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**Ninety-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:31 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Daymond Geary of the Church for All Nations. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Our Father in heaven we are torn between the need of giving a million thanks for all Your blessings and our desperation for more help. As a state we face challenges from alcohol and substance abuse, isolation, parentless children and soldiers on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan. For the many that are battling on the front lines and the families that are waiting for their homecoming, give strength, protection and hope. For those that are fighting battles for the good of our state and the future of our children, give strength and blessings.

David, the King of Israel, said, "The Lord is my Shepard, I shall not want." I pray that as the great Shepard You will bless each senator, staff member and their families. I ask for the senate to be given an anointing to build. May they build partnerships between communities, the other branches of government and the federal government...I pray that they build regulatory bridges for opening development of resources throughout our state and roads to

the isolated areas of our state. I pray that building a future for Alaska will dominate the legislative agenda. As each one does their best, by Your grace, may they build a relationship with their constituency of respect and honor.

If ever a government body could be given the title of "builder and restorer," may this 24<sup>th</sup> legislature be given such a title. Thank You for grace to do the right things and strength to continue doing them.

To Your glory and honor I pray these things, Amen!

Senator Wilken led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the ninety-second legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Messages from the Governor**

#### **SB 42**

Message dated April 9 and received April 11 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 42 "An Act extending the reporting date for and the termination date of the Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 7, SLA 2005  
Effective Date: 04/10/2005

#### **SB 60**

Message dated April 9 and received April 11 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE BILL NO. 60 "An Act extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 8, SLA 2005  
Effective Date: 04/10/2005

### **Messages from the House**

#### **HB 124**

Message dated April 11 was read, stating the House concurred in the Senate amendment to HOUSE BILL NO. 124 am "An Act relating to the collection of, and the use of reasonable force to collect, a deoxyribonucleic acid sample from persons convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for certain crimes," thus adopting:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 124(JUD)  
"An Act relating to the collection of, and the use of reasonable force to collect, a deoxyribonucleic acid sample from persons convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for certain crimes; and providing for an effective date." (technical title change)

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 10**

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 10 "An Act relating to liability for destruction of property by unemancipated minors; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 10(HES)  
(forthcoming)

Signing do pass: Senator Dyson, Chair, Senator Olson. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wilken, Elton, Green.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Alaska Court System

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SB 85**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act repealing the ban on the use of certain off-road vehicles within five miles of the right-of-way of the James Dalton Highway; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the following Resources Committee Letter of Intent:

Letter of Intent

The legislature acknowledges the provision of Article VIII, Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Alaska State Constitution. These sections provide, seriatim, that:

- (1) it is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest;
- (2) the legislature shall provide for the utilization, development, and conservation of all natural resources belonging to the State, including land and waters, for the maximum benefit of its people; and
- (3) wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife and waters are reserved to the people for common use.

The legislature thus recognizes that it is the policy of the state to encourage the development of its land and resources, but in a manner that recognizes the collective interests of the people as the owners of these lands and resources. It is consistent with the public interest that resources be developed responsibly – not ruined or plundered.

It is the intent of the Legislature, by removing the AS 19.40.210 blanket prohibition of all recreational off-road vehicles on the lands within the Dalton Highway corridor north of the Yukon River bridge, to encourage and provide for a broad range of public access alternatives to public lands consistent with the multiple use principle and to do so in concert with modern principles of stewardship.

However, it is not the intent of the legislature to allow unfettered or irresponsible use of off-road vehicles on either public or private lands. And, in the case of the lands north of the Yukon River bridge, the legislature is aware that time will be needed for the appropriate federal and state land and resource managers to design and implement plans that balance access with care for the lands and resources. Therefore, it is also the intent of the Legislature to allow sufficient time for State and Federal land and resource managers to develop and implement appropriate land use and resource management plans for the Dalton Highway corridor and adjacent lands before the current statutory prohibition is removed.

With the foregoing in mind, the effective date for this bill is 12 months following the date of passage into law. Following consultation with the appropriate land and resource managers, it is the understanding of the Legislature that this 12-month delay is sufficient time for the agencies and boards to complete their processes – all of which include public hearings – and to have their respective land use and resource use plans in place prior to the removal of the prohibition.

It is also the intent of the Legislature that, if the 12-month delay is not sufficient time for the orderly completion of the public process necessary to implement appropriate land and resource management plans, it will meet in regular session and extend the effective date for an additional period not to exceed 12 months.

