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Juneau, Alaska Wednesday February 10, 2010

Twenty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:00 a.m.

President Stevens stated the Senate would stand at ease for the purpose of convening in Joint Session.

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 11:10 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti.

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 Dahlstrom and Senator French to escort Chief Justice Carpeneti to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant at Arms, Emily Peyton, announced Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Chief Justice Carpeneti was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens.

Chief Justice Carpeneti delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12.

The Chief Justice received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator French and Representative Dahlstrom.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Stevens adjourned the Joint Session at 11:52 a.m.

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 11:58 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Bunde, McGuire, Wagoner were absent.

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

Lord,

We stand before you as individual souls in mortal bodies, elected by the majority to look out for the interests of the voters. May we not take this responsibility lightly.

Forgive us for our selfish, short sighted, self promoting agendas. As we proceed, stumbling at times, toward a better lifestyle, struggling to meet the needs of those less fortunate than we, may we be thinking of all peoples, Alaskans and otherwise, that are affected by our decisions and actions.

As we contemplate the issues before us, give us wisdom and good judgment. May the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Senator Dyson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Messages from the House

Message dated February 8 was read stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 274

HOUSE BILL NO. 274 BY REPRESENTATIVES DAHLSTROM, GARDNER, BUCH, KELLER, PETERSEN, LYNN, GATTO, TUCK, DOOGAN, THOMAS, HAWKER, GUTTENBERG, RAMRAS, FAIRCLOUGH, JOHNSON, MILLETT, HERRON, P. Wilson, Austerman, Munoz, Chenault, T. Wilson, Seaton, Cissna, Kawasaki, Edgmon, Kerttula, Gara, Harris, N. Foster, Holmes, Olson, Salmon, Kelly, Crawford, Johansen, Gruenberg, Stoltze, entitled:

"An Act establishing August 7 as Purple Heart Day."

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

Communications

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

SAGE Report: Semi-Annual Gasline Evaluation Report, Volume II dated January 2010
from Representative Jay Ramras and Representative Craig Johnson

Standing Committee Reports**SB 43**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 43 "An Act adding a second verse to the official Alaska state song." Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators French, Meyer, Paskvan, Kookesh.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 56

The Education Committee considered SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 56 "An Act making a special appropriation for a life sciences innovation and learning facility at the University of Alaska Fairbanks; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Thomas, Cochair; Senators Stevens, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Meyer, Cochair; Senators Olson, Huggins.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 60

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 60 "An Act relating to the Uniform Probate Code, including wills, trusts, nonprobate transfers, augmented estates, personal representatives, and trustees; and amending Rules 3 and 8, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 1, Alaska Rules of Probate Procedure, and Rule 37.5, Alaska Rules of Administration" and recommended the adoption of

the Labor and Commerce Committee Substitute offered on page 1014. Signing do pass: Senator French, Chair; Senators Coghill, Egan, McGuire.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Law

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 195

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 195 "An Act relating to the repeal of the establishment of the Goldstream Public Use Area." Signing do pass: Senators McGuire, Wielechowski, Cochairs; Senators Stevens, French, Wagoner, Huggins. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stedman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 206

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 206 "An Act making special appropriations for new engineering buildings for the University of Alaska in Anchorage and Fairbanks." Signing do pass: Senators Meyer, Thomas, Cochairs; Senators Stevens, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senators Olson, Huggins.

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 215

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 215 "An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to accept federal prescription drug benefits or to provide comparable benefits for residents of the Alaska Pioneers' Home." Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Thomas, Ellis, Paskvan, Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SJR 24

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, establishing the earnings reserve account, and relating to the permanent fund dividend. Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senator French. Signing no recommendation: Senators Paskvan, Kookesh.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Office of the Governor

The resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

SCR 12

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Proclaiming September 9, 2010, as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day. Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Thomas, Ellis, Paskvan, Dyson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Health and Social Services Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

The presence of Senator McGuire was noted.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 266

SENATE BILL NO. 266 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act relating to emergency compensation from the Violent Crimes Compensation Board."

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

SB 267

SENATE BILL NO. 267 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; relating to the tax rate applicable to the production of oil and gas; relating to a rebate of the production tax on oil and gas based on the employment of resident workers; relating to credits against the oil and gas production tax; relating to the period in which oil and gas production taxes may be assessed; relating to the interest rates applicable on certain amounts due related to various taxes, penalties, payments, and the Alaska Gasline Inducement Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 268

SENATE BILL NO. 268 BY SENATOR STEDMAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the membership of the Board of Fisheries."

