehouses in Glennallen, Delta, Kenai, and McGrath will become initial attack fire caches. The warehouse functions being provided at these locations will be consolidated to Palmer and Fairbanks. By stationing cache vans at strategic places, the

department will attempt to minimize any impacts. Four seasonal employees who issue burning permits will be eliminated, as the newly implemented web-based burn permit system will accommodate this reduction in service to the public.

Department of Public Safety

*Village Public Safety Officer Contracts*

*Total veto: \$962,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/program effectiveness*

This veto reduces the VPSO Contracts to \$5,436,400. VPSO to be eliminated are with the following non-profit organizations: Chugachmiut (\$181,600), Kodiak Area Native Association (\$332,800), and Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (\$447,600). This reduction will eliminate the grants that serve Kodiak Island, Southeast Alaska, and Southcentral Alaska areas. These areas report the lowest activity in offenses, searches and rescues, calls for service of all the non-profits and at least 3 of 15 positions are vacant on average at any one time. First response that previously was provided by a VPSO will now come from a trooper traveling from the hub communities, a Village Police Officer (VPO) that is funded by the community, or a locally funded police officer. Many rural communities are already without a VPSO and rely on VPOs, volunteers, or Troopers to respond. The department is also encouraging impacted communities to seek Federal or other funds to support a continued first responder effort.

Department of Revenue

*Revenue Operations, Treasury Management*

*Total veto: \$70,800 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Use of outside consultants for information technology problem solving and repair needs will be reduced. Other savings will come from holding vacant positions unfilled for longer periods of time.

*Revenue Operations, Tax Division*

*Total veto: \$60,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

SB 168 authorizes the division to increase investigation effort dedicated to enforcement of the new Tobacco Stamp law. By using existing gaming and the new investigators for both gaming and tobacco stamp investigations, one of the new positions will be left unfilled. Minimal impact is anticipated in the level of gaming and tobacco stamp investigations.

*Administration and Support, Administrative Services*

*Total veto: \$25,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

The division will eliminate a vacant position. Other staff will absorb duties.

#### Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

*Highways and Aviation, Traffic Signal Management*

*Total veto: \$342,000 General Funds*

*Reason: Reduce to amount necessary to provide core services*

These reductions in the operating budget affect one program in each of the three regions. 1) A reduction of \$167,000 for maintenance of state-owned traffic signals in Anchorage (a reduction to FY 02 levels). 2) A currently vacant management position, costing \$100,000, in the Southeast region maintenance and operations budget, could remain unfilled and have minimum impact on the traveling public. 3) A \$75,000 savings will result from allowing the Ruby-Poorman Road to thaw open in the spring, reducing grading of the road during the summer, and elimination of a piece of equipment and its corresponding fuel costs. The road will continue to be maintained although the surface will be rougher.

#### Legislature

*All Allocations*

*Total veto: \$900,000 General Fund*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

This reduction was agreed to by the Legislature that will realize internal savings. No significant change in the level of service is anticipated.

## Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

*Debt Service**Total veto: \$3,000,000 AHFC Dividend**Reason: Management/other savings*

The actual cost of the debt service on bonds sold in FY 2003 was lower than projected due to the decline in interest rates.

Debt Service authorized by ch. 115, SLA 2002

*Debt Service**Total veto: \$2,298,922 General Funds**Reason: Return to core state services*

The \$2.3 million in line item vetoes of projects authorized in ch. 115, SLA 2002 (HB 528) were based on an assessment of project priorities and an analysis of the relative ability of the entities to pay their own debt service or loan repayments. University projects (Anchorage Community and Technical College Center purchase and Juneau Readiness Center Combined Facility) were very high priorities and were funded. Three local harbor projects that had voter approval were also funded (Nome, Chignik and False Pass). Power projects for utilities with ratepayers and the ability to build debt payments into their rate structures were not funded. These are - Kodiak Electric Association, Nyman Combined Cycle Cogeneration Plant - \$532,114; Cordova Electric Cooperative, Power Creek Hydropower Station - \$959,376; Copper Valley Electric Association, cogeneration projects - \$304,307. Likewise the Port of Anchorage expansion project - \$503,125 - was not funded. Metlakatla Power and Light utility plant additions (\$696,764) was funded at the request of the congressional delegation as a special case to maintain the utility's eligibility to receive additional RUS loans.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