Signing no recommendation: Senator Wagoner, Chair; Senators Guess, Dyson, Stedman. Signing do pass: Senators Seekins, Ben Stevens. Signing do not pass: Senator Elton.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

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

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 128**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 128 "An Act relating to consideration by the Local Boundary Commission of a requested borough incorporation." Signing do pass: Senator Seekins, Chair; Senators Therriault, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senators French, Guess.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 198**

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 198(RES)(title am) "An Act relating to aquatic plant and shellfish farming; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Wagoner, Chair; Senators Elton, Dyson, Seekins, Stedman.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 170**

SENATE BILL NO. 170 BY SENATOR SEEKINS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Department of Fish and Game, the Board of Fisheries, and the Board of Game; relating to the taking of big game and to the disposition of a mount, trophy, or part of a fish or game animal; setting fees for certain trapping licenses and certain hunting licenses, permits, and tags; setting fees for the resident combined hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license and the resident combined hunting and sport fishing license; relating to the resident small game hunting license; setting

application fees for certain hunting permits and stamps; establishing a surcharge on hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses; relating to certain hunting, trapping, and sport fishing licenses, tags, permits, and stamps; relating to the fish and game fund; relating to violations of fish and game laws; relating to state management of wildlife; relating to endangered fish and wildlife; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 171**

SENATE BILL NO. 171 BY SENATOR WILKEN, entitled:

"An Act amending the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska special revenue fund; and establishing the Special Legislative Oil and Gas NPR-A Development Impact Review Committee and defining its powers and duties."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 130**

SENATE BILL NO. 130 "An Act relating to a special deposit for workers' compensation and employers' liability insurers; relating to assigned risk pools; relating to workers' compensation insurers; stating the intent of the legislature, and setting out limitations, concerning the interpretation, construction, and implementation of workers' compensation laws; relating to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board; assigning certain Alaska Workers' Compensation Board functions to the division of workers' compensation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and to that department, and authorizing the board to delegate administrative and enforcement

duties to the division; establishing a Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; providing for workers' compensation hearing officers in workers' compensation proceedings; relating to workers' compensation medical benefits and to charges for and payment of fees for the medical benefits; relating to agreements that discharge workers' compensation liability; relating to workers' compensation awards; relating to reemployment benefits and job dislocation benefits; relating to coordination of workers' compensation and certain disability benefits; relating to division of workers' compensation records; relating to release of treatment records; 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; relating to attorney fees; providing for the department to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to provide information services and legal representation to injured employees; providing for administrative penalties for employers uninsured or without adequate security for workers' compensation; relating to fraudulent acts or false or misleading statements in workers' compensation and penalties for the acts or statements; providing for members of a limited liability company to be included as an employee for purposes of workers' compensation; establishing a workers' compensation benefits guaranty fund; relating to the second injury fund; making conforming amendments; providing for a study and report by the medical services review committee; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Green, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 873. Senator Ellis objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 130(FIN) "An Act relating to a special deposit for workers' compensation and employers' liability insurers; relating to assigned risk pools; relating to workers' compensation insurers; stating the intent of the legislature, and setting out limitations, concerning the interpretation, construction, and implementation of workers' compensation laws; relating to the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board; assigning certain Alaska Workers' Compensation Board functions to the division of workers'

compensation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and to that department, and authorizing the board to delegate administrative and enforcement duties to the division; providing for workers' compensation hearing officers in workers' compensation proceedings; relating to workers' compensation medical benefits and to charges for and payment of fees for the medical benefits; relating to agreements that discharge workers' compensation liability; relating to workers' compensation awards; relating to reemployment benefits and job dislocation benefits; relating to coordination of workers' compensation and certain disability benefits; relating to division of workers' compensation records; relating to release of treatment records; relating to an employer's failure to insure and keep insured or provide security; relating to workers' compensation proceedings; providing for a maximum amount for the cost-of-living adjustment for workers' compensation benefits; relating to attorney fees with respect to workers' compensation; providing for the department to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to provide information services and legal representation to injured employees; providing for administrative penalties for employers uninsured or without adequate security for workers' compensation; relating to fraudulent acts or false or misleading statements in workers' compensation and penalties for the acts or statements; providing for members of a limited liability company to be included as an employee for purposes of workers' compensation; establishing a workers' compensation benefits guaranty fund; making conforming amendments; providing for a study and report by the medical services review committee; establishing the Task Force on Workers' Compensation; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

Senator Bunde offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 28, line 8, following "licensed":

Insert "advanced"

Page 28, line 8, following "practitioner":

Delete "acting under the supervision of a licensed medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy"

Senator Bunde moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Ellis objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Senators Seekins, Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Wilken, Green, Stedman, Gary Stevens, Dyson, Huggins, Therriault, Bunde offered Amendment No. 2:

Page 1, line 10, following "**proceedings**";:

Insert "**establishing a Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission**";

Page 2, line 4, following "**security**";:

Insert "**providing for appeals from compensation orders**";

Page 2, line 5, following "**proceedings**";:

Insert "**providing for supreme court jurisdiction of appeals from the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission**";

Page 5, following line 19:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**\*\* Sec. 9.** AS 23.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

**Sec. 23.30.007. Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission.** (a) There is established in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission. The commission has jurisdiction to hear appeals from final decisions and orders of the board under this chapter. Jurisdiction of the commission is limited to administrative appeals arising under this chapter.

