

# **SENATE JOURNAL**

## **ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**

### **TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE -- SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**February 9, 2004**

#### **Twenty-ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 11:09 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Ellis, Guess, Hoffman, Ogan were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Davis, Lincoln were absent.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Davis be excused from a call of the Senate today through February 13. Without objection, Senator Davis was excused.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Richard Green of the Glacier Valley Church of God. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer. Let us pray:

Father, I come to You to pray blessings and guidance for these servants of our state.

I acknowledge You to be our present help in the time of need. Your strength is the answer to our weakness. Your wisdom is the answer for our questions. Your peace is the answer for our turmoil. Your love is the answer for our relationships. Your hope is the answer for our future.

I give You the glory and the praise for now and forevermore. Amen.

Senator French led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated February 5 and received February 6 was read, stating in accordance with AS 39.05.080, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointments to the boards and commissions set out below:

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Billy (William) G. Andrews - Anchorage

Appointed: 7/29/2003 Reappointed: 11/19/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2006

Gail M. Niemi – Juneau

Appointed: 12/10/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2006

#### **Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

Dr. R. Clark Davis - Ketchikan

Appointed: 11/14/2001 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

#### **Alaska Labor Relations Agency**

Randall C. Frank - Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/16/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2006

**Board of Marine Pilots**

Anthony (Tony) J. Joslyn - Anchor Point  
Appointed: 12/29/2000 Reappointed: 7/29/2003  
Term Expires: 3/1/2007

Robert (Tiny) Schasteen - Dutch Harbor  
Appointed: 1/16/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2007

**Personnel Board**

Debra E. English - Anchorage  
Appointed: 1/8/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

**Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers**

Nelida Irvine - Anchorage  
Appointed: 5/28/2003  
Term Expires: 3/1/2007

Gene H. Shafer - Fairbanks  
Appointed: 3/1/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

**Real Estate Commission**

Lawrence (Larry) J. Bauer - Juneau  
Appointed: 11/24/2003  
Term Expires: 3/1/2005

Glenn Clary - Anchorage  
Appointed: 12/10/2003 Reappointed: 3/1/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Rita C. Stuckart - Anchorage  
Appointed: 11/24/2003 Reappointed: 3/1/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

**Board of Veterinary Examiners**

Dr. David J. Hunt - Sitka  
Appointed: 5/28/2003  
Term Expires: 3/1/2007

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

**Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar**

Joseph N. Faulhaber - Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/29/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2005

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Dr. David G. Ingraham - Anchorage

Appointed: 7/16/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2006

The appointments were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission**

Commissioner Frank M. Homan - Juneau

Appointed: 9/2/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

**Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

John K. Norman - Anchorage

Appointed: 1/23/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2009

**Alaska Royalty Oil and Gas Development Advisory Board**

Charles E. Cole - Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/2/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

Kenneth O. Stout - Anchorage

Appointed: 6/5/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2005

The appointments were referred to the Resources Committee.

**Board of Dental Examiners**

Mary Ann Cerney - Fairbanks

Appointed: 8/3/1999 Reappointed: 7/29/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

Dr. Arne R. Pihl - Ketchikan

Appointed: 5/28/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

**State Medical Board**

Dr. Robert A. Breffeilh - Juneau

Appointed: 4/25/2003 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Dr. John T. Duddy - Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Dr. G. Bert Flaming - Glennallen

Appointed: 2/12/2003 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Dr. David M. Head - Nome

Appointed: 3/27/2001 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Michael J. Tauriainen - Soldotna

Appointed: 5/28/2003 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

**Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives**

Dr. Mark E. Richey - Anchorage

Appointed: 2/20/1997 Reappointed: 1/19/2000 Reappointed:  
8/25/2003

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

**Board of Nursing**

Patricia M. Swenson - Anchorage

Appointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

**Board of Pharmacy**

Cindy Bueler - Anchorage

Appointed: 6/5/2000 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Captain Gary M. Givens - Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Michael Pauley - Eagle River

Appointed: 3/25/2003 Reappointed: 1/16/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

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

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

**Messages from the House**

Message dated January 26 was read, stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-third Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 16, for the purpose of hearing U.S. Senator Ted Stevens present his annual message to the Legislature.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 203**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 203 "An Act relating to certain administrative hearings; and establishing the office of administrative hearings and relating to that office" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 203(JUD) "An Act relating to administrative hearings, to hearing officers, and to administrative law judges; establishing the office of administrative hearings and relating to that office; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Seekins, Chair; Senators Therriault, Ogan.  
Signing no recommendation: Senator French.

