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Forty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:06 a.m.

The roll showed sixteen members present. Senators Dyson, Therriault were excused from a call of the Senate. Senators Bunde, Stedman were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Menard. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Heavenly Father,

In the quiet of this moment, I stand here lifting my voice to you. I humbly ask for your blessing and for your wisdom to fall upon each of us. I pray earnestly for peace in the world. I pray for those in harm's way abroad and for those who fight the domestic wars at home.

I thank you for the blessing you have given me, for the husband who walked these halls years before me, who with great sacrifice encouraged me to take up the banner, the fight for good and the call to protect our freedoms for our future generations. Lord, you did not do this by mistake. As much as I love Senator Curt Menard, I pray for a special touch, as I know you love him more.

I recognize you have given us the responsibility of caring for this land with its rich resources, native people, and a natural playground unsurpassed anywhere in the world.

Allow me not to forget to ask for your guidance, in understanding truth and compassion, and recognizing the enormous needs of those whom we serve. As each of us make decisions, give us wisdom to do what is best, and more importantly, to do what is right.

I petition these words to you, Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Senator Wagoner led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 27 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Resolutions

HCR 7

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 am BY REPRESENTATIVES DAHLSTROM, Stoltze, Lynn, Johnson, Ramras, Millett, Chenault, Austerman, Buch, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kelly, Kerttula, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Salmon, Seaton, Thomas, Tuck, Wilson,

Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military.

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

Standing Committee Reports

SB 47

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 47 "An Act relating to the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses and permitting causes of action for certain sexual offenses that would otherwise be barred by the statute of limitations to be brought during a certain one-year period." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Thomas, Dyson. Signing amend: Senator Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 84

Forthcoming Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute (page 378) for 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" was received today:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 84(L&C) "An Act relating to bonding and confidentiality of records and information of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

Special Committee Reports**SB 31**

The Senate Special Committee on Energy considered SENATE BILL NO. 31 "An Act relating to a geothermal electricity production tax credit under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 31(ENE) "An Act relating to an alternative energy production tax credit that may be claimed or applied against tax due under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing amend: Senators Wielechowski, Stedman.

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

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 2

The Senate Special Committee on Energy considered 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. Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Stedman.

The resolution was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 3

The Senate Special Committee on Energy considered 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. Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Stedman.

The resolution was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 4

The Senate Special Committee on Energy considered 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. Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Stedman.

The resolution was referred to the Resources Committee.

HCR 5

The Senate Special Committee on Energy considered 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. Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair. Signing no recommendation: Senators Wielechowski, Stedman.

The resolution was referred to the Resources Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 133**

SENATE BILL NO. 133 BY SENATORS PASKVAN, Davis, entitled:

"An Act creating a statewide electronic health information exchange system; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

SB 134

SENATE BILL NO. 134 BY SENATOR PASKVAN, entitled:

"An Act adopting and relating to the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act; relating to the investment of money for charitable purposes by institutions, including governmental institutions; and relating to the University of Alaska."

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

SB 135

SENATE BILL NO. 135 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act clarifying the purpose of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority; and relating to definitions of certain terms in AS 41.41."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 27:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill clarifying the purpose of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority; and relating to definitions of certain terms in AS 41.41.

The Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA) is a corporation that was established in 2003 through a 2002 ballot initiative. The authority was created with the intent of "developing, constructing, managing, and operating a gas pipeline from the North Slope of Alaska and a spur line to the Southcentral Alaska natural gas distribution grid" (Section 1, 2002 Ballot Measure No. 3).

The current law could be interpreted to limit ANGDA's primary mission to a pipeline from Prudhoe Bay to serve overseas export markets, with the possibility of a spur line to service Southcentral Alaska. Given Alaska's energy needs, the bill would clarify ANGDA's mission to include providing for natural gas from sources anywhere within the state to markets within Alaska. Amendments to the definition of "project" and the addition of a definition for "North Slope" would make it clear that a pipeline can extend from recent finds in the Brooks Range foothills and other regions within the state and that the gas may broadly serve Alaskan markets.

With more flexibility regarding a pipeline's source of natural gas and the markets for the gas, ANGDA will be in a better position to fulfill its mission of developing an in-state gas line that best serves the people of Alaska. This proposed legislation, together with a separate submittal today proposing to amend how rights-of-way for oil and gas pipelines are regulated, will form the initial statutory framework for the development of in state gasline for use by Alaskans. Additionally, the key action to bring a long term stable supply of Alaska gas to Alaska consumers will be an action plan, and the people that implement that plan to jump start work immediately on an instate gas pipeline.