(b) The commission consists of five members appointed by the governor and confirmed by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. The members shall be appointed as follows:

(1) a member appointed as chair who meets the requirements of (c)(2) of this section;

(2) two members who, because of their employment or affiliations, may be classified as a representative of employees covered by this chapter;

(3) two members who, because of their employment or affiliations, may be classified as a representative of employers covered by this chapter.

(c) To be eligible for appointment under this section

(1) the member must

(A) be a citizen of the United States;

(B) be a resident of the state for the five years preceding the appointment; and

(C) have not been convicted of either a

(i) felony; or

(ii) misdemeanor related to workers' compensation;

(2) the chair must

(A) meet the criteria specified in (1) of this subsection;

(B) be licensed to practice law in this state and be a member in good standing with the Alaska Bar Association; and

(C) have engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years with experience in workers' compensation in this state.

(d) A member may act and receive compensation under this section from the date of appointment until confirmation or rejection by the legislature.

(e) The term of service on the commission is five years. A member may be reappointed so long as the reappointment complies with the provisions of this section.

(f) The chair of the commission is in the exempt service under AS 39.25.110 and shall receive a monthly salary that is not less than Step A nor more than Step F of Range 27 of the salary schedule in AS 39.27.011(a) for Anchorage, Alaska.

(g) A vacancy arising in the commission shall be filled by appointment by the governor and confirmed by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Except as provided in AS 39.05.080(4), an appointee selected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of the member whose vacancy is filled. A vacancy in the

commission does not impair the authority of a quorum of members to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the commission.

(h) An appeal to the commission shall be heard and decided by a three-member panel of the commission. An appeal panel shall consist of the chair of the commission and two members of the commission assigned by the chair, one member classified as representing employees, and one member classified as representing employers. At other meetings to conduct commission business, the number of commission members classified as representing employees must equal the number of commission members classified as representing employers. The chair of the commission and two representative members of the commission, one classified as representing employees and one classified as representing employers, constitutes a quorum.

(i) A member of the commission may be removed from office by the governor for good cause. To be removed for cause, a member of the commission shall be given a copy of the charges and afforded an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel in the member's own defense upon not less than 10 days' notice. If the member is removed for cause, the governor shall file with the lieutenant governor a complete statement of all charges made against the member, the governor's findings on the charges, and the record of any proceedings. In this subsection, "good cause" includes

- (1) misconduct in office or violation of AS 39.52;
- (2) conviction of a felony;
- (3) conviction of a misdemeanor related to workers' compensation;
- (4) inability to serve, neglect of duty, incompetence, unjustified failure to handle the caseload assigned, or similar nonfeasance of office; and
- (5) failure to continue to meet the requirements of this section relating to qualification for office.

(j) Representative members are entitled to compensation in the amount of \$200 a day for each day spent in actual hearing of appeals or on authorized official business incidental to their duties, and to transportation and per diem as

provided by law. Compensation shall be paid pro rata for each portion of a day spent in actual hearing of appeals or on authorized official business.

(k) A member of the commission may not hear an appeal under this chapter if

(1) a party is an employee or was, in the past seven years, an employee of the commission member or of a business that employs the commission member; this paragraph does not apply to the chair of the commission when the State of Alaska is or was the employer of a party;

(2) a party is a member or was, in the past seven years, a member of the same union or employee association as the commission member;

(3) a party has a contractual relationship with the commission member, a business that employs the commission member, or a union or employee association of which the commission member is a member;

(4) the commission member is unable to be fair, impartial, and unbiased toward the appeal participants; or

(5) participation in the appeal is a violation of AS 39.52.

(l) If the chair of the commission is unable to hear an appeal for reasons of absence or illness in excess of 10 days, or for reasons set out in (k) of this section, the commissioner of the department shall appoint a person who meets the qualifications of this section to serve as chair to hear the appeal as chair pro tem. The person shall receive the compensation provided in (j) of this section. Appointment of a chair pro tem does not require legislative confirmation.

(m) Each member of the commission, before entering upon the duties of office, shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed for principal officers of the state.

(n) The offices of the commission shall be physically separate from the offices of the division.