**HB 76**

Message dated June 12 and received June 16, stating:

On this date I have signed with line item vetoes the following bill passed by the first session of the Twenty-third Alaska State Legislature and am transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CONFERENCE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE  
FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76 "An Act making  
appropriations for the operating and capital expenses  
of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health  
program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 84, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

Introduction of the administration's operating and capital budgets last March and the Legislature's subsequent deliberations marked a turning point in Alaska's fiscal history. The approved budgets and revenue-related legislation reflect our joint recognition that Alaska's finances must be immediately corrected. We also recognize that we must take these necessary steps now and not wait for a "politically convenient" time - because it will never arrive. This means we must cut spending now, use our reserves prudently now, and get more users to help pay for state services. We also recognize that we must take the steps necessary now to generate revenues from resource development in the near future.

This holds true for the state's mental health programs and future decisions on how to allocate funding from the Mental Health Trust. In the near term, the state will be unable to use its general funds for new or expanded mental health programs - and it will be a challenge to maintain even the current level of services we have today. Just as with all other state services, we must evaluate all programs in terms of how effective they are in achieving the desired results, a goal that I know the Mental Health Trust Authority shares. It also will be necessary for the Mental Health Trust to step forward and use the Trust's earnings to increase financial support for its programs. With this in mind, the following reductions have been made:

Department of Health and Social Services

*Behavioral Health/Behavioral Health Grants*

*Total veto: \$39,200 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Management savings/program effectiveness*

The reduction will eliminate some contracts no longer necessary and will reduce funding for "Communities Organized for Health Options Alcohol and Drug Abuse" grants to a level that will fund a substance abuse counselor in the integrated agency and eliminate other support funding.

*Behavioral Health/Behavioral Health Administration*

*Total veto: \$825,600 (815,900 General Fund/Mental Health, \$9,700 MHTAAR)*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Savings will be achieved by integrating mental health and substance providers, reducing their overhead. This will reduce the total number of grant awards administered by the division and eliminate a grant administrator position. Further reductions will be made in discretionary professional services contracts, eliminating the mental health consumer affairs function, realigning staff assignments, consolidating functions, and closing the Southeast Regional Office in Juneau and the Southcentral Regional Office in Wasilla.

*Behavioral Health/Community Action Prevention & Intervention Grants*

*Total veto: \$93,300 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Funding for the Central Council of Tlingit-Haida Safety Bear program is being eliminated. Evaluation of the State Incentives Grant project is being reduced, along with this component's support of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome multi-media campaign.

*Behavioral Health/Psychiatric Emergency Services*

*Total veto: \$80,000 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Other savings*

Regional coordinators' funding for individualized emergency mental health services will be reduced.

*Behavioral Health/Services to the Chronically Mentally Ill*

*Total veto: \$150,000 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Other savings*



Savings will be realized through reduced overhead costs due to integrating mental health and substance providers.

*Behavioral Health/Alaska Psychiatric Institute*

*Total veto: \$600,100 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

API will reduce the supply of medications provided to patients at discharge, will implement prior authorization of all medical service costs for patients by the API Medical Director, and will analyze pharmacy services throughout the department for possible consolidation. API also will eliminate less critical positions.

*Boards and Commissions/Alaska Mental Health Board*

*Total veto: \$25,900 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Management/other savings*

Reductions will be made to staff travel. Changes will be made on the number, length, and location of board meetings. Contractual services and other purchases will be limited.

*Boards and Commissions/Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse*

*Total veto: \$21,700 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Other savings*

Contractual services will be reduced.

*Boards and Commissions/Suicide Prevention Council*

*Total veto: \$30,700 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Other savings*

The scope of anticipated professional service contract(s) will be reduced. This reduction might be managed by consolidation of services with the Division of Behavior Health.

Department of Law

*Civil Division, Human Services Section*

*Total veto: \$600 General Fund/Mental Health*

*Reason: Other savings*

The department is absorbing just over half of the increase for employee health insurance. This \$600, attributable to the mental health budget, will be offset with savings achieved by replacing hardcopy law books with an electronic format.

The fiscal decisions we make over the next few years are critical in determining the kind of Alaska we will leave for the next generation. These choices, including the vetoes outlined above, are in line with my view that we each must take responsibility today, for Alaska's tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

**HB 214**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.  
214(JUD)(efd fld S) "An Act relating to the recovery  
of punitive damages against an employer who is  
determined to be vicariously liable for the act or  
omission of an employee."

