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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 16, 2007**

**Sixtieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 10:06 a.m.

The roll showed eleven members present. Senators Davis, Dyson, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Stedman, Therriault, Wilken were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Bunde was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. John Zimmerman of Chapel by the Lake. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Sovereign Lord of our nation; we claim once again our heritage as a nation under God. Graciously continue the commitment of the members of this Senate to lead our state in paths of justice and righteousness for all Alaskans.

Teach them to better know themselves, that, knowing their own weaknesses, they may be on guard. Teach them to better understand other people, that they may view their shortcomings with charity, their virtues with appreciation, and their acts of kindness with gratitude.

Grant to each Senator the ability to focus on the legislation of this session that must have priority and to contribute to its timely completion.

When the work of this day is done and the members prepare to travel across this great state, may their planes, ferries and cars take them safely to their homes, their families and their constituents. Amen.

Senator Cowdery led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Communications**

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

2006 Time-to-Disposition Reports: Volumes 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, 6  
from Stephanie Cole, Administrative Director, Alaska Court System  
in accordance with AS 22.20.310

2006 Annual Report  
from Grace E. Merkes, Chairperson  
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights  
in accordance with AS 18.80.150

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Report dated March 14 was read, stating:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Health, Education and Social Services Committee reviewed the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Board of Dental Examiners**

Dr. David L. Eichler, D.M.D.  
Cheryl Fellenberg, R.H.D.  
Dr. Arne R. Pihl, D.M.D.  
Dr. Newell Walther, D.D.S.

**Board of Education and Early Development**

Patrick J. Shier

**Board of Marital and Family Therapy**

Dr. Larry J. Severson

**State Medical Board**

Dr. Jean Tsigonis

**Board of Nursing**

Beth Farnstrom, B.S.N., R.N.  
Joanne Smith

**Board of Examiners in Optometry**

Dr. Jeffrey A. Gonnason

**Board of Pharmacy**

Dirk T. White, R.Ph.

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission**

Cindy Lou Aillaud  
Jeffrey A. Hebard  
Michael D. Husa  
Eddy Jeans

**Board of Social Work Examiners**

Paulette Schuerch

This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against the confirmation of the individuals during any further sessions.

Signing the report: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Dyson, Cowdery, Elton, Thomas.

**SB 37**

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 37 "An Act making an appropriation for a bioscience facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Elton, Thomas. Signing no recommendation: Senators Cowdery, Dyson.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 64**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 64 "An Act relating to the requirement for candidates, groups, legislators, public officials, and other persons to submit reports electronically to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to disclosures by legislators, public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, legislative directors, public officials, and certain candidates for public office concerning services performed for compensation and concerning certain income, gifts, and other financial matters; requiring legislators, public members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, legislative directors, public officials, and municipal officers to make certain financial disclosures when they leave office; relating to insignificant ownership interest in a business and to gifts from lobbyists for purposes of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act; relating to certain restrictions on employment after leaving state service for purposes of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(JUD) "An Act relating to bribery, receiving a bribe, and receiving unlawful gratuities; relating to the requirement for candidates, groups, legislators, public officials, and other persons to submit reports electronically to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to the use of state government assets and resources when there is no charge to the state for their use, and to the use of state aircraft for partisan political purposes; relating to disclosures by public officials and certain candidates for public office concerning services performed for compensation and concerning certain income, gifts, and other financial matters; relating to gifts received by a public officer

or a public officer's immediate family; expanding the number of boards and commissions whose members and chairs are required to disclose certain financial information to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator French, Chair; Senator Huggins.  
Signing do pass: Senator Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### **SB 89**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 89 "An Act relating to requiring electronic monitoring as a special condition of probation for offenders whose offense was related to a criminal street gang" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Wielechowski, Huggins.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Alaska Court System

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 18**

The Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(HES) "An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants" and recommended it be replaced with

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

Signing do pass: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senators Elton, Thomas, Dyson, Huggins, Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Education and Early  
Development  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, House Finance Committee

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 108**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 108(L&C) "An Act extending the termination date for the Board of Marine Pilots; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Ellis, Chair; Senators Bunde, Davis, Stevens.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 2, House Finance Committee

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 122**

SENATE BILL NO. 122 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from  
municipal property taxes for residential property."

