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Thirty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 10:46 a.m.

The roll showed fourteen members present. Senators Bunde, Huggins, McGuire, Paskvan, Therriault, Wagoner were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Gary Waterhouse of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Juneau and Sitka. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

O Lord our God how full of wonder and splendor you are! Everywhere in this great state of Alaska we see the evidence that you love and care for us. You have created a land that is unsurpassed in beauty. The splendid mountain ranges and the stately spruce and cedar, the imposing glaciers, and the soaring eagles, all give evidence to your creative handiwork. And we also see beauty in the laughter of our children, the exuberance of our youth, and the wisdom of our elders. For all these things we are truly grateful.

The senators of our state have awesome responsibilities, among them is to lead us all to be faithful stewards of this land and its people, and its resources. Bless them as they carry out their oath of office.

May they each serve faithfully and with integrity.
May they listen to your voice as well as the voices of
the people, until unity and harmony are found. Let
them be as true to duty as the needle is to the pole,
and stand for the right though the heavens fall.

I pray in thy name, Amen.

Senator Olson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

SB 77

Message was read stating the Governor signed the following bill on February 17 and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(STA) "An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 1, SLA 2009
Effective Date: See Chapter

Messages from the House

Message dated February 18 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions****HJR 12**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 BY REPRESENTATIVES DAHLSTROM, Gatto, Lynn, Ramras, Olson, Johnson, Harris, Fairclough, Chenault,

Relating to the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

The presence of Senator Bunde was noted.

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 93**

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 BY REPRESENTATIVES CHENAULT, Neuman, Harris, Munoz, Gardner, Gara, Tuck, Dahlstrom, Johnson, Herron, entitled:

"An Act relating to unwanted telephone solicitations on a cellular or mobile telephone and making those calls to cellular or mobile telephones registered with the national do not call registry violations of the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

Standing Committee Reports**SB 85**

The Community and Regional Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 85 "An Act relating to limitations on possessing, sending, shipping, transporting, or bringing alcoholic beverages to a local option area and to penalties for violations of those limitations; relating to probation for minor consuming or in possession or control of alcoholic beverages; relating to civil fines for liquor licensees

whose agents or employees furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 85(CRA) "An Act relating to limitations on sending, shipping, transporting, or bringing alcoholic beverages to, soliciting or receiving orders for delivery of alcoholic beverages to, and the manufacture, sale, offer for sale, barter, traffic, or possession of alcoholic beverages in, a local option area; relating to minor consuming or in possession or control of alcoholic beverages; relating to civil fines for liquor licensees whose agents or employees furnish alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age; and providing for an effective date."

Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson, Chair; Senator French.
Signing do pass: Senators Menard, Kookesh.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 6, zero, Department of Health and Social Services
Fiscal Note No. 7, zero, Department of Public Safety

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 2, indeterminate, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Corrections
Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions

SJR 7

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 BY SENATORS
THERRIAULT, Dyson,

Opposing a United Nations designation of the Arctic
Ocean as a World Heritage Site.

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy and Resources Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 113

SENATE BILL NO. 113 BY SENATOR MEYER, entitled:

"An Act increasing the compensation of members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

The presence of Senator Paskvan was noted.

SB 114

SENATE BILL NO. 114 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 115

SENATE BILL NO. 115 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act creating a rural community energy assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 116

SENATE BILL NO. 116 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation for energy assistance for rural communities; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – Brad Oleson, North Pole Patriot #23

Representative(s) Coghill

Senator(s) Therriault, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring – The Salvation Army, Over 100 Years of Service in Southeast Alaska

Representative(s) Munoz, Kerttula

Senator(s) Elton, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – McKinnon "Mac" Behrends

Senator(s) Huggins, Elton, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

In Memoriam – William L. Major

Senator(s) Thomas, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Guttenberg

In Memoriam – Jeffrey Peede

Representative(s) Coghill

Senator(s) Therriault, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Senator Ellis 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

HCR 2

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2(RES) am Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans first by pursuing development of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region; and requesting the governor to identify and negotiate where appropriate with one or more persons capable of producing natural gas from the Gubik area, and other areas on the North Slope if necessary, in sufficient quantities to support the energy needs of Alaskans and a bullet pipeline project.

HCR 3

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 am Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by taking and encouraging all action that would support a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region, including initiating any necessary negotiations to reopen the Agrium plant in Kenai.

HCR 4

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 am Requesting the governor to provide energy security for Alaskans by taking and encouraging all appropriate action to support development of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region including advocating an increase in the amount of natural gas that may be exported under authority granted by the United States Department of Energy.

HCR 5

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 am Requesting the governor to provide energy security for all Alaskans by working on significant elements and components to support the timely construction of a natural gas bullet pipeline from the North Slope to the Cook Inlet region and to take necessary and appropriate action to assist and facilitate the process for a private entity to make a final investment decision to commit to the pipeline before November 1, 2010.

