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Juneau, Alaska **Friday** **February 27, 2009**

Thirty-ninth Day

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

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Hoffman, Kookesh, Wagoner were excused from a call of the Senate. Senator Therriault was absent.

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, David Stancliff. Senator Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

It is more blessed to give than to receive.
(Acts 20:35)

As we are called... to be of service,
May we shed.... all bonds of pride.
As we meet... the needs of others,
May compassion... be our guide.

Twas the master... not his servants,
Who knelt... with faith complete.
As the twelve... all stared in wonder,
While He washed.... their soiled feet.

There's no fame... or earthly station,
Recognized... at heaven's shore.
Only what... we've done for others
Can move... that mighty door.

There's no peace... or satisfaction,
If we rise... unclaimed - to claim,
A lofty place... of high importance,
To enshrine our earthly name.

It was He... who took no credit,
For the miracles... and the signs.
It was He... who spoke only,
Of His Father's... Grand Design.

May we forgive... those who offend us,
Wash anger off... with acts of love?
Be not governed... by self desire,
But our Father's... grace above.

by David Stancliff

Senator Thomas led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the Governor

SR 5

Message dated February 27 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5 Relating to
subpoenas issued by the Senate Judiciary Committee
and to compliance with those subpoenas.

Senate Resolve No. 3

Messages from the House

Messages dated February 25 were read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions****HJR 17**

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17(JUD) BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE,

Urging the United States Congress to reject H.R. 45, the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009.

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

Senator Therriault's name was added as a cross sponsor on the resolution.

First Reading and Reference of House Bills**HB 104**

HOUSE BILL NO. 104 BY THE HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act adjusting certain fees for treatment or services under the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports**SB 23**

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 23 "An Act repealing the defined contribution retirement plans for teachers and for public employees; providing a defined benefit retirement plan for teachers and public employees; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 23(L&C) "An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Paskvan, Chair; Senators Meyer, Thomas, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Bunde.

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

Fiscal information forthcoming.

The bill was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

SB 29

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building." Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, Meyer.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 32

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 32 "An Act relating to medical assistance payments for home and community-based services" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 32(HSS) "An Act relating to medical assistance payments for home and community-based services, provision of personal care services in a recipient's home, and assisted living homes; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Ellis, Thomas, Paskvan. Signing no recommendation: Senator Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 35

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 35 "An Act extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 35(HSS) "An Act relating to the membership and voting privileges of members of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Ellis, Thomas, Paskvan, Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 49

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 49 "An Act relating to an awareness fund and monetary donation program for blood donations." Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, Meyer.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 84

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 84 "An Act relating to bonding limitations and confidentiality of records and information of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 84 (L&C)
(forthcoming)

Signing do pass: Senator Paskvan, Chair; Senators Thomas, Bunde, Davis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions**

SJR 10

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 BY SENATOR THOMAS,

Urging the United States Congress to adopt S. 371, the Respecting States Rights and Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2009.

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

SJR 11

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill and supporting the continued practice of accompanying each oil tanker through Prince William Sound with at least a two vessel escort.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 125

SENATE BILL NO. 125 BY SENATOR PASKVAN, entitled:

"An Act changing the name of the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation to Alaska Aerospace Corporation."

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

SB 126

SENATE BILL NO. 126 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act amending the State Personnel Act to place in the exempt service the chief economist and state comptroller in the Department of Revenue and certain professional positions concerning oil and gas within the Department of Natural Resources; relating to reemployment of and benefits for or on behalf of reemployed retired teachers and public employees by providing for an effective date by amending the delayed effective date for secs. 3, 5, 9, and 12, ch. 57, SLA 2001 and sec. 19, ch. 50, SLA 2005; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources
Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 25:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill amending the State Personnel Act to place in the exempt service the chief economist and state comptroller in the Department of Revenue and certain professional positions concerning oil and gas within the Department of Natural Resources; and relating to the re-employment of retired state employees.

Employment of experienced professional staff with knowledge of the oil and gas industry, world markets and science and engineering specific to the oil and gas business is vital to the State's interest. The State must have the ability to make informed decisions on issues that will have a profound impact on its economic future. The division of oil and gas and the division of geological and geophysical survey of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are responsible for assessing the state's mineral resources, overseeing the assessment and collection of a large portion of the state's revenues related to oil and gas development, as well as management of the state's oil and gas resources. DNR, through these divisions, must maintain an experienced professional staff as well as recruit new staff. To do so, DNR must be able to offer salaries at least somewhat competitive with Alaska's oil and gas industry. Failure to do so could lead to substantial future losses in oil and gas revenues.

Additionally, the Department of Revenue has had difficulties recruiting and retaining qualified candidates for the high-level chief economist and state comptroller positions at the current salary levels. By way of specific example, the state comptroller position has been filled by four comptrollers in the previous four years, largely because of the non-competitive salary schedule. The Department of Revenue has also experienced substantial difficulty recruiting qualified candidates for the chief economist due to salary constraints.