**Sec. 23.30.008. Powers and duties of the commission.** (a) The commission shall be the exclusive and final authority for the hearing and determination of all questions of law and fact arising under this chapter in those matters that have been appealed to the commission, except for an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court. The commission

does not have jurisdiction in any case that does not arise under this chapter or in any criminal case. On any matter taken to the commission, the decision of the commission is final and conclusive, unless appealed to the Alaska Supreme Court, and shall stand in lieu of the order of the board from which the appeal was taken. Unless reversed by the Alaska Supreme Court, decisions of the commission have the force of legal precedent.

(b) The commission, in its administrative capacity, shall maintain, index, and make available for public inspection the final administrative decisions and orders of the commission and of the board. The chair of the commission may review and circulate among the other members of the relevant commission appeal panel the drafts of the panel's formal decisions and decisions upon reconsideration. The drafts are confidential documents and are not subject to disclosure.

(c) The chair of the commission shall draft and propose, and the commission in its administrative capacity may adopt, regulations implementing the commission's authority and duties under this chapter, including rules of procedure and evidence for proceedings before the commission under this chapter. The provisions of AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) apply to the adoption of regulations by the commission.

(d) In an appeal, the commission shall award a successful party reasonable costs and, if the party is represented by an attorney, attorney fees that the commission determines to be fully compensatory and reasonable. However, the commission may not make an award of attorney fees against an injured worker unless the commission finds that the worker's position on appeal was frivolous or unreasonable or the appeal was taken in bad faith.

(e) The commission, in its administrative capacity, may adopt and alter an official seal and do all things necessary, convenient, or desirable to carry out the powers expressly granted or necessarily implied in this chapter.

**Sec. 23.30.009. Powers and duties of the chair of the commission.** (a) The chair of the commission shall exercise general supervision over the office of the

commission and over appeals, and shall direct the administrative functions of the commission. The chair of the commission shall serve as the executive officer of the commission and shall have authority in all administrative matters relating to the members. The chair may

(1) employ and supervise commission staff and appoint a commission clerk;

(2) establish and implement a time management system for the commission members and staff and manage the calendar of appeals;

(3) assign the work of the commission members and staff so that appeals are resolved as expeditiously and competently as possible;

(4) advise and cooperate with the board to develop appropriate procedures for maintenance and transfer of hearing files and the preservation and transfer of records on appeal; and

(5) prepare an annual budget of the commission.

(b) The chair of the commission shall preside over hearings and arguments on appeals. The chair of the commission shall ensure that all functions of the commission are performed with due regard for the rights of all parties and consistent with the orderly and prompt resolution of appeals. The chair of the commission shall rule on questions of procedure and advise the representative members of the commission on matters of law.

(c) The chair of the commission shall, not later than March 15 of each year, make available to the public and file with the lieutenant governor, a report regarding the commission, including data regarding time periods between initial receipt and final decisions on appeals.

(d) The chair of the commission shall devote full time to the duties of the chair of the commission and may not engage in any other employment or business. The chair of the commission may not hold any other office or position under the United States, this state, any municipality or political subdivision of this state, or any tribal government or corporation. The chair of the commission may not hold office or position in a partisan political organization or party."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 20, following line 6:

Insert new bill sections to read:

\*\* **Sec. 32.** AS 23.30.125 is repealed and reenacted to read:

**Sec. 23.30.125. Administrative review of compensation order.** (a) A compensation order becomes effective when filed with the office of the board as provided in AS 23.30.110, and, unless proceedings to reconsider, suspend, or set aside the order are instituted as provided in this chapter, the order becomes final on the 31st day after it is filed.

(b) Notwithstanding other provisions of law, a decision or order of the board is subject to review by the commission as provided in this chapter.

(c) If a compensation order is not in accordance with law or fact, the order may be suspended or set aside, in whole or in part, through proceedings in the commission brought by a party in interest against all other parties to the proceedings before the board. The payment of the amounts required by an award may not be stayed pending a final decision in the proceeding unless, upon application for a stay, the commission, on hearing, after not less than three days' notice to the parties in interest, allows the stay of payment, in whole or in part, where the party filing the application would otherwise suffer irreparable damage. Continuing future periodic compensation payments may not be stayed without a showing by the appellant of irreparable damage and the existence of the probability of the merits of the appeal being decided adversely to the recipient of the compensation payments. The order of the commission allowing a stay must contain a specific finding, based upon evidence submitted to the commission and identified by reference to the evidence, that irreparable damage would result to the party applying for a stay and specifying the nature of the damage.

(d) Proceedings for reconsidering, suspending, setting aside, or enforcing a compensation order, whether rejecting a claim or making an award, may not be instituted, except as provided in this chapter.

\* **Sec. 33.** AS 23.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

**Sec. 23.30.127. Appeals to commission.** (a) A party in interest may appeal a compensation order issued by the board to the commission within 30 days after the compensation order is filed with the office of the board under AS 23.30.110. The director may intervene in an appeal. If a party in interest is not represented by counsel and the compensation order concerns an unsettled question of law, the director may file an appeal to obtain a ruling on the question by the commission.