SB 87

Senators Ellis, Davis, Kookesh, Elton moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 87 "An Act expanding medical assistance coverage for eligible children and pregnant women; relating to cost sharing for certain recipients of medical assistance; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 105

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 105 "An Act relating to continuing the secondary public education of a homeless student; relating to the purpose of certain laws as they relate to children; relating to tuition waivers, loans, and medical assistance for a child placed in out-of-home care by the state; relating to foster care; relating to children in need of aid; relating to foster care transition to independent living; and relating to juvenile programs and institutions." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SJR 6

Senators Menard, Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the United States Congress to reject H.R. 45, the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 49

Senator Menard moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 49 "An Act relating to an awareness fund and monetary donation program for blood donations." Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senator Huggins was noted.

SB 13

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 13 "An Act relating to eligibility requirements for medical assistance for certain children and pregnant women; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 12

Senator Dyson moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Relating to the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 22, to evening plane time. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 20 through morning plane time, February 23. Without objection, Senator Meyer was excused.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 23, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Senator Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 23, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Stedman was excused.

Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 27. Without objection, Senator Hoffman was excused.

Recess

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:55 a.m.

After Recess**Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Stevens, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:02 a.m.

The presence of Senators Therriault, Wagoner was noted.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Johansen moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative Wilson and Senator Davis to escort Senator Lisa Murkowski to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Edra Morledge, announced the Senator's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4.

Following her address, there was a question and answer period. Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Davis and Representative Wilson.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 12:07 p.m.

After Recess**In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 12:12 p.m.

Unfinished Business

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator McGuire be excused from a call of the Senate today through February 23. Without objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 20, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:13 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

Feb 19	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Feb 24	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Feb 26	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Feb 20	Friday + Overview: Moore v. State	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Feb 20	Friday + Joint w/Senate Finance Presentation by the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Feb 23	Monday + SB 102 RAISE COMP. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AGE/TRUANCY Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled += SB 33 POSTSECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Feb 25	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Feb 27	Friday + SB 18 POSTSECONDARY MEDICAL EDUC. PROG. Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

FINANCE

- Feb 19 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Overview:
 Department of Transportation Statewide
 Capital Projects and STIP Process
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Joint w/ Senate Education Cmte
 Presentations:
 Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission
 by Dr. John Aho, Chair
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 115 RURAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
 + SB 116 APPROP: RURAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE
 + SB 93 MUNICIPAL AIR QUALITY PROPERTY TAX CREDIT
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 45 VETERANS' CEMETERIES/FUND/LICENSE PLATES
 + SB 13 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY
 + SB 87 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 + SB 24 LOUIS MILLER BRIDGE
 + SB 25 RICHARD DEWEY DUVALL FERRY TERMINAL
 + SB 57 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Feb 20 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + Presentation by Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 23 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + SB 98 MEDICAL PATIENT BILLING DISCLOSURES
 += SB 52 SALVIA DIVINORUM AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM**
 Joint w/(H) Health & Social Services
 Key Campaign
- Feb 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 += SB 35 EXTEND SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL
 + SB 96 CHILD SUPPORT/ CASH MEDICAL SUPPORT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 27 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 + SB 47 STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

- Feb 20 Friday Capitol 120 1:30 PM**
 + Joint w/(H) Judiciary
 Confirmation Hearings:
 Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar
 Commission on Judicial Conduct
 Alaska Judicial Council
 Violent Crimes Compensation Board
- Feb 23 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 + SB 85 ALCOHOL: LOCAL OPTION/LICENSING/MINORS
- Feb 25 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 + SB 110 PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 27 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

- Feb 19 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 += SB 23 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 24 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 += SB 1 ALASKA MINIMUM WAGE
 += SB 84 AIDEA: BONDING LIMITS; CONFIDENTIALITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Feb 26 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**
 += SB 23 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + HB 104 WORKERS COMP. MEDICAL TREATMENT FEES
 <Pending Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

- Feb 20 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview:
 Securing a New Supply of Natural Gas for
 Southcentral and Interior Alaska
 (Bullet Line, Spur Line)
 Palin Administration
 Harold Heinz, ANGDA
 Enstar Natural Gas Company
- Feb 23 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview:
 Updated Information on the Susitna Hydro
 Project Alaska Energy Authority;
 + Proposed Chakachamna Hydro Project;
 TDX Power: Nick Goodman, Pres. and Eric
 Yould, Program Dir.
- Feb 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**
 + Please Note Time & Location Change
 Overview: Alaska Mining Industry
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Feb 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
 + Overview: Pebble Mine Permitting and
 Associated Issues
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 19 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 72 CHILD SAFETY SEATS & SEAT BELTS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 79 MED BENEFITS OF DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS

Feb 24 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SJR 6 OPPOSE H.R. 45 IN CONGRESS
 + SB 50 IDITAROD REGISTRATION PLATES
 + SB 19 COMPLAINTS AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS/VPSOS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 26 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 49 BLOOD DONATION AWARENESS FUND
 + SB 29 NAMING THOMAS B. STEWART LEG. OFFICE BLDG
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 24 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 SB 111 INTRASTATE AIR SERVICE CERTIFICATES
 = SB 59 LOW- SPEED MOTOR VEHICLES
 SB 51 MOTOR VEHICLE WINDOW TINTING