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

SB 269

SENATE BILL NO. 269 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the waiver of volume cap of recovery zone economic development bonds authorized by 26 U.S.C. 1400U-2 and reallocation by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority of the waived volume cap; relating to the waiver of volume cap of recovery zone facility bonds authorized by 26 U.S.C. 1400U-3 and reallocation by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of the

waived volume cap; increasing the total amount of bonds and notes that the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority may have outstanding; relating to revenue bonds issued by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community
and Economic Development
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 9:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the waiver of volume cap of recovery zone economic development bonds authorized by 26 U.S.C. 1400U-2 and reallocation by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority of the waived volume cap; and relating to the waiver of volume cap of recovery zone facility bonds authorized by 26 U.S.C. 1400U-3 and reallocation by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of the waived volume cap.

The bill will benefit Alaskans by authorizing the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to administer the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) program. The result subsidizes interest rates on bonds for government infrastructure and private economic development, removes limitation on the Municipal Bond Bank to allow for energy-related projects in addition to diesel projects, and increases the bond limit to \$1 billion.

The bill sets out legislative findings and intent for Secs. 4 and 5 of the bill related to the federal authorization of recovery zone economic development bonds and recovery zone facility bonds and the allocation of the volume cap of the bonds. The bill provides that it is the Legislature's intent to define when volume cap is waived, and to authorize the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority to reallocate

waived recovery zone economic development bond volume cap, and to authorize the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to reallocate waived recovery zone facility bond volume cap.

The bill will provide that unused recovery zone economic development bond volume cap is waived on June 30, 2010. The bill will authorize the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority to reallocate waived recovery zone economic development bond volume cap.

The bill will provide that unused recovery zone facility bond volume cap will be waived on June 30, 2010. The bill will authorize the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to reallocate waived recovery zone facility bond volume cap.

The bill will increase the total amount of bonds and notes that the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority may have outstanding from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000. The bill will allow the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority to expand its authorization to issue bonds for energy projects and to amend the definition of “municipal bond.”

The Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority’s bonding authorization has been increased several times in the last 30 years. In 2003, the limit increased from \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000, and in 2006, the limit increased from \$500,000,000 to \$750,000,000. As of December 2009, the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority had \$623,090,878 in outstanding bonds. This leaves \$126,909,122 available for additional loans to communities. Applications to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority over the next six months are expected to total approximately \$150,000,000. This increase is a natural progression for the program, and fits with the historically conservative increases in the borrowing cap. The underlying loan portfolio of the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority is strong and has fully supported all loans for 35 years. Without passage of this bill, it is likely that municipalities will not be able to take advantage of the program.

The bill will repeal an existing limitation on the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority’s authorization that limits municipal revenue bonds issued by the bank to only diesel energy projects. With this

change, the banks will have the ability to provide financing for a wide variety of energy projects. This change is consistent with the purpose of the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority – to assist municipalities in financing capital improvements and to allow municipalities to create and improve energy facilities across the state. Further, the bill would eliminate the restriction in the definition of “municipal bond” in AS 44.85.410(4)(E)(iii), which currently does not authorize a lease for equipment or building improvement if the State is the lessee. This change will allow small municipalities the ability to finance community buildings if they plan to partner with the State to achieve project efficiency.

The bill provides for an immediate effective date.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor

SB 270

SENATE BILL NO. 270 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the dividend paid to the state by
the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and
providing for an effective date."

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

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 9:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

The bill would permit the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to modify the transfer plan to accommodate changes in the generally accepted accounting principles.

The primary objective of this change would be to accommodate changes in the generally accepted accounting principles and to enable the transfer plan to continue as intended by the original legislation.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor

SB 271

SENATE BILL NO. 271 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to interest on certain underpayments or overpayments for the oil and gas production tax, to certificates for certain oil and gas production tax credits for qualified capital expenditures, and to alternative tax credits for expenditures for certain oil and gas development and exploration activities for the oil and gas production tax; relating to the use of the oil and gas tax credit fund to purchase certain tax credit certificates; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the 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 Administration

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 9:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Art. III, Sec. 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that proposes four discrete changes to Alaska's oil and gas production tax. The bill will provide incentives for explorers and producers to continue to invest in Alaska. The proposed changes will encourage investment and employment within the state, and ultimately, increase production of the state's oil and gas resources.

