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**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 3, 2008**

**Forty-ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Green at 11:23 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Jesse Perry of Northern Light United Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of every people, place, and time,  
Let us begin this day as leaders of hope  
For the future of Alaska.

In all our duties remind us to be faithful,  
To encourage mutual trust and concern,  
And to practice all the virtues  
That enable us to express our differences  
With integrity and grace.

May your Spirit's gift of love, joy, peace, patience,  
Gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control  
Encompass all that is achieved in this chamber.

And finally, O God,  
Lay down the law of compassion in our hearts,  
So that peace with you,  
And with our neighbors everywhere,  
May be secured.

Amen.

Senator Thomas led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

#### **HB 37**

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on February 28 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37(efd add) "An Act establishing the first Saturday of every March as Susan Butcher Day; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 5, SLA 2008  
Effective Date: 2/29/08

Letter dated and received February 29 was read, stating I withdraw the following name for legislative confirmation as submitted to you in my letter dated January 30, 2008:

#### **Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Vern Hurlbert - Anchorage

### **Messages from the House**

#### **SB 125**

Message dated February 29 was read, stating the Speaker appointed Representative Doogan to replace Representative Crawford (House Journal page 2053) to the Free Conference Committee considering the following bills:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125(FIN) "An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the retirement plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the Teachers' Retirement System, to calculations of contributions under those retirement plans, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, the defined benefit plans of those systems; relating to recovery of an award of damages or other recovery by those systems; relating to employer contributions to the health reimbursement arrangement plan; relating to participation in the public employees' defined contribution plan by certain elected officials; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

and

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 125(FIN) "An Act relating to the accounting and payment of contributions under the retirement plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the Teachers' Retirement System, to calculations of contributions under those retirement plans, and to participation in, and termination of and amendments to participation in, the defined benefit plans of those systems; relating to employer contributions to the health reimbursement arrangement plan; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

Senate members appointed February 21 (page 1966).

### **Communications**

The following report is on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

2006 Annual Report  
from Jeffrey Davis, Chair, and Cecil Bykerk, Executive Director  
Alaska Comprehensive Health Insurance Association  
in accordance with AS 21.55.020(f)

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 185**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 185 "An Act relating to sex offenders and child kidnappers" and recommended the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 1917. Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Therriault, Wielechowski, Huggins.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 4, Department of Public Safety

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 191**

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 191 "An Act relating to continuing the public education of a homeless student and to the purpose of certain laws as they relate to children." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Elton, Thomas. Signing no recommendation: Senator Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 229**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 229 "An Act relating to the Tanana Valley State Forest and to assignment of certain forest land to the Minto Flats State Game Refuge; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Stedman, Cochair; Senators Elton, Thomas, Dyson, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Hoffman, Cochair; Senator Olson.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources  
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 256**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 256 "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending certain appropriations; ratifying certain expenditures; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 256(FIN) "An Act making supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making an appropriation to the senior benefits payment program; amending certain appropriations; ratifying certain expenditures; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Hoffman, Stedman, Cochairs; Senators Elton, Thomas, Huggins. Signing do not pass: Senator Dyson. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 265**

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 265 "An Act relating to drivers' licenses and identification cards issued to sex offenders and child kidnappers" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 265(TRA) "An Act relating to the payment of permanent fund dividends to certain individuals required to register as sex offenders or child kidnappers; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Kookesh, Chair; Senator Wielechowski.  
Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 297**

SENATE BILL NO. 297 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the compensation for certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; relating to pay increments for longevity in state service; 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, Department of Administration

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 29:

Dear President Green:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would amend the salary schedule set out in AS 39.27.011(a) to reflect the increase tentatively agreed to by the supervisory unit of state employees. The salary schedule would provide for a 5.5% increase in FY08, 3% in FY09 and 3% in FY10. Provisions that are not in codified sections of the statute authorize the same pay increments for employees and officials of the Alaska Court System, the University of Alaska, and certain independent state agencies.

I tasked an Executive Working Group under Administrative Order No. 237 with identifying recruitment and retention issues. Several legislators have expressed concern about whether the state is losing ground to other employers. This legislation would implement a portion of the recommendations of the Working Group. The full report is available on the Department of Administration website. With almost a quarter of the entire state workforce eligible to retire within five years, it is a priority of mine to recruit and retain qualified, professional staff.

The bill would also change the practice with respect to longevity pay steps for non-covered employees. The current law provides for 3.75 percent increases at two, four, nine, and 13 years after reaching F step on the salary schedule, and requires an employee to have seven years continuous service before the employee is eligible for longevity pay. This restriction will help the state attract and retain highly qualified employees. This legislation would repeal the longevity pay step statute, and provide in AS 39.27.011 for pay increments to employees at two year intervals after they attain the F step in their range. The requirement of seven years of continuous service would be eliminated. Legislative and Judicial branch employees who are not magistrates and judicial officers, and exempt officers and employees who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements may receive these increments if the agencies employing those persons adopt compensation policies that include those persons.