Feb 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 25 Wednesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Review of Division of Motor Vehicles,
 Division of General Services, and Public
 Broadcasting
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 09 Monday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Division/Program Reviews
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

Mar 11	Wednesday Residual Issues/Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Mar 13	Friday Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Beltz 211	3:30 PM

CORRECTIONS

Feb 20	Friday Overview	Beltz 211	11:00 AM
Mar 13	Friday Overview	Beltz 211	11:00 AM
Mar 16	Monday Close-out	Beltz 211	3:00 PM

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 26 +	Thursday Court System Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Mar 10 +	Tuesday Court System Budget	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 25 +	Wednesday EED Budget	Senate Finance 532	5:00 PM
Mar 12 +	Thursday EED Budget	Butrovich 205	4:00 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

Mar 12 +	Thursday Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
Mar 16	Monday Close-out	Beltz 211	5:00 PM

FISH & GAME

Feb 19	Thursday Department Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Feb 23	Monday Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Mar 19	Thursday Department Close-out	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM

GOVERNOR

Feb 20	Friday Overview	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
Mar 20	Friday Close-out	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 19 +	Thursday Division of Public Assistance, including Heating Assistance -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Mar 03 +	Tuesday Public Health Initiatives -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
Mar 05 +	Thursday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Governor's Amendments, Q & A -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

Mar 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:00 PM
 + Governor's Amendments, Q & A
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 19 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 + Budget Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LAW

Feb 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Budget Overview: Dept of Law

Mar 03 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Budget Detail

Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Budget Detail

Mar 17 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM
 Subcommittee Close-out

LEGISLATURE

Mar 20 Friday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM
 Close-out

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 19 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 4:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Budget Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**NATURAL RESOURCES**

Feb 20 +	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
	Continuation of Departmental Overview: Division of Agriculture; Division of Forestry -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 24 +	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
	Continuation of Departmental Overview: Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation; State Pipeline Coordinator's Office; Division of Coastal and Ocean Management -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 19 +	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
	Status of VPSO Program & Recruitment Efforts for Them and the State Troopers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 03 +	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Governor's Amendments - Q & A Session -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 17 +	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
	Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

REVENUE

Feb 26	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue		
Mar 12	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 19	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Subcommittee Close-out		

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

Feb 24	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Budget Overview: Dept. of Transportation		
Mar 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Subcommittee Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Feb 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Overview		
Mar 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Close-out		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**ENERGY**

Feb 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	-- Meeting Postponed to 02/26/09-- Joint w/(H) ENERGY Work Session: Comprehensive Energy Plan Presenters: Gwen Holdman, Dir., Alaska Center for Energy and Power; David Hobbs and Jim Meitl, Cambridge Energy Research Associates; Darrell Smith, Black Lion Energae		
Feb 26	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Joint w/(H) ENERGY Work Session: Comprehensive Energy Plan Presenters: Gwen Holdman, Dir., Alaska Center for Energy and Power; David Hobbs and Jim Meitl, Cambridge Energy Research Associates; Darrell Smith, Black Lion Energae		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)**ENERGY (continued)**

Feb 27 Friday Beltz 211 11:00 AM
 += SB 31 GEOTHERMAL ELEC. PROD. TAX CREDIT
 + HCR 2 IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE
 + HCR 3 IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE
 + HCR 4 IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE
 + HCR 5 IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE

WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS

Feb 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 + Alternative Energy Opportunities and Technologies in Arctic
 and Sub-Arctic Alaska
 Presenter: Mead Treadwell, Chair U.S.
 Arctic Research Commission

JOINT COMMITTEES**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

Feb 25 Wednesday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
 -- Rescheduled to 03/02/09 --
 + Preliminary Audit - FY08 Statewide Single Audit
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 02 Monday House Finance 519 5:00 PM
 -- Rescheduled from 02/25/09 --
 + Preliminary Audit - FY08 Statewide Single
 Audit-Executive Session
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Feb 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
 -- Agenda to be Announced --

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 24	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
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Full Committee: Open Session
 Election of Chairs
 Public Comment
 Chair/Staff Report
 Budget
 Sanctioned Charity Events
 Exempt Positions
 2009 Suggested Legislation
 Advisory Opinion 08-05 State Facilities
 Advisory Opinion 09-01 Newsletters
 Executive Session Advisory Opinion 09-02
 Public Session
 Other Business

OTHER MEETINGS**FISH CAUCUS**

Feb 19	Thursday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
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+ The Community Development Quota Program:
 Transforming Western Alaska Communities
 Brown Bag Lunch

Feb 26	Thursday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
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+ Alaska Seafood in the Global Food Aid
 Program: New Markets, Products and
 Revenues
 Brown Bag Lunch

JOINT SESSION

Feb 19	Thursday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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Annual Address by the Honorable
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

Apr 07	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
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Annual Address by the Honorable
 Mark Begich, U.S. Senator