Chapter 85, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/11/03

**HB 145**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, 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. 145(FIN)(efd fld S) "An  
Act prohibiting discrimination in the awarding of  
attorney fees and costs in civil actions or appeals to  
or against, or in the posting of bonds or other security  
by, public interest litigants; and relating to awards of  
attorney fees and costs in cases involving  
enforcement of constitutional rights."

Chapter 86, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/11/03

**HB 1**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, 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. 1(JUD) "An Act relating to stalking and to violating a protective order; and amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration."

Chapter 87, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/11/03

**HB 49**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 49(JUD) "An Act relating to the deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) identification registration system and testing; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 88, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 53**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act relating to disposition of a traffic offense involving the death of a person; providing for the revocation of driving privileges by a court for a driver convicted of a violation of traffic laws in connection with a fatal motor vehicle or commercial motor vehicle accident; amending Rules 43 and 43.1, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 89, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/01/03

**SB 85**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.  
85(JUD) "An Act relating to the factors that may be considered in making a crime victim compensation award; relating to sentencing and to the earning of good time deductions for certain sexual offenses."

Chapter 90, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/11/03

**HB 283**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 283 "An Act relating to limitations on coal leases."

Chapter 91, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/11/03

**HB 246**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.  
246(RES) am S "An Act relating to certain audits regarding oil and gas royalty and net profits, to audits regarding costs relating to exploration incentive credits and oil and gas exploration licenses, and to the limitation on upland acreage that a person may take or hold under oil and gas leases; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 92, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 111**

Message dated June 13 and received June 17, 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. 111(JUD) am "An Act relating to policies in telecommunications regulations; extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 93, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/17/03

**HB 18**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18 "An Act relating to the liability of parents and legal guardians of minors who destroy property; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 94, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 24**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 24(JUD) "An Act relating to intergovernmental agreements with the federal government regarding management of fish or game in the state."

Chapter 95, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/14/03

**HB 46**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 46(STA) "An Act relating to printing of ballot titles and propositions on primary election ballots."

Chapter 96, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/14/03

**HB 81**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 81(STA) "An Act relating to motor vehicle emissions and to inspection decals and fines relating to motor vehicle emissions; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 97, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 109**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 109(FIN) "An Act relating to the limitation on payment of state treasury warrants and to the payment of a claim for which the appropriation has lapsed; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 98, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 165**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 165(HES)(efd fld) "An Act relating to community schools."

Chapter 99, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/14/03

**HB 171**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 171 am "An Act repealing the charter school grant program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 100, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 184**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR SPONSOR  
SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(L&C)  
am S "An Act relating to individual deferred annuities; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 101, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 195**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.  
195(L&C) "An Act relating to the state health  
insurance plan; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 102, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 224**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 224 "An Act relating to a tobacco product manufacturer's compliance with certain statutory requirements regarding cigarette sales; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 103, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/17/03

**HB 225**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 225 "An Act relating to certain civil actions brought by the attorney general under monopoly and restraint of trade statutes; relating to the award of damages in actions brought under those statutes; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 104, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 271**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 271(FIN)(efd am) "An Act levying and providing for the collection and administration of excise taxes on the rental of passenger and recreational vehicles usable on highways and vehicular ways; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 105, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 109**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 109(RLS)(efd fld) "An Act repealing the statute that sets priorities for the Department of Health and Social Services to apply to administration of the medical assistance program when there are insufficient funds allocated in the state budget for that program; and authorizing the department to make cost containment decisions that may include decisions about eligibility of persons and availability of services under the medical assistance program."

Chapter 106, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/14/03

**SB 112**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 112(FIN) "An Act relating to tax refunds for government agency purchases of fuel; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 107, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/17/03

**SB 119**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(FIN) am H(efd fld) "An Act authorizing the Alaska Public Offices Commission to issue advisory opinions; amending campaign financial disclosure and reporting requirements, campaign contribution limits, provisions related to contributions after elections, and provisions related to unused campaign contributions; providing for expedited consideration of, and modifying procedures for determining, violations of state election campaign laws; amending the time period within which to file an administrative complaint of a violation of state election campaign laws; amending the definitions of 'express communication' and 'political party' for state election campaigns; amending the registration fee for lobbyists; providing for increased use of electronic filing for reports to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; adding a definition of 'commission' in the regulation of lobbying laws; amending the requirements for the reporting of financial interests by public officials; adding a definition of 'domestic partner' in the legislative ethics code and in the public official financial disclosure requirements; and making conforming amendments."