In addition, the bill would raise the pay range assigned to the members of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) and certain members of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) from range 26 to range 27, and would raise the pay range of the chief procurement officer from range 24 to range 27. Statutory references to specific salary steps within pay ranges would be removed for deputy heads of principal departments, and CFEC and RCA members.

The bill would also provide for a July 1, 2008 effective date so that the 2008 salary increases are aligned with the new fiscal year for budgetary reasons, except that retroactive provisions of the bill would go into effect immediately.

These changes are consistent with the goal of this administration to improve recruitment and retention of state employees, and the result of the Administrative Order 237 Working Group.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin  
Governor

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Second Reading of Senate Bills**

##### **SB 119**

SENATE BILL NO. 119 "An Act establishing a grant program to support public school libraries" was read the second time.

Senator Stevens, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Rules Committee Substitute offered on page 1915. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(RLS) "An Act relating to grant programs to support libraries" was adopted.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(RLS) was read the third time.

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Objections were heard and Senator Dyson was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(RLS) "An Act relating to grant programs to support libraries" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:



CSSB 119(RLS)

Third Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 15 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(RLS) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Third Reading of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 168**

SENATE BILL NO. 168 "An Act providing a credit for the payment of certain municipal passenger taxes or fees against the excise tax on travel aboard commercial passenger vessels; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

The following fiscal information was published today by the Rules Committee:

Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Senator Elton moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Elton offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, lines 1 - 3:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 2, line 4:

Delete "immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)"

Insert "January 1, 2009"

Senators Therriault, Dyson, Stedman, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on Amendment No. 1. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Elton moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Without objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

SENATE BILL NO. 168 am was automatically in third reading.

President Green stated SENATE BILL NO. 168 am will be returned to the Rules Committee. There being no objection, the bill was returned to the Rules Committee.

### **Third Reading of House Bills**

#### **HB 273**

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN) "An Act relating to school funding, funding for student transportation services, the base student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for intensive services and average daily membership calculations; and providing for an effective date" was read the third time.

Senator Wilken moved that the bill be returned to second reading for the purpose of a specific amendment, that being Amendment No. 1. Without objection, the bill was returned to second reading.

Senator Wilken offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 8, line 31:

Delete "**\$5,480**"

Insert "**\$5,580**"

Page 9, lines 3 - 4:

Delete "**\$5,580** [\$5,480]"

Insert "**\$5,680** [\$5,580]"

Page 9, lines 6 - 7:

Delete "**\$5,680** [\$5,580]"

Insert "**\$5,780** [\$5,680]"

Senator Wilken moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Objections were heard.

Senator Ellis rose to a point of order. President Green cautioned members to proceed in order.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on Amendment No. 1. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Ellis rose to a point of order. President Green reminded members to proceed in order.

### **Recess**

President Green stated that the Senate would stand in recess to 1:30 p.m. There being no objection, the Senate recessed at 1:06 p.m.

### **After Recess**

The Senate reconvened at 1:35 p.m.

### **Third Reading of House Bills (continued)**

#### **HB 273**

Senator Wilken called the Senate. The call was satisfied.

The question under consideration was the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN) "An Act relating to school funding, funding for student transportation services, the base student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for intensive services and average daily membership calculations; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 273(FIN)  
Second Reading  
Amendment No. 1

**YEAS: 5 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Dyson, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman,  
Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas,  
Wielechowski

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN) was automatically in third reading.

Senator Ellis rose to a point of order. President Green cautioned members to restrict their remarks to the bill under consideration.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. Objections were heard and Senator Hoffman was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN) "An Act relating to school funding, funding for student transportation services, the base student allocation, district cost factors, and the adjustments for intensive services and average daily membership calculations; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 273(FIN)  
Third Reading - Final Passage  
Effective Dates

**YEAS: 16 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman,  
Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas,  
Wagoner, Wielechowski

Nays: Bunde, Dyson, Therriault, Wilken

and so, CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(FIN) passed the Senate.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clauses. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wilken gave notice of reconsideration.

### **Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SCR 15**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to standing committees, was read the second time.

Senator Stevens, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Senate Special Committee on Education Committee Substitute offered on page 1718. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15(SED) Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to standing committees, was adopted and was before the Senate on final passage.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on the resolution. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15(SED) Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to standing committees, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSCR 15(SED)

Second Reading - Final Passage

**YEAS: 18 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Green, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski, Wilken

Nays: Dyson, Therriault

and so, CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15(SED) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

### **Citations**

Honoring – AWARE Women of Distinction

Representative(s) Kerttula

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

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 4 through evening plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

#### **SB 216**

Senator Thomas moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 216 "An Act designating the Alaska Highway and portion of the Richardson Highway as the Purple Heart Trail." Without objection, it was so ordered.