(b) An appeal is initiated by filing with the office of the commission

(1) a signed notice of appeal specifying the compensation order appealed from;

(2) a statement of the grounds upon which the appeal is taken; and

(3) other material the commission may by regulation require.

(c) A cross-appeal may be initiated by filing with the office of the commission a signed notice of cross-appeal within 30 days after the decision is filed or within 15 days after service of notice of an appeal, whichever is later. The notice of cross-appeal shall specify the compensation order appealed from and the grounds upon which the cross-appeal is taken.

(d) The office of the commission may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100, for filing appeals and cross-appeals, except that the office of the commission may not charge a fee if the appellant is the state or a political subdivision of the state. The commission may require an appellant to pay the costs of the transcript of hearing and the preparation of the record on appeal. The commission may require cross-appellants or intervenors to share in the costs.

(e) If a request for reconsideration of a board decision was timely filed with the office of the board, the notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days after the reconsideration decision is mailed to the parties, or the date the request for reconsideration is considered denied in the absence of any action on the request, whichever is earlier.

(f) The commission may require written briefs and make other rules and orders to facilitate the business of the commission and advance the prompt, fair, and just disposition of appeals.

**Sec. 23.30.128. Commission proceedings.** (a) An appeal from a decision of the board under this chapter, and other proceedings under this section, shall be heard and decided by a three-member panel of the commission. An appeal panel of the commission must include the chair of the commission. The chair of the commission shall assign two members to each appeal, including one commission member classified as representing employees and one commission member classified as representing employers. Acts, decisions, and orders of the commission panel in the appeal or related proceeding shall be considered the acts, decisions, and orders of the full commission. The matter on appeal shall be decided on the record made before the board, a transcript or recording of the proceedings before the board, and oral argument and written briefs allowed by the commission. Except as provided in (c) of this section, new or additional evidence may not be received with respect to the appeal.

(b) The commission may review discretionary actions, findings of fact, and conclusions of law by the board in hearing, determining, or otherwise acting on a compensation claim or petition. The board's findings regarding the credibility of testimony of a witness before the board are binding on the commission. The board's findings of fact shall be upheld by the commission if supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record. In reviewing questions of law and procedure, the commission shall exercise its independent judgment.

(c) The commission may hold hearings and receive evidence on applications for (1) stays under AS 23.30.125; (2) attorney fees and costs of appeal; (3) waiver of fees by indigent appellants; or (4) dismissal of appeals for failure to prosecute or upon settlement. The commission may rely on new or additional evidence presented during the hearing in making its decision on the application.

(d) The commission may affirm, reverse, or modify a decision or order upon review and issue other orders as appropriate. The commission may remand matters it determines were improperly, incompletely, or otherwise insufficiently developed. The commission may remand for further proceedings and appropriate action with or without relinquishing the commission's jurisdiction of the appeal. The administrative adjudication procedures of AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act) do not apply to the proceedings of the commission.

(e) Within 90 days after written briefing on the appeal is completed or oral argument is held, whichever is later, the commission shall issue a decision in writing. The decision must contain a concise statement of reasons for the decision, including findings of fact, if required, and conclusions of law. The commission shall serve each party and the director with a copy of the decision. Appeals may be expedited for good cause by the commission. Unless reconsideration is ordered under (f) of this section, a decision under this subsection is the final commission decision.

(f) A party or the director may request reconsideration of a decision issued under (e) of this section within 30 days after the date of service shown in the certificate of service of the decision. The request must state specific grounds for reconsideration. Reconsideration may be granted if, in reaching the decision, the commission (1) overlooked, misapplied, or failed to consider a statute, regulation, court or administrative decision, or legal principle directly controlling; (2) overlooked or misconceived a material fact; (3) misconceived a material question in the case; or (4) applied law in the ruling that has subsequently changed. The panel of the commission hearing the request for reconsideration shall consist of the same members of the panel that issued the decision. The commission may issue an order for reconsideration of all or part of the decision upon request of a party or the director. Reconsideration is based on the record, unless the commission allows additional argument. The power to order reconsideration expires 60 days after the date of service, as shown on the certificate of service, of a decision issued under (e) of this section. If the commission

does not issue an order for reconsideration within the time allowed for ordering reconsideration, a request for reconsideration is considered denied. If reconsideration is ordered, the commission shall issue a decision within 30 days after the close of the record on reconsideration. The commission shall serve each party in the case with a copy of the decision upon reconsideration. The decision upon reconsideration is the final commission decision.