Finally, the bill would extend the sunset clause applicable to the retired employee rehire program from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2013. One substantive effect of this change is to allow those retired employees who participate in either the Public Employees Retirement System of Alaska (PERS) or the Teachers' Retirement System of

Alaska (TRS), who have returned to active employment and who elected to have their retirement benefits continue during the time that they are re-employed, to continue to receive their retirement benefits. Extending the sunset date would also allow the rehire program to be available to other retired state employees. As the program presently exists, a rehired retiree must within 30 days of re-employment elect to continue receiving retirement benefit payments during re-employment.

Extending the repeal date would have a positive effect in helping reduce employee shortages experienced by both PERS and TRS employers. The program has proven to be an attractive option for retired employees who are considering whether to return to active employment and significantly helps the State of Alaska in filling workforce gaps. Also, extending the sunset date by four years provides the state with additional time necessary to analyze the employee shortages in the various employment sectors and to continue to develop plans to meet anticipated shortages due to the large number of employees slated for retirement in the next several years.

The legislative history of this retiree rehire election program indicates that there has already been several extensions of the retiree rehire program. The 2001 amendments provided for the repeal of the election provision on July 1, 2005. During the 2005 legislative session, the statutes were amended to extend the election provisions to July 1, 2009. To further extend the repeal dates for both PERS and TRS members would allow those retired employees to assist the state by returning to active employment and to elect to have their retirement benefits continue during re-employment.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor

SB 127

SENATE BILL NO. 127 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Natural Resources

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 25:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State Forest. This legislation is one important piece of our overall strategy to revitalize the timber industry and expand wood energy in Southeast Alaska.

This bill designates approximately 25,291 acres of state land as the Southeast State Forest. These lands are presently used for timber harvest, but they are designated "General Use" land, and there is no certainty that they will continue to be available for forest management in future decades. Establishing a Southeast State Forest enables the division of forestry in the Department of Natural Resources to manage this land to increase long-term timber supply for local processors and wood energy needs, provide near-term jobs in thinning, and retain the land in state ownership for multiple uses.

In Southern Southeast (SSE) Alaska, demand for state timber exceeds supply. Most SSE timber is on federal land, but federal timber sales have declined drastically. Local mills now depend heavily on state timber for survival. The state is committed to finding long-term solutions through cooperative efforts to increase economically feasible federal timber sales, and maximizing the sustainable supply of timber from the small state timber base.

Second-growth stands that have been thinned have higher volumes per acre, less impact on wildlife, and shorter rotations. However, thinning is a long-term investment, and is only cost-effective if the land will

continue to be available for forest management. A Southeast State Forest will retain the land for long-term forest management, and provide 8 - 10 jobs annually during the thinning season.

The proposed Southeast State Forest includes 20 parcels totaling approximately 25,291 acres. Parcels are General Use lands on Prince of Wales (8,708 acres), Tuxekan (200 acres), Kosciusko (2,680 acres), Heceta (2,010 acres), Revilla (324 acres), and Gravina islands (5,878 acres), and on the mainland at Crittenden Creek and Bradfield Canal (5,490 acres).

This land would be managed under the State Forest statutes located at AS 41.17.200 - 41.17.230. It would continue to be open for multiple use, including wildlife harvest and recreational activities. Current Department of Natural Resources area plans will continue to direct management until a specific plan, involving interagency and public review, for the forest is adopted. Of these designated lands, approximately 655 acres will be offered for harvest in the near term (within the next two years). The remainder will be scheduled for harvest later, in accordance with the adopted management plan.

Because the City and Borough of Wrangell has not yet selected its full municipal entitlement, and some of the designated lands fall within its municipal boundaries, the bill provides that selections may still be made from those lands. If new municipalities are recognized, this bill will not affect their entitlement amounts, but will prevent these designated lands from being selected.

This bill is an important part of Alaska's effort to maintain timber as part of the southeast economy. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor

SB 128

SENATE BILL NO. 128 BY SENATOR PASKVAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to requiring subcontractors who do not have employees and who are acting as independent contractors to secure payment for workers' compensation, and requiring subcontractors who fail to secure payment of workers' compensation to pay additional premiums incurred by contractors because of that failure."

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

SB 129

SENATE BILL NO. 129 BY SENATOR MENARD, entitled:

"An Act relating to state and municipal building code requirements for fire sprinkler systems in certain residential buildings."

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs, State Affairs and Labor and Commerce Committees.

SB 130

SENATE BILL NO. 130 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Economic Stimulus, Stability, and Job Security Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 131

SENATE BILL NO. 131 BY SENATORS MCGUIRE, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to net energy metering for retail electricity suppliers and customers."

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

SB 132

SENATE BILL NO. 132 BY SENATORS STEDMAN, Elton,
entitled:

"An Act relating to the Southeast energy fund."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring – University of Alaska Fairbanks Trio Programs
Senator(s) Paskvan, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton,
Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson,
Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski
Representative(s) Guttenberg

Honoring – Women's History Month, Women Taking the Lead to Save
Our Planet
Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Bunde, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman,
Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan,
Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

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

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

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

In Memoriam – Joseph H. Laird

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

In Memoriam – Martha Martin Roderick

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

In Memoriam – Llewellyn "Lew" M. Williams Jr.