#### **HB 45**

Senator Thomas moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 45(MLV) "An Act authorizing the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to establish and maintain Alaska veterans' cemeteries; and establishing the Alaska veterans' cemetery fund in the general fund." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**HB 166**

Senator Thomas moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 166(FIN) "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to community foundations, to certain educational organizations, and to certain other charitable organizations; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment****SB 119**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(RLS) "An Act relating to grant programs to support libraries" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**SCR 15**

CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15(SED) Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to standing committees was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

**Enrollment****SCR 17**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 Relating to establishing March 2008 as Brain Injury Awareness Month, was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:36 p.m., March 3, 2008.

**Adjournment**

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 4, 2008. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate



**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

|               |                                  |                  |                |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 04</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                   | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED --           |                  |                |
| + SB 228      | MUNICIPAL LAND USE REGULATION    |                  |                |
|               | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled |                  |                |
|               |                                  |                  |                |
| <b>Mar 06</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                  | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
|               | No Meeting Scheduled             |                  |                |

**FINANCE**

|               |   |                           |                |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 03</b> | <b>Monday</b>                           | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| += SB 229     | TANANA VALLEY FOREST/MINTO FLATS REFUGE |                           |                |
| += SB 256     | SUPPLEMENTAL/CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS     |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled        |                           |                |
|               |   |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 04</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                          | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| + HB 176      | CREATE FORT ROUSSEAU CAUSEWAY PARK      |                           |                |
| += SB 170     | INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR WELL-BABY EXAMS  |                           |                |
| + SB 28       | LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES    |                           |                |
| += SB 249     | CAPSTONE AVIONICS FUND/LOANS            |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled        |                           |                |
|               |   |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 05</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                        | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled        |                           |                |
|               |   |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 06</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                         | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled        |                           |                |
|               |   |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 07</b> | <b>Friday</b>                           | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled        |                           |                |

**FINANCE (continued)**

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| <b>Mar 10</b> | <b>Monday</b>                          | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| + SB 221      | BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS |                           |                |
| +             | Department Presentations:              |                           |                |
|               | Departments to be Announced            |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled       |                           |                |
|               |  |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 11</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                         | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| + SB 221      | BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS |                           |                |
| +             | Department Presentations:              |                           |                |
|               | Departments to be Announced            |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled       |                           |                |
|               |  |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 12</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                       | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| + SB 221      | BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS |                           |                |
| +             | Department Presentations:              |                           |                |
|               | Departments to be Announced            |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled       |                           |                |
|               |  |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 13</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                        | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| + SB 221      | BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS |                           |                |
| +             | Department Presentations:              |                           |                |
|               | Departments to be Announced            |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled       |                           |                |
|               |  |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 13</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                        | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>5:00 PM</b> |
| + SB 221      | BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS |                           |                |
|               | Statewide Public Testimony             |                           |                |
|               |  |                           |                |
| <b>Mar 14</b> | <b>Friday</b>                          | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| + SB 221      | BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS |                           |                |
| +             | Department Presentations:              |                           |                |
|               | Departments to be Announced            |                           |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled       |                           |                |

**HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 03</b> | <b>Monday</b>                      | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
|               | -- Following Session --            |                      |                |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled   |                      |                |
| + SB 267      | DOCUMENT PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE |                      |                |

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

**Mar 05      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

+              Medicaid Behavior Health Presentation by  
 Mary Thorton, BSRN, MBA  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 07      Friday                                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**

+              HESS Confirmation Hearing  
 +              Best Beginnings Report & Presentation by Abbe Hensley  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 03      Monday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**

-- Following Session --  
 +    SB 235    ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS  
 +    HB 165    BIG GAME GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 05      Wednesday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**

+=    SB 273    CRUELTY TO ANIMALS  
 +    HB 163    PROPERTY FORECLOSURES AND EXECUTIONS  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 07      Friday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**

+              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 04      Tuesday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**

+    SB 289    HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION  
 +    SB 293    ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES  
 +    HB 65    PERSONAL INFORMATION & CONSUMER CREDIT  
             Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 +=    SB 147    WORKERS' COMP EMPLOYER LIABILITY  
             <Bill Moved Out of Committee 2/28/08>

**Mar 06      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              1:30 PM**

            Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 +=    HB 233    UNCLAIMED PHONE/ELEC COOP DISTRIBUTIONS  
 +=    HJR 16    OPPOSING MILK TAX