The action plan will include evaluation of options for routes, gas resources and potential industrial and residential users; commencement of right-of-way and permitting work; preliminary engineering; and a firm timetable for accomplishing this work. We will provide details of this action plan in the next week.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on the bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin

Governor

SB 136

SENATE BILL NO. 136 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to noncompetitive leases of state land and for rights-of-way for oil or natural gas pipelines that originate and terminate within the state and to the regulation and certification of those pipelines; relating to conditional certification for certain new natural gas pipelines; relating to definitions of "common carrier" and "firm transportation service" in the Pipeline Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy, Resources 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 Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 27:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to noncompetitive leases of state land and for rights-of-way for oil or natural gas pipelines that originate and terminate within the state and to the regulation and

certification of those pipelines; relating to conditional certification for certain new natural gas pipelines; and relating to definitions of "common carrier," and "firm transportation service" in the Pipeline Act, AS 42.06. The major provisions of the bill relate to covenants attached to state right-of-way leases by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), certification by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA), and expanding the definition of "common carrier" with respect to North Slope natural gas pipelines to include carriers that offer both firm and interruptible transportation service.

Under current law, natural gas pipelines that cross state land, and require a state right-of-way under the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act, AS 38.35, are subject to the covenants listed in AS 38.35.120. The covenants include a requirement that those pipelines operate as "common carriers." Generally, common carrier pipelines must accommodate all shippers upon reasonable request, may not show undue preference or discrimination among similarly situated shippers, and, if shippers' requests for service exceed the capacity of the pipeline, must prorate shipper nominations. These requirements can foreclose pipeline carriers and shippers from fashioning long-term capacity commitments.

Allowing common carriers to offer firm transportation service that is not subject to prorated reductions can stimulate pipeline development under certain circumstances. The assurance of unimpeded access to capacity is a strong inducement to shippers, and will anchor pipeline construction and expansion. Conversely, the lack of assurance to access may discourage development.

Sections 1 and 2 of the bill are technical conforming amendments.

Section 3 of the bill would require that natural gas pipelines that originate and terminate in the state, and that require a state right-of-way lease, will meet conditions that favor expansion, and offer expansion rates that promote new entrants into the line. This section is modeled on many of the conditions required of applicants under AS 43.90.130 of the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act (AGIA). For example, lessees would have to commit to periodic binding open seasons, commit to expanding on commercially reasonable terms, and commit to rolled-in rates on expansions, subject to a ceiling of 15

percent of negotiated rates. Lessees would also have to agree to hire Alaska residents and contract with Alaska businesses to the extent permitted by law, and commit to negotiate a project labor agreement to the extent permitted by law.

Section 4 of the bill contains definitions of "commercially reasonable terms" and "reasonable engineering increment" in order to make more precise the expansion terms in sec. 3 of the bill.

Section 5 of the bill would clarify that the "open season" required of North Slope natural gas pipeline carriers by the Pipeline Act applies only to the extent that lease covenants under the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act do not contain "open season" provisions. The RCA is already empowered under AS 42.06.140(a)(2) to enforce lease covenants, including those that contain an "open season" process, so compliance with the "open season" process in AS 42.06.240(f) would be redundant.

Section 6 of the bill would provide for conditional certification by the RCA for pipelines that are in the public interest, and that otherwise meet the requirements for granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity, but that have not yet obtained financing or do not possess firm transportation commitments, or both. This provision could, in some circumstances, provide greater predictability as to the timing and outcome of the regulatory process, and may reduce the cost and facilitate the development of a project by assuring potential shippers and financing partners of ultimate regulatory approval.

Section 7 of the bill would clarify that the RCA can require an exclusively in-state natural gas pipeline carrier to extend or enlarge its facilities under standards found in the Alaska Right-of-Way Leasing Act. This would enable the RCA to enforce access to pipeline facilities for all prospective shippers as required by DNR in the leasing process.

Section 9 of the bill would modify the definition of "common carrier" as it pertains to natural gas pipelines to include firm transportation service and interruptible transportation service. Coupled with sec. 8 of the bill, which would redefine "firm transportation service," this provision would allow, but would not require, natural gas pipeline

carriers to offer, and shippers to arrange, for firm transportation service that would not be subject to curtailment except in the case of reduced pipeline capacity. Currently, common carriers may offer firm transportation service, but if total tendered shipments exceed pipeline capacity, shipments by all shippers must be curtailed pro rata.

This proposed legislation, together with a separate submittal today proposing to broaden the responsibilities of the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority (ANGDA), will form the initial statutory framework for the development of in state gasline for use by Alaskans. Additionally, the key action to bring a long term stable supply of Alaska gas to Alaska consumers will be an action plan, and the people that implement that plan to jump start work immediately on an instate gas pipeline.