(g) A decision of the commission becomes final on the

(1) 31st day after the date of service of a decision if reconsideration is not requested;

(2) 61st day after the date of service of a decision if reconsideration is requested but an order for reconsideration is not issued; or

(3) date of service of the commission decision upon reconsideration under (f) of this section if reconsideration is requested and an order for reconsideration is issued.

**Sec. 23.30.129. Judicial review of commission orders.** (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of AS 44.62.560, orders of the commission may not be appealed to the superior court. Consistent with AS 22.05.010(b), final decisions of the commission may be appealed to the supreme court, and other orders may be reviewed by the supreme court as provided by the Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure.

(b) A finding by the commission concerning the weight to be accorded a witness's testimony, including medical testimony and reports, is conclusive even if the evidence is conflicting or susceptible to contrary conclusions. The commission's findings of fact may be reversed on appeal if not supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 28, following line 10:

Insert the following new material:

"(36) "commission" means the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission;"

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Page 28, line 11:  
Delete "(36)"  
Insert "(37)"

Page 28, line 13:  
Delete "(37)"  
Insert "(38)"

Page 28, line 15:  
Delete "(38)"  
Insert "(39)"

Page 28, line 17:  
Delete "(39)"  
Insert "(40)"

Page 28, following line 20:  
Insert a new bill section to read:  
"\* **Sec. 47.** AS 39.25.110 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:  
(40) the chair of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission (AS 23.30.007)."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 28, following line 23:  
Insert a new bill section to read:  
"\* **Sec. 49.** AS 39.50.200(b)(31) is amended to read:  
(31) Workers' Compensation Board (AS 23.30.005) **and Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission (AS 23.30.007);**"

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 30, following line 5:  
Insert new bill sections to read:  
"\* **Sec. 53.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:  
TRANSITION: INITIAL TERMS OF MEMBERS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS COMMISSION.

Notwithstanding AS 23.30.007(e), enacted by sec. 9 of this Act, the terms of the initially appointed representative members of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission, established by AS 23.30.007, enacted by sec. 9 of this Act, shall be set by the governor to achieve staggered terms in the manner provided in AS 39.05.055.

\* **Sec. 54.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: STAFF. (a) In order to ensure the smooth assumption of duties in the shortest possible time, for a period of six months after the effective date of this section, the director may, with the approval of the commissioner of labor and workforce development and the chair of the commission, temporarily assign division employees to the commission and the commission may reimburse the division for the temporarily assigned employees. Division employees temporarily assigned to the commission shall continue in the same position and rate of pay for the duration of the temporary assignment as the employees held at the division.

(b) In this section,

(1) "commission" means the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission established by AS 23.30.007, enacted by sec. 9 of this Act;

(2) "director" means the director of the division of workers' compensation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development;

(3) "division" means the division of workers' compensation in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 30, line 20, following "REGULATIONS.":

Insert "(a)"

Page 30, following line 25:

Insert the following new material:

"(b) In order to provide for the procedures and other administrative matters necessary to ensure the on-going implementation of the state's workers' compensation laws to meet the urgent needs of injured workers, and thus ensure the preservation of

the public peace, health, safety, or general welfare, the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission established by AS 23.30.007, enacted by sec. 9 of this Act, may adopt under AS 23.30.008, enacted by sec. 9 of this Act, as emergency regulations, the regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act."

Page 30, line 30:

Delete "sec. 24"

Insert "sec. 25"

Page 31, line 5:

Delete "Section 49"

Insert "Section 56(a)"

Page 31, line 6:

Delete "31, and 50"

Insert "34, and 57"

Page 31, line 7:

Delete "secs. 51 and 52"

Insert "secs. 58 and 59"

Senator Seekins moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 2. Senator Ellis objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 130(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

**YEAS: 11 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Green, Huggins, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Stevens G, Therriault, Wilken

Nays: Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Guess, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson, Wagoner

and so, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

Senators Dyson, Seekins offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 17, line 29, following "December 15, 2003":

Insert "and after last day of 2007 session"

Senator Dyson moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3. Objections were heard. Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 3. Without objection, Amendment No. 3 was withdrawn.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 130(FIN) am will be on the April 13 calendar.

**SB 155**

SENATE BILL NO. 155 "An Act making appropriations from the earnings reserve account for construction of an integrated science complex at the University of Alaska in Anchorage, for replacement of the virology laboratory in Fairbanks, for expansion of the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, for the major maintenance grant fund, and for other capital projects related to education; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator Green, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 848. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 155(FIN) was adopted.

President Stevens stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 155(FIN) will be on the April 13 calendar.

**Third Reading of Senate Bills**

**SB 67**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(JUD) "An Act relating to claims for personal injury or wrongful death against health care providers; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator French moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 3. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator French offered Amendment No. 3:

Page 2, following line 11:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(f) The limitation on noneconomic damages in this section does not apply if the damages resulted from an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or reckless or intentional misconduct."

Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

Senator French moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 3. Senator Gary Stevens objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 67(JUD)  
Second Reading  
Amendment No. 3

**YEAS: 9 NAYS: 11 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Guess, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson

Nays: Cowdery, Dyson, Green, Huggins, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

and so, Amendment No. 3 failed.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(JUD) was automatically in third reading.

Senator French called the Senate. The call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(JUD) "An Act relating to claims for personal injury or wrongful death against health care providers; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 67(JUD)

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 12 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Green, Huggins, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Stevens G, Therriault, Wilken

Nays: Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Guess, Hoffman, Kookesh, Wagoner

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(JUD) passed the Senate.

Senator Gary Stevens moved for the adoption of the effective date clause. Senator Ellis objected.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 67(JUD)

Effective Date Clause

**YEAS: 12 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Green, Huggins, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Guess, Hoffman, Kookesh, Olson

and so, the effective date clause failed.

Senator Olson gave notice of reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(JUD)(efd fld) "An Act relating to claims for personal injury or wrongful death against health care providers."

**Second Reading of House Resolutions****HJR 15**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(RES) Relating to open ocean aquaculture in the federal exclusive economic zone, was read the second time.

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the resolution be advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(RES) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(RES) Relating to open ocean aquaculture in the federal exclusive economic zone, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 15(RES)

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, Olson, Seekins, Stedman, Stevens B, Stevens G, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Absent: Bunde

and so CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(RES) passed the Senate, was signed by the President and Secretary and returned to the House.

**Unfinished Business**

President Stevens made the following appointments:

**Victims' Advocate Selection Committee**

Senator Dyson  
Senator Huggins  
Senator French

**SB 137**

The reconsideration on SENATE BILL NO. 137 "An Act providing that an institution providing accommodations exempt from the provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act may evict tenants without resorting to court proceedings under AS 09.45.060 - 09.45.160" was not taken up this legislative day and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**SB 141**

The reconsideration on CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 141(FIN) "An Act relating to the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems and creating defined contribution and health reimbursement plans for members of the teachers' retirement system and the public employees' retirement system who are first hired after July 1, 2005; relating to university retirement programs; establishing the Alaska Retirement Management Board to replace the Alaska State Pension Investment Board, the Alaska Teachers' Retirement Board, and the Public Employees' Retirement Board; adding appeals of the decisions of the administrator of the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; providing for nonvested members of the teachers' retirement system defined benefit plans to transfer into the teachers' retirement system defined contribution plan and for nonvested members of the public employees' retirement system defined benefit plans to transfer into the public employees' retirement system defined contribution plan; providing for political subdivisions and public organizations to request to participate in the public employees' defined contribution retirement plan; and providing for an effective date" was not taken up this legislative day and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 137**

SENATE BILL NO. 137 "An Act providing that an institution providing accommodations exempt from the provisions of the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act may evict tenants without resorting to court proceedings under AS 09.45.060 - 09.45.160" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SB 141**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 141(FIN) "An Act relating to the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems and creating defined contribution and health reimbursement plans for members of the teachers' retirement system and the public employees' retirement system who are first hired after July 1, 2005; relating to university retirement programs; establishing the Alaska Retirement Management Board to replace the Alaska State Pension Investment Board, the Alaska Teachers' Retirement Board, and the Public Employees' Retirement Board; adding appeals of the decisions of the administrator of the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative hearings; providing for nonvested members of the teachers' retirement system defined benefit plans to transfer into the teachers' retirement system defined contribution plan and for nonvested members of the public employees' retirement system defined benefit plans to transfer into the public employees' retirement system defined contribution plan; providing for political subdivisions and public organizations to request to participate in the public employees' defined contribution retirement plan; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed.

**Adjournment**

Senator Gary Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., April 13, 2005. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

April 2005

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
SB 120	ELIMINATE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME		
SB 161	BOROUGH SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS		
	Senate Bill:		
	TAXATION OF MINING PROPERTY; CONTRACTS		
	APPROVED BY MUNICIPALITIES FOR PAYMENT		
	IN LIEU OF TAXES		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
<b>Apr 15</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

**FINANCE**

<b>Apr 12</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ = HB 66	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET		
+ = HB 67	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS		
	Statewide Public Testimony - (Public Testimony		
	May Be Limited to No More Than 3 Minutes)		
	9:00 am Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue		
	9:30 am Barrow, Tok, Delta Junction		
	10:00 am Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg		
	10:30 - 11:00 Sitka, Cordova, Valdez		