Chapter 108, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/14/03

**SB 168**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 168(FIN) am H "An Act relating to issuance and revocation of licenses for the importation, sale, distribution, or manufacture of cigarettes and tobacco products; relating to a tax refund or credit for unsaleable, returned, or destroyed tobacco products; relating to restrictions on and penalties for shipping or transporting cigarettes; relating to records concerning the sale of cigarettes; amending and adding definitions relating to cigarette taxes; relating to the payment of cigarette taxes; relating to penalties applicable to cigarette taxes; relating to the definition of the wholesale price of tobacco products; relating to payment of cigarette taxes through the use of 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 stamps; relating to cigarette sales; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 109, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 79**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN) am S  
"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 110, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/17/03

**HB 155**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 155(FIN) "An Act relating to the submission of payroll information by contractors and subcontractors performing work on a public construction contract; requiring a notice of work by employers on public construction contracts; providing for the withholding of final payment for public construction contracts; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 111, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 118**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(L&C) "An Act relating to the transportation and sale of certain commercially caught fish by an agent of a commercial fishing permit holder and to the sale of fish; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 112, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/17/03

**HB 266**

Message dated June 16 and received June 17, 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. 266(FIN) "An Act relating to questioned ballots and questioned voters, voter registration, training of election officials, preparation of election materials, provision of election materials, forms, and supplies for polling places, voter identification, absentee voting, and counting ballots; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 113, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/17/03

**HB 174**

Message dated June 17 and received June 18, 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. 174(FIN) am "An Act relating to the state centralized correspondence study program, to funding for educational programs that occur primarily outside school facilities, and to the duties of school boards of borough and city school districts and regional educational attendance areas; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 114, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 89**

Message dated June 17 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(RLS) am H "An Act amending the Regulation of Lobbying Act and the definition of 'lobbyist' as it applies in the act setting standards of conduct for legislators and legislative employees; and amending the Regulation of Lobbying Act and the legislative standards of conduct to allow a lobbyist to give and a person covered by legislative standards of conduct to accept tickets to a charity event during a legislative session."

Chapter 115, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/15/03

**HB 14**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 14(STA) "An Act relating to an absence from the state while providing care for a terminally ill family member for purposes of determining eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 116, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 01/01/04

**HB 216**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, 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. 216(FIN) "An Act relating to and limiting municipal taxation of refined fuel and wholesale sales of fuel, and to the bulk fuel revolving loan fund."

Chapter 117, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/16/03

**HB 210**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, 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. 210(RES)(efd fld S)  
"An Act relating to the Chitina dip net fishery."

Chapter 118, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/16/03

**SB 98**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 98(TRA) "An Act relating to civil liability for boat owners and to civil liability for guest passengers on an aircraft or watercraft; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 119, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 160**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 160(HES) "An Act relating to civil liability for use or attempted use of an automated external defibrillator; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 120, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**SB 175**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 175(JUD) "An Act relating to civil liability for inherent risks in sports or recreational activities."

Chapter 121, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/16/03

**SB 176**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 176(JUD) "An Act relating to civil liability for injuries or death resulting from livestock activities."

Chapter 122, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/16/03

**SB 88**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 88(RES) "An Act relating to standards for forest resources and practices; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 123, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 155**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 155(RLS) "An Act relating to predator control programs; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 124, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/19/03

**HB 127**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 127(STA) am S "An Act relating to roadside memorials within the right-of-way of a state highway."