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

**SB 123**

SENATE BILL NO. 123 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined benefit retirement plans; relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined contribution retirement plans; relating to the judicial retirement system; relating to the health reimbursement arrangement plan for certain teachers and public employees; relating to the supplemental employee benefit program; relating to the public employees' deferred compensation program; relating to group insurance for public employees and retirees; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 15:

Dear President Green:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined benefit retirement plans; relating to the public employees' and teachers' defined contribution retirement plans; relating to the judicial retirement system; relating to the health reimbursement arrangement plan for certain teachers and public employees; relating to the supplemental employee benefit program; relating to the public employees' deferred compensation program; relating to group insurance for public employees and retirees; and making conforming amendments.

In 2005, FCCS SB 141(2d FCC) (SB 141) was enacted, making changes to the state's teachers' and public employees' defined benefit retirement plans and creating new defined contribution plans, with certain fixed and guaranteed benefits and a new health reimbursement arrangement plan, for new teachers and employees hired under the systems (ch. 9, FSSLA 2005). Following the enactment of SB 141, a number of needed corrections and clarifications of statutes were identified but legislation to address these issues failed to pass last year. The Commissioner of Administration also took steps to adopt

regulations to clarify how benefits would be provided under the new plans. Those regulations interpreted the statutes for the new plans in a manner that would secure favorable determinations from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the plans are qualified under the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Favorable determinations for the defined contribution and occupational disability and death components were received on February 14, 2007.

This legislation is intended to provide the necessary clarifications and corrections that remain unresolved.

The regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Administration primarily dealt with issues crucial to securing favorable determinations from the IRS. A number of statutory amendments remain necessary to correct and clarify the statutory provisions of the plans, and to assure that benefits are provided in the manner intended by the Legislature. New provisions in this bill are designed to maintain the IRC-qualified status of both the defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

While a section-by-section analysis that contains a detailed explanation of the bill will be provided to the Legislature by the Department of Administration, Division of Retirement and Benefits, below is a summary list of the purpose of some of the amendments proposed by the bill:

- (1) provide statutory authority for funding of the new Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) plan's occupational disability and death benefits;
- (2) clarify statutory authority for funding of the new Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) plan's optional monthly pension benefits upon the retirement of disabled peace officers and fire fighters and clarify that employer contributions for defined benefits in the new PERS and TRS plans (occupational disability; occupational death; disabled peace officer/fire fighter optional pension benefit) will be deposited to separate trust accounts;
- (3) add annual cost-of-living increases to disability benefits, survivor pensions, and optional pension benefits upon the retirement of disabled peace officers and fire fighters provided by the new PERS and Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) plans;



- (4) add employer cost sharing of medical premiums for persons younger than Medicare age whose disability or survivor benefits are terminated due to eligibility for normal retirement;
- (5) clarify that a member or survivor is not entitled to elect distributions from the member's individual account while receiving disability benefits or a survivor's pension;
- (6) provide that elected officials of the state are eligible to participate in the new PERS defined contribution retirement plan;
- (7) clarify that continuing employer contributions are made on behalf of the surviving spouse and member's dependent children rather than "beneficiaries";
- (8) add guidelines for employer participation and termination from the PERS defined contribution retirement plan, including employee designations for participation and rights upon termination;
- (9) remove residual provisions that allow former defined benefit plan members to reinstate refunded service, effective in 2010;
- (10) provide authority for the Commissioner of Administration to adopt regulations for the supplemental employee benefits system, health reimbursement arrangement plan, deferred compensation plan, and group health insurance plans;
- (11) provide a clear definition of "peace officer" and "fire fighter" under the defined contribution retirement plan;
- (12) allow TRS or PERS defined benefit plan members to participate in the TRS or PERS defined contribution retirement plan if hired by an employer that only participates in the defined contribution plan;
- (13) allow TRS and PERS defined benefit plan former (refunded) members to become members of the TRS or PERS defined contribution retirement plan if rehired on or after July 1, 2010;
- (14) revise the method for funding the retirement benefit for survivors of members who are disabled or die from occupational causes, to conform to the IRC;