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of  
Senate Resolutions****SCR 20**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 BY THE  
SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE,

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e),  
Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature,  
concerning House Bill No. 288, relating to changing  
the name of the Department of Community and  
Economic Development.

was read the first time and held on the Secretary's desk.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 307**

SENATE BILL NO. 307 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the amount of the bond required to stay execution of a judgment in civil litigation involving a signatory, a successor of a signatory, or an affiliate of a signatory to the tobacco product Master Settlement Agreement during an appeal; amending Rules 204 and 205, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 308**

SENATE BILL NO. 308 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act increasing the duration of certain provisions of domestic violence protective orders from six months to one year."

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

**SB 309**

SENATE BILL NO. 309 BY SENATORS WAGONER, Elton, entitled:

"An Act relating to testing the blood of prisoners and those in custody for bloodborne pathogens."

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

**SB 310**

SENATE BILL NO. 310 BY SENATOR GARY STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to shallow natural gas leasing and the regulation of shallow natural gas operations."

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

**SB 311**

SENATE BILL NO. 311 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act providing for a special deposit for workers' compensation insurers; relating to the board of governors of the Alaska Insurance Guaranty Association; relating to covered workers' compensation claims paid by the Alaska Insurance Guaranty Association; stating the intent of the legislature, and setting out limitations, concerning the interpretation, construction, and implementation of workers' compensation laws; relating to restructuring the Alaska workers' compensation system; eliminating the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board; establishing a division of workers' compensation within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and assigning certain Alaska Workers' Compensation Board functions to the division and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; establishing a Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; assigning certain functions of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to agreements that discharge workers' compensation liability; providing for hearing officers in workers' compensation proceedings; relating to workers' compensation awards; relating to an employer's failure to insure and keep insured or provide security; providing for appeals from compensation orders; relating to

workers' compensation proceedings; providing for supreme court jurisdiction of appeals from the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; providing for a maximum amount for the cost-of-living adjustment for workers' compensation benefits; providing for administrative penalties for employers uninsured or without adequate security for workers' compensation; relating to assigned risk pools and insurers; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 6:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the workers' compensation system. This bill relieves employers and employees of the "administrative burden" present in our workers' compensation system. The current accumulation of rules, procedures, and appeal processes increases costs for employers and insurers, delays resolution of claims for employees, and makes the Alaska workers' compensation insurance market difficult for existing insurers and unattractive to new insurers. A recent Alaska Supreme Court case illustrates the problem. It took 1,400 days from filing of the claim to a decision by the Alaska Supreme Court in Bradbury v. Chugach Electric Assn., No. S-10532 (Alaska 6/20/2003). This is far too long to wait for resolution of a claim.

This bill reduces the administrative burden of the system by eliminating the present system of hearings and appeals. For years, there have been concerns that hearings before the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board (Board) are not accomplished quickly or consistently. The Legislature has been forced to take a number of steps, including: increasing the number of members of the Board; increasing the number of panels actually hearing cases (composed of one appointee representing labor, one appointee representing management, and a hearing officer); and increasing the number of hearing officers.

The current size of the Board with 14 members and the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development far outstrips the single three-member Board originally created by the Legislature and makes assembly as a body (for purposes of meetings and approving regulations) difficult. While I recognize and appreciate the dedication, public service, and hard work the Board members provide, many members lack even a general legal training and background, much less specialized knowledge of workers' compensation law.

Similarly, over the years the number of Board hearing panels have steadily increased in order to partially address concerns about their availability for frequent hearings. The unwanted side effect is a lack of consistency and predictability of decisions. Currently, there are more than 300 combinations of panel members and hearing officers deciding claims. On appeal, any one of the numbers of superior court judges assigned to hear workers' compensation appeals would rule on the relevant panel's decision. The losing party may then appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court as a matter of right and no deference is given to the Superior Court's decision. These sources of variation in the interpretation of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act have multiplied in the last years, and have led to inconsistent, unpredictable rulings. There is no doubt. Alaska needs a consistent and predictable system for resolving disputed workers' compensation claims.