Chapter 125, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/16/03

**SB 25**

Message dated June 18 and received June 20, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(RLS) "An Act relating to the acquisition of teachers' housing by regional educational attendance areas and to a teacher housing loan program and a teachers' and nurses' housing loan program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 126, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 234**

Message dated June 28 and received July 2, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(L&C) "An Act relocating the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board from the Department of Revenue to the Department of Public Safety; extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to the sale of beer manufactured at a brewpub; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 127, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/01/03

**HB 257**

Message dated June 28 and received July 2, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 257(L&C) "An Act relating to the disclosure requirements for real estate licensees, to disciplinary action against real estate licensees, to private actions and remedies against real estate licensees, and to real estate licensee agency, relationships, and duties; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 128, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/29/03

**HB 269**

Message dated June 28 and received July 2, 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. 269(FIN) "An Act establishing the Safety Code Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 129, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 06/29/03

**SB 95**

Message dated June 28 and received July 2, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 95 "An Act relating to strikes by employees of a municipal school district, a regional educational attendance area, or a state boarding school, and requiring notice of at least 72 hours of a strike by those employees."

Chapter 130, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/26/03

**SB 106**

Message dated June 28 and received July 2, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.  
106(FIN) am H "An Act relating to tires."

Chapter 131, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/26/03

**SB 147**

Message dated June 28 and received July 2, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 147 "An Act relating to control  
of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an  
effective date."

Chapter 132, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 210**

Message dated July 2 and received July 9, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 210 "An Act regarding the  
computation of overtime compensation by employers  
before June 2, 1999; and providing for an effective  
date."

Chapter 133, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/03/03

**HB 9**

Message dated July 9 and received July 17, stating:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. II, sec. 17, of the Alaska Constitution, I have let the following bill become law without signature:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 9(FIN) "An Act relating to the registration of individuals who perform home inspections; relating to regulation of contractors; relating to registration fees for specialty contractors, home inspectors, and associate home inspectors; relating to home inspection requirements for residential loans purchased or approved by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; relating to civil actions by and against home inspectors and to civil actions arising from residential unit inspections; repealing a law that limits liability for damages based on a duty to inspect a residential unit to damages caused by gross negligence or intentional misconduct; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 134, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

I believe this bill could impose additional costs and burdens on the tightly regulated industry of real estate transactions. Under the bill, a person would not be able to perform a home inspection within the state unless that person meets the new requirements and becomes certified as a registered home inspector by the State of Alaska.

As admitted in public testimony, nearly all parts of real estate transactions are currently regulated in Alaska. This is evidenced by the number of pages and complexity of paperwork involved in such transactions. Banks and other lenders currently require various reports for which buyers and sellers pay fees during home sales. Adding home inspectors to the list of state regulated industries may create an unnecessary level of intrusion in the sale of homes. It could likely result in higher inspection fees and higher overall costs for both buyers and sellers of residential properties.

It was stated in the legislative record that the intent of the bill is to provide needed protection to consumers who are considering purchasing a new home. It is my hope the intended result will be achieved. However, I believe in the minds of many Alaskans the added cost to the consumers and the state, and additional government intrusion into this area, may not rise to the level of a compelling public need. For these reasons, I have not signed SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 9(FIN) and have allowed it to become law without my signature.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

**SB 71**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO.  
71(FIN) "An Act relating to funding for  
transportation projects; and providing for an effective  
date."

Chapter 135, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 10/01/04

**HB 151**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.  
151(L&C) "An Act relating to claims and court  
actions for defects in the design, construction, and  
remodeling of certain dwellings; limiting when  
certain court actions may be brought; and amending  
Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

Chapter 136, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 10/08/03

**SB 157**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 157(HES) am H "An Act relating to inpatient psychiatric services for persons who are under 21 years of age and are either eligible for medical assistance or are in the custody of the Department of Health and Social Services."

Chapter 137, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 10/08/03

**HB 212**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, 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. 212(JUD) "An Act relating to trusts, including trust protectors, trustee advisors, transfers of property in trust, and transfers of trust interests, and to creditors' claims against property subject to a power of appointment."

Chapter 138, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 10/08/03

**HB 242**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, 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. 242(L&C) "An Act relating to licensing of certified public accountants; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 139, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 01/01/04

**HB 270**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 270 "An Act relating to the licensure of pharmacists; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 140, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/11/03

**SB 8**

Message dated July 10 and received July 17, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 8(JUD) "An Act relating to tampering with public records."