(15) clarify that the new retirement plans established by SB 141 are hybrid plans that fall under IRC sec. 414(k);

(16) limit the option of non-vested PERS and TRS employees to transfer to the defined contribution plans to one 12-month window, to conform to the IRC;

(17) update rollover provisions of the PERS and TRS plans and the judicial retirement system, to conform to the IRC.

The bill includes a delayed effective date of July 1, 2010, for specific sections. These include provisions that remove the opportunity for defined benefit plan members to reinstate refunded service and that allow such members to become members of the defined contribution retirement plans if they are rehired. The remainder of the bill has an immediate effective date.

I urge your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin

Governor

**SB 124**

SENATE BILL NO. 124 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the allocation of money appropriated to the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 125**

SENATE BILL NO. 125 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the defined benefit plan of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska, to calculations of contributions under that defined benefit plan, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, that defined benefit plan; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 15:

Dear President Green:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the accounting and payment of contributions collected under the defined benefit plan of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska (PERS), to calculations of contributions under that defined benefit plan, and to termination of and amendments to participation in that defined benefit plan.

The bill would change the defined benefit plan of the PERS established under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 into an employer cost-sharing program similar to the teachers' retirement system (TRS) defined benefit plan established under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220, in which all employers make contributions at one uniform rate.

The Alaska Retirement Management Board supports the changes made by this bill. The bill also sets the stage to address the unfunded liability of the defined benefit plan of the PERS. As Governor, I am committed to working toward resolving the large unfunded liability that currently faces both PERS and TRS. This effort will require help and support from the legislature, political subdivisions, public employers and public employees. This bill is part of that effort.

Under the existing defined benefit plan of the PERS, participating employers make contributions at rates that vary depending on such factors as the number and experience of employees that the employer

chooses to cover and whether the employer recognizes employees' past service. Under the proposed new cost-sharing plan, employers would pay a uniform contribution rate. The bill would provide for a transitional 90-day period for participating employers to amend their participation agreements to add or terminate coverage of a department, group, or other classification of employees from the defined benefit plan. After this period, the covered employee, departments, groups, or other classifications within the defined benefit plan would remain fixed.

The bill would repeal and reenact AS 39.35.100 to provide for one integrated system of accounting for all employers. The bill would repeal AS 39.35.250, 39.35.270, and 39.35.280, governing contributions by employers, and would add a new employer contribution section, AS 39.35.255, modeled after the employer contribution statute in the TRS.

The bill also would set the stage to address the problem of unfunded liability for the defined benefit plan of the PERS by amending AS 39.35.260 to add a new provision that would require the state to pay a contribution rate calculated to include 65 percent of the plan's unfunded liability as of June 30, 2006, and would require the political subdivision and public organization employers to pay the remaining 35 percent of that unfunded liability. The bill also would amend AS 39.35.610 to provide that if an employer's contributions are not submitted within the time limit prescribed by statute, the plan administrator could collect funds in the possession of any agency and due to be disbursed to that employer if the funds due for disbursement are not restricted by statute or appropriation to a specific purpose.

The transition sections of the bill would take effect immediately. The remainder of the bill would go into effect on July 1, 2007.