**FINANCE (continued)**

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

- Time Change --
- + HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
Statewide Public Testimony - (Public Testimony  
May Be Limited to No More Than 3 Minutes)  
5:00 pm Glennallen, Seward, Homer  
5:30 pm Kenai, Kodiak, Dillingham  
6:00 pm Anchorage  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Fairbanks, Mat-Su
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

- + SB 16 POWERS/DUTIES DOTPF/TRANSPORTATION PLAN
- + SJR 14 REPEAL FEDERAL ESTATE TAX
- + SB 158 MUNI TAX ON STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
- + SB 147 SPORT FISHING FACILITY REVENUE BONDS
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

- Time Change --
- + HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
Continuation of Statewide Public  
Testimony (Public Testimony May Be  
Limited to No More Than 3 Minutes)  
5:00 pm Statewide Teleconference -  
Off Net Sites  
5:30 - 6:30 pm Juneau
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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

- + HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
Consideration of Amendments

**Apr 14 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM**

- Time Change --
- + HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
- + HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
Consideration of Amendments  
(If Needed)
- + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Apr 15 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += HB 66 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET  
 += HB 67 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 += SB 130 WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
 <Bill Hearing Canceled>  
 + SB 131 WAGE & HOUR ACT: EXEC/PROF/ADMIN/SALES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Apr 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 125 LICENSING MEDICAL OR CARE FACILITIES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 15 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 If Necessary

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**JUDICIARY**

**Apr 12 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 += SB 20 OFFENSES AGAINST UNBORN CHILDREN  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 13 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM**  
 + Joint w/(H) Judiciary  
 Attorney General Confirmation Hearing:  
 David Marquez  
 += SB 140 BAN INTERNET SPYWARE  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 14 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 += SB 135 ASSAULT & CUSTODIAL INTERFERENCE  
 += SB 132 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Apr 15      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 + SB 86 STATE/MUNI LIABILITY FOR ATTORNEY FEES  
 + SB 159 INDECENT EXPOSURE TO MINORS  
 + HB 155 YOUTH COURTS AND CRIMINAL FINES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Apr 12      Tuesday    Beltz 211              1:30 PM**  
 + SB 157 REG. COST CHARGES: UTILITIES/PIPELINES  
 + Senate Bill:  
   OPTICIANS  
   <Pending Introduction & Referral>  
   Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
   Including But Not Limited to:  
 += SB 160 STATE PROCUREMENT ELECTRONIC TOOLS  
 += SB 108 INSURANCE

**Apr 14      Thursday    Beltz 211              1:30 PM**  
 + HB 61 GAMING: CALCUTTA POOLS & CRANE CLASSICS  
 + SB 149 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION  
 + SB 148 INFORMATION SECURITY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 + Senate Bill:  
   Opticians  
   <Pending Introduction & Referral>  
 += SB 108 INSURANCE  
 += SB 157 REG. COST CHARGES: UTILITIES/PIPELINES

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**RESOURCES**

**Apr 13      Wednesday    Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 += SB 53 AK PENINSULA OIL & GAS LEASE SALE; TAXES  
 + SB 163 COOK INLET OIL & GAS TAX CREDIT  
 + SCR 6 COOK INLET OIL & GAS PLATFORM ABANDONMENT  
 + SCR 7 OIL AND GAS REG REVISIONS

**RESOURCES (continued)**

**Apr 15      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 + HB 19 PESTICIDE & BROADCAST CHEMICALS  
 + SB 164 SALMON PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TAX CREDIT

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Apr 12      Tuesday                                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**  
 SCR 8 COOK INLET GAS GATHERING SYSTEM COMPLAINT  
 HB 95 PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Apr 14      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**  
 SB 94 STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE  
 HB 116 LIABILITY FOR ALCOHOL LAW VIOLATIONS  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Apr 12      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 -- Meeting Canceled --  
 + Senate Bill:  
 AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AND PENALTIES  
 FOR VIOLATION OF VEHICLE WEIGHT  
 LIMITATIONS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF A  
 VIOLATION OF A VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATION  
 FOR CERTAIN PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE  
 INSURANCE ACTIONS; AMENDING RULE 43.6,  
 ALASKA RULES OF ADMINISTRATION; AND  
 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 Continuation of DOT/PF Project  
 Discussion if Needed

**TRANSPORTATION (continued)**

<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+	Senate Bill:		
	AN ACT RELATING TO OFFENSES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS; PROHIBITING THE USE OF A VIOLATION OF A VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATION FOR CERTAIN PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE ACTIONS; AMENDING RULE 43.6, ALASKA RULES OF ADMINISTRATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE		
	<Pending Introduction & Referral>		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
	Continuation of DOT/PF Project		
	Discussion if Needed		

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW**

<b>Apr 20</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	Hearing on DEC Proposed Changes to the Alaska Food Codes		