Chapter 141, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 10/08/03

**HB 59**

Message dated July 16 and received July 18, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(FIN) "An Act relating to the evaluation and cleanup of sites where certain controlled substances may have been manufactured or stored; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 142, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**HB 120**

Message dated July 16 and received July 18, 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. 120(RLS) am "An Act excluding service contracts from regulation as insurance; relating to insurance licensing for motor vehicle service contracts and home warranties; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 143, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/17/03

**HB 250**

Message dated July 16 and received July 18, 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. 250(FIN) "An Act relating to protests of state contract awards, to claims on state contracts, to the arbitration of certain state construction contract claims, and to hearings and appeals under the State Procurement Code; making conforming amendments in the State Procurement Code; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 144, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 87**

Message dated July 16 and received July 18, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 87(JUD) "An Act relating to principal and income in the administration of trusts and decedents' estates and the mental health trust fund; adopting a version of the Uniform Principal and Income Act; and providing for an effective date."



Chapter 145, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/01/03

**SB 198**

Message dated July 16 and received July 18, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 198(STA) "An Act relating to recovery of civil damages by a peace officer or fire fighter; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 146, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/17/03

**SB 93**

Message dated July 17 and received July 18, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 93(JUD) am H "An Act relating to limitations on actions to quiet title to, eject a person from, or recover real property or the possession of it; relating to adverse possession; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 147, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 07/18/03

**HB 199**

Message dated July 17 and received July 21, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 199 "An Act removing the annual adjustment to the minimum wage based on the rate of inflation; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 148, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 09/30/03

**HB 232**

Message dated August 6 and received August 8, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 232(FIN) "An Act relating to contests of skill under the charitable gaming laws; relating to mercury classics; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 149, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 01/01/04

**SB 13**

Message dated August 6 and received August 8, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 13(L&C) "An Act relating to using credit history or insurance scoring for insurance purposes; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 150, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: See Chapter

**SB 128**

Message dated August 6 and received August 8, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 128(FIN) am(efd fld H) "An Act relating to licensing common carriers to dispense alcoholic beverages."

Chapter 151, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 11/04/03

**HB 135**

Message dated August 8 and received August 12, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO.  
135(HES) "An Act relating to marital and family  
therapists."

Chapter 152, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 11/06/03

**SB 149**

Message dated August 8 and received August 12, 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 SENATE BILL NO. 149(RES) "An Act  
relating to timber, to the sale of timber by the state,  
and to the management of state forests."

Chapter 153, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 11/06/03

**SB 223**

Message dated August 8 and received August 12, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 223 "An Act naming the state  
ferry first operating to serve between Metlakatla and  
Ketchikan; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 154, SLA 2003  
Effective Date: 08/09/03

**HCR 17**

Message dated and received June 5, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning Senate Bill No. 25, relating to the  
acquisition of teachers' housing by regional  
educational attendance areas and to teachers' housing  
loan programs in the Alaska Housing Finance  
Corporation.

Legislative Resolve No. 23

**HCR 21**

Message dated and received June 5, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21(FIN)  
Relating to establishing the Alaska Energy Policy  
Task Force.

Legislative Resolve No. 24

**HCR 23**

Message dated July 15 and received July 17, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning Senate Bill No. 85, relating to sentencing  
and to the earning of good time deductions for certain  
sexual offenses.

Legislative Resolve No. 25

**HJR 14**

Message dated July 15 and received July 18, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.  
14(STA) Urging that the 2006 National Veterans  
Wheelchair Games be held in Anchorage, Alaska.

Legislative Resolve No. 26

**HJR 22**

Message dated July 15 and received July 25, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE JOINT  
RESOLUTION NO. 22(JUD) Relating to the USA  
PATRIOT Act, the Bill of Rights, the Constitution of  
the State of Alaska, and the civil liberties, peace, and  
security of the citizens of our country.

Legislative Resolve No. 27

**HJR 27**

Message dated July 15 and received July 17, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.  
27(STA) Relating to support for a federal  
appropriation for expansion of the Anchorage Jail.

Legislative Resolve No. 28

**HJR 28**

Message dated July 15 and received July 18, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28 am Urging the United States Congress to support the granting of official Observer Status to the Republic of China at the World Health Assembly Annual Conference to be held at Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2003, and to support negotiation of a free trade agreement with the Republic of China.

Legislative Resolve No. 29

**HJR 29**

Message dated July 15 and received July 17, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 Relating to the establishment of Reserve Officer Training Corps programs in Alaska by the United States Coast Guard.

Legislative Resolve No. 30

**SCR 13**

Message dated and received July 31, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 Encouraging the Department of Corrections to provide canned Alaska pink salmon to inmates of the Alaska prison system.