Representative(s) Johansen

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

SJR 6

Senators Bunde, McGuire, Meyer, Stedman, Olson, Stevens 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.

HJR 17

Senators Bunde, Dyson, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Huggins, Stedman, Olson, Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17(JUD) 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 1

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act increasing the minimum hourly wage, and creating an annual adjustment to the minimum hourly wage based on the rate of inflation; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 12

Senators Huggins, Stevens, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Relating to the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 2, to morning plane time; and from March 4 through March 6. Without objection, Senator French was excused.

Senator Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 5 through morning plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senator Paskvan was excused.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 2, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Senator Menard moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from the afternoon of March 13 through the evening of March 15. Without objection, Senator Menard 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 11:00 a.m., March 2, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:25 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 03	Tuesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM
Mar 05	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	3:30 PM

EDUCATION

Feb 27 + SB 18	Friday POSTSECONDARY MEDICAL EDUC. PROG. Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 02	Monday Overview: Moore v. State (continuation of 2/20 meeting)	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 04	Wednesday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Mar 06	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

FINANCE

Feb 27 + SB 24 + SB 25 + SB 57	Friday LOUIS MILLER BRIDGE RICHARD DEWEY DUVALL FERRY TERMINAL CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
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FINANCE (continued)

Mar 02	Monday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+ SB 123	SUPP./CAP. APPROPS: ECON. STIMULUS		
+ SB 124	AUTHORIZE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PARTICIPATION		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 04	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 05	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 06	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 27	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 47	STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 02	Monday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ SB 61	MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 96	CHILD SUPPORT/ CASH MEDICAL SUPPORT		
+= SB 47	STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES		
Mar 04	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

JUDICIARY

Feb 27	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

JUDICIARY (continued)

Mar 02	Monday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+	Confirmation Hearings: Parole Board Judicial Conduct Commission		
+ SB 52	SALVIA DIVINORUM AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE		
Mar 04	Wednesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 06	Friday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

LABOR & COMMERCE

Mar 03	Tuesday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
+= HB 104	WORKERS COMP. MEDICAL TREATMENT FEES		
+ SB 79	MED BENEFITS OF DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS		
+ SB 80	EXTENDING VETERINARY BOARD		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Mar 05	Thursday	Beltz 211	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

RESOURCES

Feb 27	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+	Overview: Pebble Mine Permitting and Associated Issues -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 02	Monday	Butrovich 205	4:30 PM
+ SB 3	CFEC AS INFORMATION RESOURCE		
Mar 04	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 06	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Mar 03 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 94 PFD ALLOWABLE ABSENCE: ANTARCTIC PROGRAM
 + HJR 12 GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SYSTEM
 + SB 58 MARMOT DAY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 05 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Mar 03 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 HB 100 JOSEPH C WILLIAMS, SR., COASTAL TRAIL
 SB 73 USE OF HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED
 = SB 59 LOW- SPEED MOTOR VEHICLES
 = SB 51 MOTOR VEHICLE WINDOW TINTING

Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Mar 09 Monday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Review of the Divisions of Finance,
 Personnel & Labor Relations, Retirement &
 Benefits, and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 11 Wednesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Review of the AK Public Offices
 Commission, the AK Oil & Gas Conservation
 Commission, Enterprise Technology Services, and the
 Office of Administrative Hearings
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 13 Friday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Unfinished Business and Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 02 Monday Beltz 211 4:00 PM
 Impact of House Subcommittee Report
 Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

CORRECTIONS

Mar 13 Friday Beltz 211 11:00 AM
 Overview

Mar 16 Monday Beltz 211 3:00 PM
 Close-out

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 10 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
 + Court System FY10 Budget Close-out

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 4:00 PM
 + EED Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 12 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 3:30 PM
 + Overview

Mar 16 Monday Beltz 211 5:00 PM
 Close-out

FISH & GAME

Mar 19 Thursday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Department Close-out

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**GOVERNOR**

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

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 03 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
 + Public Health Initiatives
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 05 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
 + -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Governor's Amendments, Q & A
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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

Mar 03 **Tuesday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:30 PM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 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

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Mar 12 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 Budget Detail

Mar 19 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 1:30 PM
 Subcommittee Close-out

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 03 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 Budget Detail

Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Budget Detail

Mar 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Alaska Marine Highway System Budget
 Marine Transportation Advisory Board

Mar 17 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Subcommittee Close-out

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Budget Meeting

Mar 18 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Close-out

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**ENERGY**

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

Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 11:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS

Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM
 No Meetings Scheduled this Week

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mar 02 Monday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
 + Lt. General Dana Atkins, Commander of Alaskan Command,
 Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command Region
 Lt. General (AK) Craig E. Campbell, Commissioner / Adjutant
 General, Alaska National Guard and the Dept. of Military &
 Veterans Affairs Presentation: Outlook on military construction
 under the new Obama Administration and continued military
 expansion in Alaska
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

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> --

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

Mar 04 **Wednesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **12:00 PM**
Keeping it Clean, Keeping Alaskans Healthy

Mar 27 **Friday** **Location Tba** **12:00 PM**
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JOINT SESSION

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