This bill replaces the old system with three new components, all of which will bring more predictability and consistency to the system: (1) a Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission (Commission); (2) experienced hearing officers; and (3) additional administrative authority and duties vested in the director of the division. In fact, the

only change to benefits made in the entire bill is “capping” out-of-state claimants’ benefits to the amount received by in-state claimants. Under current statutes, if a claimant resides out of state, the claimant’s compensation rate would be adjusted upward or downward based on the cost of living where the claimant resides. The bill “caps” the cost-of-living adjustment for those claimants residing in a locality that has a higher cost of living than does Alaska. Under the bill, if a claimant resides in a higher cost-of-living locality, the claimant would receive the same benefits that the claimant would have received if the claimant resided in Alaska. Otherwise, no attempt is made to alter benefits available to injured workers or to disrupt the delivery of benefits.

The Commission replaces the Superior Court at the appellate level. The Commission would be composed of three attorneys who are members in good standing of the Alaska Bar Association. These individuals would have significant experience in Alaska workers’ compensation law and their sole job would be to decide workers’ compensation claims. The Commission will produce decisions that will be legal precedent until and unless overturned on appeal by the Alaska Supreme Court.

Initial hearings on disputed claims would be conducted by hearing officers. Hearing officers would be attorneys licensed to practice in Alaska with significant experience in workers’ compensation law. These hearing officers would have the benefit of some minor procedural improvements designed to aid the parties in reaching a prompt adjudication of the claims. Costs currently associated with continuing to a hearing in cases that ought to be dismissed or summarily decided will be reduced. Consistency and predictability in the system will be improved. Costs and delays in resolving employees’ claims are reduced without changing benefits available to injured workers.

This bill also brings new duties and accountability to the administration of the system by the department. Currently, the director has little authority to act since all power rests in the Board. This bill would establish a Division of Workers’ Compensation in the department. The director, (appointed by the commissioner) would be personally accountable for the performance of the division. The director would have expanded authority to administer the second

injury fund (AS 23.30.040), obtain stop-work orders, investigate uninsured employers, seek civil penalties for an employer's failure to insure workers, propose regulations to the commissioner, intervene in cases and file appeals, supervise rehabilitation of injured workers, and administer the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act. The director's formal decisions may be appealed to the Commission.

The bill also provides a powerful tool to further the department's current approach of "zero tolerance" for employers that fail to carry legally required workers' compensation liability insurance. Under this bill, the department gains authority to levy civil penalties against employers whose choice to operate without the required insurance coverage places their employee's financial and physical well-being at risk. They also gain an unfair competitive advantage over the employers who act responsibly by complying with the law and purchasing the necessary insurance.

The bill would also revise AS 21, the insurance code, regarding how the state regulates the insurance industry in the provision of workers' compensation insurance. Under the bill, insurers that transact workers' compensation insurance in this state would be required to maintain in the state a special deposit of cash or securities for the protection of persons in this state covered under workers' compensation insurance. This revision would provide additional financial protection for Alaskan workers in the event that workers' compensation insurer becomes insolvent and unable to pay claims.

The composition of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Insurance Guaranty Association would be modified under the bill to include representatives from management, labor, and insurance licensees. This change would expand the expertise of the Board of Governors to better address workers' compensation issues. The bill provides transition provisions to allow for the initial appointment of members to meet the new statutory standards.

Finally, the bill would repeal AS 21.39.155(c), to ensure that the assigned risk pool for workers' compensation operates as a self-funded mechanism. Under existing law, the pool is not fully self-funded. This additional burden on insurance companies is a factor making the Alaska workers' compensation insurance market unattractive to

insurers. Eliminating the cap on the assigned risk pool surcharge may improve the deposit of cash or securities for the protection of persons in this Alaska market for companies and ensure consumers have access to insurance coverage.

This bill represents a major step forward to addressing the significant workers' compensation crisis in Alaska. The bill would rationalize the process for making workers' compensation decisions in this state. This should make Alaska more attractive for businesses to remain here or to relocate their operations to this state.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski  
Governor

**SB 312**

SENATE BILL NO. 312 BY THE SENATE RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to natural gas exploration and development and to nonconventional gas, and amending the section under which shallow natural gas leases may be issued; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Citations**

Honoring – William G. Moran, Sr. and William G. Moran, Jr.  
Senator(s) Stedman, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson,  
Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Ben Stevens, Gary  
Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

Honoring – National Senior Service Corps

Representative(s) Holm

Senator(s) Wilken, Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner

In Memoriam – Randy Smith

Representative(s) Stoltze

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

In Memoriam – Wanita J. Conley

Representative(s) Coghill

Senator(s) Therriault, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Lincoln, Seekins, Stedman, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner, Wilken