I remain committed to considering all proposals and ideas that will result in increased exploration and drilling that produce more oil and jobs for Alaskans.

First, the bill will encourage investment by creating a new 30 percent alternative tax credit for qualified costs closely related to well drilling and work over operations designed to enhance current well operations. The taxpayer will have to claim the 30 percent credit within six months of completing the qualifying activity, and will have to submit enough information for the Department of Revenue to determine that the expenditures qualify for the credit.

Second, the bill will allow qualified applicants, regardless of their future spending levels, to receive cash refunds for tax credits that the applicants received for qualified capital expenditures. Under current law, an applicant cannot qualify for a cash refund unless, within 24 months of receiving the tax credit certificate, the applicant incurred a qualified capital expenditure or successfully bid on a lease on State land. If the applicant is unable to meet either requirement, the applicant cannot receive payment for the qualified capital expenditures the applicant invested in the state. To solve this problem, the bill will eliminate the requirement that the applicant make additional capital expenditures or be the successful bidder for a lease on State land.

Third, the bill will allow producers and explorers who qualify for the 20 percent tax credit under AS 43.55.023 for capital expenditures to use the credit in the year that the credit is earned. Currently, producers and explorers are required to spread the benefit over two years. Allowing producers and explorers the full value of their credits in one year would increase the amount available for further exploration activities and for work on currently producing wells.

Finally, the bill will allow the Department of Revenue to waive interest for certain underpayments of taxes due before the effective date of certain regulations implementing the production tax. This provision will apply only if regulations to implement the production tax are not yet in effect at the time the annual tax payments are due, and only if the underpayment results from the producer's good faith estimation of the tax due. Should it be determined that the taxpayer overpaid the amount of tax due under the regulations in effect at the time of payment and that a refund is due, no interest will be due on a refund made within the time period specified in the bill.

With these changes, we will continue to responsibly maximize and invest in Alaska's oil and gas resources. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell
Governor

SB 272

SENATE BILL NO. 272 BY SENATOR HUGGINS, entitled:

"An Act relating to charges for rented motor vehicles, including cost recovery fees, and making a violation of the rented motor vehicle charge provisions an unfair trade practice."

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

SB 273

SENATE BILL NO. 273 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to management by the Board of Game and Department of Natural Resources for sport and subsistence hunting and trapping."

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

SB 274

SENATE BILL NO. 274 BY SENATOR DYSON, entitled:

"An Act naming the state fish hatchery on the Elmendorf Air Force Base the William Jack Hernandez Sport Fish Hatchery."

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

SB 275

SENATE BILL NO. 275 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act relating to aquatic farming and to payment made to the Department of Fish and Game for the removal of wild stock of a shellfish species that exceeds an insignificant amount; and providing for an effective date."

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

Consideration of the Calendar**Citations**

Honoring - Wanda Chin
Representative(s) Guttenberg
Senator(s) Thomas, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan,
Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer,
Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Honoring - John Walsh, 2009 Emil Usibelli Award Winner

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - John Fox, 2009 Emil Usibelli Award Winner

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - Richard Siefert, 2009 Emil Usibelli Award Winner

Representative(s) Guttenberg

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

Honoring - The 2009 UAF Nanooks Women's Basketball Team

Representative(s) Guttenberg

Senator(s) Thomas, Stevens, Bunde, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, 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.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the following citations be made a special order of business. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Special Order of Business

Honoring - Callan Chythlook-Sifsof

Representative(s) Edgmon, Herron

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

In Memoriam - John Joseph 'JC' Conley, Jr.