The action plan will include evaluation of options for routes, gas resources and potential industrial and residential users; commencement of right of way and permitting work; preliminary engineering; and a firm timetable for accomplishing this work. We will provide details of this action plan within the next week.

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 29

SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building" was read the second time.

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.

SENATE BILL NO. 29 was read the third time.

The presence of Senator Stedman was noted.

SB 29

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 29

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Dyson, Therriault

Absent: Bunde

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 29 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 111

SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the duration of a certificate of compliance for an intrastate air service provider; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

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.

SENATE BILL NO. 111 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the duration of a certificate of compliance for an intrastate air service provider; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 111

Third Reading - Final Passage

Effective Date

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Davis, Ellis, Elton, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Dyson, Therriault

Absent: Bunde

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 111 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 clause. Without objection, it was so ordered and the bill was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Senior Airman James L. Derrickson Jr., 354th Security Forces Squadron, Eielson AFB Airman of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Shirl Hafner, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, Eielson AFB Civilian Specialist of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Patricia Ward, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson AFB Civilian Technician of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Jimmie Denton, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB Civilian Supervisor of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Debra Mettelle, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson AFB Civilian Program Manager of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Captain Oscar Olipane, 354th Medical Systems Squadron, Eielson AFB Flight Commander of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Staff Sergeant Robert Hammack, 354th Medical Group, Eielson AFB Honor Guardsmen of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Master Sergeant Brian Fairchild, 354th Medical Operations Squadron, Eielson AFB Senior NCO of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – Technical Sergeant Heath Tempel, 354th Civil Engineer Squadron, Eielson AFB NCO of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

Honoring – First Sergeant Michelle Vanderbunt, 354th Force Support Squadron, Eielson AFB First Sergeant of the Year

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

Representative(s) Harris

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

President Stevens made the following appointments:

Council of State Governments - West

Executive Committee

Senator McGuire
Senator Stevens
Senator Therriault

Education Committee

Senator Davis

Energy and Environment Committee

Senator Thomas
Senator Meyer
Senator McGuire
Senator Huggins
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Therriault
Senator Wagoner

Transportation and Trade Committee

Senator Menard

Western Legislatures Committee

Senator Menard

Senator Therriault

National Conference of State Legislatures**Agriculture and Energy Committee**

Senator Thomas

Senator McGuire

Senator Wielechowski

Senator Therriault

Senator Dyson

Senator Wagoner

Budgets and Revenue Committee

Senator Menard

Senator Meyer

Education Committee

Senator Menard

Senator Bunde

Environment Committee

Senator French

Senator Wielechowski

Health Committee

Senator Davis

Senator Dyson

Human Services and Welfare Committee

Senator Davis

Law and Criminal Justice Committee

Senator French

Senator McGuire

Redistricting and Elections Committee

Senator Therriault

Transportation Committee

Senator Menard

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 3 through morning plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senator McGuire was excused.

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Bunde be excused from a call of the Senate today through plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senator Bunde was excused.

Senator Thomas moved and asked unanimous consent to amend a prior excusal (page 127) in order to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 3 through evening plane time, March 9. Without objection, Senator Thomas was excused.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from the Senate on March 9. Without objection, Senator Meyer was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 9 through evening plane time, March 9; and from morning plane time, March 18 through evening plane time, March 20. Without objection, Senator Kookesh was excused.

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, March 11 through evening plane time, March 15. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that President Stevens be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 3 through evening plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Stevens was excused.

HCR 7

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cross sponsor on HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 am Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to certain members of the military. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SB 29**

SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 111

SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the duration of a certificate of compliance for an intrastate air service provider; and providing for an effective date" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 3, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:46 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

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

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

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

Mar 02	Monday	Beltz 211	2:00 PM
-- Time Change --			
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
Parole Board			
Judicial Conduct Commission			
+ SB 52	SALVIA DIVINORUM AS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE		

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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

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> --			

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

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

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CORRECTIONS

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

COURT SYSTEM

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

Mar 12 +	Thursday EED Budget	Butrovich 205	4:00 PM
Mar 16 +	Monday EED FY10 Budget Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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

FISH & GAME

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

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LEGISLATURE

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

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	

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Mar 12	Thursday Budget Meeting	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
Mar 18	Wednesday Close-out	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**ENERGY**

Mar 05	Thursday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
Mar 06	Friday No Meeting Scheduled	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM

WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS

Mar 05	Thursday No Meetings Scheduled this Week	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
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JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mar 02	Monday + Lt. General Dana Atkins	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	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 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Presentation: Outlook on military construction under the new Obama Administration and continued military expansion in Alaska -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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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
	Week of the Uninsured		

JOINT SESSION

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