I urge your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin  
Governor

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring – Pastor Clifton J. Gay III and First Lady Gail Gay, New Hope Baptist Church

Senator(s) Wielechowski, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wilken  
Representative(s) Gruenberg

In Memoriam – Lester Blake

Senator(s) Davis, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

In Memoriam – J. Anthony Smith

Representative(s) Gruenberg, LeDoux

Senator(s) Wielechowski, Stevens, Green, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wilken

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

**Unfinished Business**

Senators French, Wielechowski, Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 19 to morning plane time. Without objection, Senators French, Wielechowski, Ellis were excused.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, March 16 through evening plane time, March 18. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Thomas moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 22 through morning plane time, March 26 and from evening plane time, April 4 through afternoon plane time April 10. Without objection, Senator Thomas was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., March 19, 2007. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Mar 20      Tuesday                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 22      Thursday                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 16      Friday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 19      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
+    SB 125    PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 20      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
+    SB 123    PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 21      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
+    SB 97    ALASKA NATIVE ART IDENTIFICATION SEALS  
+=   SB 125    PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY  
+=   SB 123    PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS  
+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 22      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

+ SB 125 PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY  
 += SB 123 PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 23      Friday                              Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**

+ SB 125 PERS CONTRIBUTIONS; UNFUNDED LIABILITY  
 += SB 123 PUBLIC EMP./TEACHERS/JUDGES EMP. BENEFITS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 16      Friday                              Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 19      Monday                              Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

+ SCR 4 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH COMPACT  
 + SB 38 SALVIA DIVINORUM AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE  
 + SB 100 SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

**Mar 21      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

+ SB 85 EXTEND STATE MEDICAL BOARD  
 Presentation: Aging and Disability  
 Resource Centers

**Mar 23      Friday                              Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 19      Monday                              Beltz 211              1:30 PM**

+ SB 48 BOND REQUIREMENT ON APPEAL  
 += SB 36 SENTENCING FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED CRIMES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Mar 21      Wednesday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 84 TESTING & PACKAGING OF CIGARETTES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 22      Thursday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
 += SB 48 BOND REQUIREMENT ON APPEAL  
 + SCR 3 POINT THOMSON UNIT APPEAL  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 20      Tuesday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 + SJR 4 NATURAL GAS FOR STATE RESIDENTS  
 + SB 121 CRUISE SHIP DISCHARGE  
      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += SB 99 POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP  
 += SB 18 PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS

**Mar 22      Thursday      Beltz 211      1:30 PM**  
 + SB 120 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS  
      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 += SJR 4 NATURAL GAS FOR STATE RESIDENTS  
 += SB 121 CRUISE SHIP DISCHARGE

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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 16      Friday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
      Presentation: Part II by DNR, DOR  
 = SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT  
      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
      Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 19      Monday      Butrovich 205      3:30 PM**  
 += SB 104 NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT  
      Presentation: Gov. Palin Administration  
      -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**RESOURCES (continued)**

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|---------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 21</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                          | <b>Butrovich 205</b>      | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
| + = SB 104    | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
|               | Presentation: Industry Representatives    |                           |                |
|               | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --         |                           |                |
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| <b>Mar 21</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                          | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>5:30 PM</b> |
|               | -- Location Change --                     |                           |                |
|               | Joint w/ (S) Resources and House Sp. Cmte |                           |                |
|               | on Oil & Gas                              |                           |                |
| = SB 104      | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
| HB 177        | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
|               | <Pending Referral>                        |                           |                |
|               | Public Testimony/Time Limit May Be Set    |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled          |                           |                |
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| <b>Mar 23</b> | <b>Friday</b>                             | <b>Butrovich 205</b>      | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
| + = SB 104    | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
|               | Presentation: Industry Representatives    |                           |                |
|               | and/or State of Alaska                    |                           |                |
|               | -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --         |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled          |                           |                |
|               | --Time Limit May Be Set--                 |                           |                |
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| <b>Mar 24</b> | <b>Saturday</b>                           | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
|               | -- Location Change --                     |                           |                |
| +             | Joint w/ (S) Resources & House Sp. Cmte.  |                           |                |
|               | on Oil & Gas                              |                           |                |
| + = SB 104    | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
| + = HB 177    | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
|               | <Pending Referral>                        |                           |                |
|               | -Public Testimony/Time Limit May Be Set-  |                           |                |
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| <b>Mar 24</b> | <b>Saturday</b>                           | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>3:00 PM</b> |
| + = SB 104    | NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT              |                           |                |
|               | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled          |                           |                |
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 20      Tuesday                                      Beltz 211              9:00 AM**