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

#### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

#### **Adjournment**

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., February 11, 2004. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

July 2004

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference  
= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 09	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 02/06/04 --		
+ SB 260	METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS		
Feb 11	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
+ SB 269	PARENT ACCESS TO CHILD'S LIBRARY RECORDS		
Feb 13	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
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FINANCE

Feb 09	Monday	Senate Finance 532	10:00 AM
	--Meeting Canceled/Rescheduled to 2/10--		
	-- Time Change --		
= HB 374	SENIORCARE		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE (continued)**

<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
= HB 374	SENIORCARE		
	<Above Item Removed from Agenda>		
	Department FY04 Status Reports:		
	Education and Early Development,		
	Labor and Workforce Development		
	Transportation and Public Facilities		
	Environmental Conservation		
	Fish and Game		
	Natural Resources		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
= SB 136	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	Department FY04 Status Reports:		
	Health and Social Services		
	Corrections		
	Law		
	Military and Veterans Affairs		
	Public Safety		
	Administration		
	Community & Economic Development		
	Revenue		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Feb 09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 285	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COVERAGE		
+ SB 288	EMERGENCY CHILD CUSTODY PLACEMENT		
+ SB 289	EXTENDING THE SPECIAL ED SERVICE AGENCY		
+ SB 277	STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/If Necessary		

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

**Feb 11      Wednesday      Butrovich 205      1:30 PM**  
 +      Bills Previously Heard/If Necessary

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**JUDICIARY**

**Feb 09      Monday      Butrovich 205      8:00 AM**  
 +    SB 300    ATTORNEY'S LIEN  
 +=   SJR 18    CONST. AM: PF APPROPS/INFLATION-PROOFING  
 +=   SJR 19    CONST. AM: PERMANENT FUND INCOME

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

**Feb 13      Friday      Butrovich 205      8:00 AM**  
           No Meeting Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Feb 10      Tuesday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 291    UNSTAMPED CIGARETTES  
 +    SB 311    INSURANCE & WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM  
 +=   SB 276    ALASKA INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION  
 +=   SB 273    ASMI BOARD/ SEAFOOD TAXES & ASSESSMENTS

**Feb 12      Thursday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 +    SB 286    DIRECT MARKETING FISHERIES BUSINESS  
 +    SB 278    LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FEES  
 +    SB 254    TOURISM & RECREATION ASSESSMENT

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**RESOURCES**

**Feb 09      Monday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
           No Meeting Scheduled

**RESOURCES (continued)**

<b>Feb 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Joint w(H) Resources Committee Hearing		
	Mining Industry Overview		
<b>Feb 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	SB 287 REGULATION REVIEW		
	SB 232 RETIREMENT:TEACHERS/JUDGES/PUB EMPLOYEES		
	HJR 30 ELIMINATE SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET		
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
=	SB 279 AHFC WATER & SEWER BONDS		
+	HB 230 POLITICAL SIGNS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY		
	SB 255 ILLEGAL USE TRAFFIC PREEMPTION DEVICE		
	"Overview on "Help America Vote Act":		
	Division of Elections		

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Feb 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	HB 304 JACK COGHILL BRIDGE TO THE INTERIOR		
	Overview of Proposed Use of the Spine		
	Road in the North Slope Oil Fields		
<b>Feb 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	-- Time and Location Change --		
	Special Meeting: Overview of the Knik		
	Arm Crossing		
	Loussac Library 9:30 - 11:30 am		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES****ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Feb 25      Wednesday      Senate Finance 532      3:00 PM**  
Alaskan Command's Annual Address by  
Lt.General Carrol H."Howie" Chandler  
Testimony by Invitation Only  
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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Feb 19      Thursday      House Finance 519      12:00 PM**  
Audits and Other Committee Business  
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**OTHER MEETINGS****CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

**Feb 17      Tuesday      Butrovich 205      12:00 PM**  
+ Let's Talk Healthy Relationships Program  
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**ENERGY POLICY TASK FORCE**

**Feb 10      Tuesday      Anchorage      9:30 AM**  
AIDEA/AEA Board Room  
813 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Third Floor  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Feb 11      Wednesday      Anchorage      9:30 AM**  
AIDEA/AEA Board Room  
813 W. Northern Lights Blvd., Third Floor  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
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**OTHER MEETINGS (continued)****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Monday</b> Address by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> State of the Judiciary Chief Justice Alexander O. Bryner	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>