Legislative Resolve No. 31

**SCR 15**

Message dated and received July 31, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning House Bill No. 229, relating to special  
medical parole and to prisoners who are severely  
medically or cognitively disabled.

Legislative Resolve No. 32

**SCR 16**

Message dated and received July 31, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning House Bill No. 232, relating to mercury  
classics.

Legislative Resolve No. 33

**SCR 18**

Message dated and received July 31, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18  
Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning House Bill No. 195, relating to the state  
health insurance plan.

Legislative Resolve No. 34

**Unfinished Business****SB 49**

A sectional analysis for the following will be published in Senate Journal Supplement No. 5:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 49(STA) "An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 49(STA) was signed into law on June 2, 2003 (page 1767).

**SB 213**

Message dated June 23 was received, stating in accordance with AS 44.90.031, President Therriault made the following appointment:

**Board of Directors of the Knik Arm Bridge and  
Toll Authority**  
Senator Green

**HB 269**

Message dated August 1 was received, stating in accordance with Chapter 129, SLA 2003, President Therriault and Speaker Kott made the following appointments:

**Safety Code Task Force**

Senator Seekins, Cochair  
Representative Dahlstrom, Cochair  
N. Clairborn Porter Jr., Construction Design  
Greg Moore, Construction Engineering  
Greg Romak, General Contractors  
Denis Michel, Mechanical Construction  
Randy Whitney, Plumbing Construction  
Steven Boyd, Electrical Construction



**HCR 21**

Message dated August 18 was received, stating in accordance with Legislative Resolve 24, President Therriault made the following appointments:

**Alaska Energy Policy Task Force**

Robert Wilkinson  
Steve Haagenon

**SJR 17**

As of the publication of this journal, a message has not been received stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Relating to the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord, to annual legislative exchanges, and to continuing intergovernmental work on matters of joint concern and mutual interest.

Legislative Resolve No. 19

**SJR 10**

As of the publication of this journal, a message has not been received stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 10(JUD) Relating to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Legislative Resolve No. 20

**SJR 5**

As of the publication of this journal, a message has not been received stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(STA) Urging the President of the United States and the Congress to act to ensure that federal agencies do not retain records relating to lawful purchase or ownership of firearms gathered through the Brady Handgun Bill instant check system.

Legislative Resolve No. 21

**SJR 16**

As of the publication of this journal, a message has not been received stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16  
Encouraging the federal government to end the federal subsidy of ethanol, and requesting the Congress of the United States to mandate that land currently used to grow corn for the production of ethanol be returned to its natural state.

Legislative Resolve No. 22

**SJR 8**

As of the publication of this journal, a message has not been received stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION  
NO. 8(JUD) Relating to the division of the Ninth  
Circuit Court of Appeals.

Legislative Resolve No. 35

**Index to Vetoed, Partially Vetoed  
and Law Without Signature Bills**

**HB 9**

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 9(FIN)

"An Act relating to the registration of individuals who perform home inspections; relating to regulation of contractors; relating to registration fees for specialty contractors, home inspectors, and associate home inspectors; relating to home inspection requirements for residential loans purchased or approved by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; relating to civil actions by and against home inspectors and to civil actions arising from residential unit inspections; repealing a law that limits liability for damages based on a duty to inspect a residential unit to damages caused by gross negligence or intentional misconduct; and providing for an effective date."

Law Without Signature ..... 1835..... 8/20/03  
Chapter No. Assigned..... 1836..... 8/20/03

**HB 75**

CONFERENCE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE  
BILL NO. 75

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government, for certain programs, and to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

Partially Vetoed on 6/12/03.....1795 ..... 8/20/03  
Chapter No. Assigned ..... 1795..... 8/20/03

**HB 76**

CONFERENCE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE  
BILL NO. 76

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

Partially Vetoed on 6/12/03 ..... 1814..... 8/20/03  
Chapter No. Assigned ..... 1815..... 8/20/03

**SB 100**

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 100(FIN) am H(brf sup maj fld H)

"An Act making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; capitalizing funds; making other appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Partially Vetoed on 6/12/03 ..... 1784..... 8/20/03  
Chapter No. Assigned ..... 1784..... 8/20/03

This final supplement of the Senate Journal completes the official record of the First Session of the Twenty-third Legislature.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

August 2003