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Mar 08      Saturday                              Beltz 211              10:00 AM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 03      Monday                              Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 05      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              12:00 PM**  
 -- Location & Time Change --  
 Joint with House Resources Committee  
 + Presentation: Alaska Mining Industry Briefing  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Mar 07      Friday                              Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 04      Tuesday                              Beltz 211              9:00 AM**  
 += SB 276 STATE CONSTRUCT'N PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT  
 + SB 265 SEX OFFENDERS & CHILD KIDNAPPERS  
 + SB 296 CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND  
 + HB 259 ESTABLISHING ALASKA HISTORY WEEK  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 06      Thursday                              Beltz 211              9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 04      Tuesday                              Butrovich 205              1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 06      Thursday                              Butrovich 205              1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled  
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## FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

## ADMINISTRATION

**Mar 10      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              4:00 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 +              Budget Close-out

**Mar 11      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:30 PM**  
 +              Budget Close-out

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## EDUCATION &amp; EARLY DEVELOPMENT

**Mar 07      Friday                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 FY09 Budget Overview

**Mar 12      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              12:00 PM**  
 Close-out

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## GOVERNOR

**Mar 12      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Close-out Meeting

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## HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES

**Mar 06      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              1:00 PM**  
 -- Time Change --  
 +              Department Budget Close-out  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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## LAW

**Mar 04      Tuesday                      Fahrenkamp 203              1:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Budget Detail

**Mar 11      Tuesday                      Fahrenkamp 203              1:30 PM**  
 Close-out

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****LEGISLATURE**

|               |                                       |                           |                |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 12</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Close-out Meeting | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
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**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

|               |  |                       |                |
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| <b>Mar 05</b> | <b>Wednesday</b><br>-- MEETING CANCELED --<br>FY09 DMVA Budget Close-out | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>1:00 PM</b> |
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

|               |   |                       |                |
|---------------|---|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 04</b> | <b>Tuesday</b><br>-- MEETING CANCELED --<br>FY09 Budget Close-out | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> |
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| <b>Mar 11</b> | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Close-out | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> |
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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

|                    |  |                       |                |
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| <b>Mar 04</b><br>+ | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Department Budget Close-out<br>-- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
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**REVENUE**

|               |                                  |                       |                |
|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 06</b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Budget Detail | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
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| <b>Mar 13</b> | <b>Thursday</b><br>Close-out | <b>Fahrenkamp 203</b> | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

|               |                             |                  |                |
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| <b>Mar 11</b> | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Close-out | <b>Beltz 211</b> | <b>3:30 PM</b> |
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## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

|               |  |                      |                |
|---------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 05</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                         | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled         |                      |                |
|               | Including But Not Limited to:            |                      |                |
| += SCR 16     | EDUCATION FUNDING/COST FACTOR COMMISSION |                      |                |
| <b>Mar 07</b> | <b>Friday</b>                            | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled         |                      |                |
| <b>Mar 08</b> | <b>Saturday</b>                          | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>1:30 PM</b> |
| +             | Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled         |                      |                |
| +             | Overview & Workshop on Charter Schools   |                      |                |

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## JOINT COMMITTEES

### LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

|               |                                     |                          |                |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 11</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                      | <b>House Finance 519</b> | <b>8:30 AM</b> |
|               | Contracts                           |                          |                |
| <b>Mar 25</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                      | <b>House Finance 519</b> | <b>8:30 AM</b> |
|               | Final Audits -                      |                          |                |
|               | FY08 Statewide Single Audit         |                          |                |
|               | Dept. of Admin., AK Data Enterprise |                          |                |
|               | Reporting System                    |                          |                |
|               | Preliminary Audits -                |                          |                |
|               | Dept. of Natural Resources,         |                          |                |
|               | Matanuska Maid                      |                          |                |
|               | Dept. Environmental Conservation,   |                          |                |
|               | Div. of Spill Prevention & Response |                          |                |

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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SB 125

|               |  |                           |                |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Mar 03</b> | <b>Monday</b>                            | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- Meeting Postponed until 4:30 pm --    |                           |                |
| = SB 125      | PERS/TRS CONTRIBUT'NS;UNFUNDED LIABILITY |                           |                |

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

|               |  |                      |                 |
|---------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 05</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | Maximizing Access<br>Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators      |                      |                 |
| <b>Mar 19</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | -- MEETING CANCELED --<br>Measuring Success: Improving Health Indicators |                      |                 |
| <b>Apr 02</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>Butrovich 205</b> | <b>12:00 PM</b> |
|               | High Quality, Low Cost<br>-----  |                      |                 |

**JOINT SESSION**

|               |   |                      |                 |
|---------------|---|----------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 18</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>House Chamber</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- Date Change --<br>Annual Address by the Honorable<br>Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator<br>----- |                      |                 |

**SENATE BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP**

|               |  |                           |                 |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mar 06</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
|               | -- Rescheduled to 03/13/08 --<br>Open Caucus on Affordable Housing |                           |                 |
| <b>Mar 13</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>Senate Finance 532</b> | <b>11:00 AM</b> |
|               | Open Caucus on Affordable Housing                                  |                           |                 |