+                      Confirmation Hearing:  
Lieutenant Governor Designee -  
Talis Colberg  
+= SB 92 LIMITED LICENSE IGNITION INTERLOCK  
+ SB 115 GIFT CARDS  
+ HCR 3 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

**Mar 22      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              9:00 AM**

+ SB 16 EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA  
+ HB 117 PROCLAMATION CALLING A SPECIAL SESSION  
+= SB 33 DNA FROM PERSONS CHARGED WITH FELONIES  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 20      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205              1:00 PM**

-- Time Change --  
SB 105 REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL DEBT  
SB 68 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE  
HB 102 PASSING STATIONARY VEHICLES

**Mar 22      Thursday                                      Senate Finance 532              1:30 PM**

-- Location Change --  
Joint w/ (H) Transportation  
Confirmation Hearing:  
Leo von Scheben, Commissioner for the  
Department of Transportation and Public  
Facilities

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 19      Monday                                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**

-- MEETING CANCELED --  
Department Budget Detail

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 16</b> | <b>Friday</b>                         | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b>  |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED --                |                      |                 |
|               | -- Time Change --                     |                      |                 |
|               | Dept of Education & Early Development |                      |                 |
|               | FY'08 Proposed Budget                 |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 21</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                      | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b>  |
|               | Dept of Education & Early Development |                      |                 |
|               | FY'08 Proposed Budget                 |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 30</b> | <b>Friday</b>                         | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Closeout                              |                      |                 |

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 22</b> | <b>Thursday</b>             | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | Department Budget Detail    |                       |                |
| <b>Apr 05</b> | <b>Thursday</b>             | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | Department Budget Close-Out |                       |                |

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**LAW**

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| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>         | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED -- |                       |                |
|               | Budget Detail          |                       |                |

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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Budget Close-out |                       |                 |

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****NATURAL RESOURCES**

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| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>        | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> |
|               | FY'08 Proposed Budget |                       |                |

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| <b>Mar 22</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> |
|               | FY'08 Proposed Budget Closeout |                       |                |

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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| <b>Mar 19</b> | <b>Monday</b>                                      | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- Meeting Canceled --<br>Department Budget Detail |                  |                |

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| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                                     | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED --<br>Department Budget Detail |                  |                |

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| <b>Apr 02</b> | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED --<br>Department Budget Close-Out |                  |                |

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| <b>Apr 03</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>              | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | Department Budget Close-Out |                  |                |

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**REVENUE**

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| <b>Mar 22</b> | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
|               | Budget Detail   |                       |                |

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| <b>Mar 29</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                    | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>1:45 PM</b> |
|               | -- Time Change --<br>Budget Detail |                       |                |

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

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| <b>Mar 29</b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>DOT/PF Budget | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

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| <b>Mar 22</b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Budget Detail | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b> |
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| <b>Mar 29</b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Budget Detail | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b> |
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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

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|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 21</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br>No Meeting Scheduled | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
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| <b>Mar 23</b> | <b>Friday</b><br>No Meeting Scheduled | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

|               |  |                          |                |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 20</b> | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Executive Session - Confidential Audit | <b>House Finance 519</b> | <b>7:30 AM</b> |
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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

|               |   |                      |                 |
|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 21</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br>"Filling the Need: Complementary Medicine<br>Workforce" | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
| <b>Apr 18</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br>"Filling the Need: Other Forms of Health<br>Care"       | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
| <b>May 02</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br>"Week of the Uninsured: Alaska's<br>Workforce"          | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |

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**JOINT SESSION**

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|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 19</b> | <b>Monday</b><br>Annual Address by the Honorable<br>Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
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