Representative(s) Johansen

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

SB 213

Senators Davis, French, Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 213 "An Act providing for funding for school lunch and breakfast." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 206

Senator Davis moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 206 "An Act making special appropriations for new engineering buildings for the University of Alaska in Anchorage and Fairbanks." Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 274

Senators Wielechowski, Dyson, Davis, French, Kookesh, Ellis, Menard, Egan, Meyer, McGuire, Hoffman, Stedman, Huggins, Coghill, Thomas, Stevens, Paskvan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cross sponsors on HOUSE BILL NO. 274 "An Act establishing August 7 as Purple Heart Day." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 210

Senator French moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 210 "An Act establishing child custody, modification, and visitation standards for a military parent who is deployed; and amending Rule 99, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 244

Senators French, Thomas moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 244 "An Act providing that, during the governor's term of office, the duty station of the governor is Juneau, and prohibiting payment of certain travel allowances for use of the governor's personal residence." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 79

Senators Thomas, Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 79 "An Act waiving payment of premiums for major medical insurance under the defined benefit retirement plan for public employees for disabled peace officers who have at least 20 years of credited service as peace officers." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 15, to morning plane time and on February 22, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Wielechowski was excused.

Senator Kookesh moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 15 through morning plane time, February 17. 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, February 19 through evening plane time, February 21. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from noon plane time, February 11 through evening plane time, February 14. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on February 12 and on February 15. 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 11:00 a.m., February 12, 2010. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:30 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 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 += Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 + SB 56 APPROP: LIFE SCIENCES FACILITY AT UAF
 + SB 206 APPROP UNIV ENGINEERING BUILDINGS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 8:00 AM
 + SB 209 STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS; REGULATIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SB 235 CHARTER/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FUNDING

FINANCE

Feb 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 += SB 253 APPROP: DEFERRED MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT
 += SB 254 SUPPLEMENTAL/CAPITAL/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS
 += SB 229 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS
 += SB 231 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 11 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:15 AM
 -- Please Note Time Change --
 += SB 83 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE
 + SB 199 MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DENTURES
 + SB 159 WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUNERAL EXPENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 + SB 168 TRAUMA CARE CENTERS/FUND
 + SB 169 APPROP: TRAUMA CARE FUND

Feb 12 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 10 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + HB 307 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS
 + SB 194 CIVIL DAMAGES FOR ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM
 + HB 6 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
 + SB 214 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS
 + SB 252 FAILURE TO APPEAR; RELEASE PROCEDURES
 <Bill Hearing Postponed>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 += SJR 21 CONST. AM: INCREASE NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 2:00 PM
 + SB 205 RCA RATE CHANGE
 + SB 227 PUBLIC ACCOUNTING
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 10 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + SB 243 NO ROYALTY ON GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE
 + SB 242 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE TAX CREDITS
 + Presentation: Pt.MacKenzie Rail Extension
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 += SB 220 ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
 += SB 104 STAN PRICE STATE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 12 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 9:00 AM
 + SB 244 GOVERNOR'S DUTY STATION/TRAVEL ALLOWANCES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 11 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 10	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Division of Finance		
+	Division of Personnel & Labor Relations		
+	Office of Public Advocacy		
+	Public Defender Agency (continuation)		
+	Violent Crimes Compensation Board		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 17	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Oil & Gas Conservation Commission		
+	Public Offices Commission		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Feb 24	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	3:30 PM
+	Enterprise Technology Services		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Feb 11	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM
	DCCED Overview Continued - Other Items of Interest or Concerns (if necessary)		

CORRECTIONS

Feb 16	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
	FY2011 Budget Overview		

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 18	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	3:30 PM
+	Overview		
Feb 25	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	4:00 PM
+	FY11 Budget Request		

COURT SYSTEM (continued)

Mar 02	Tuesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	4:00 PM
+	FY11 Budget Request		
Mar 11	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	4:00 PM
+	FY11 Budget Request		
Mar 18	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	4:00 PM
+	Closeout		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 11	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	5:00 PM
+	Overview		
Feb 18	Thursday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	5:00 PM
+	FY11 Budget Request		
Feb 26	Friday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	3:00 PM
+	FY11 Budget Request		
Mar 10	Wednesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	12:00 PM
+	FY11 Budget Request		
Mar 17	Wednesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	12:00 PM
+	Closeout		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 16	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
	FY2011 Budget Overview		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 11	Thursday	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
+	Medicaid, FMAP, Provider Rates, Denali KidCare Update		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Feb 16 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **8:00 AM**
 -- Agenda Change --
 + Mental Health Trust Programs
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 12 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
 + Pre-Closeout and Question/Answer Session
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 17 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:00 PM**
 + Budget Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LAW

Feb 23 **Tuesday** **Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb** **1:30 PM**
 Budget Overview: Department of Law

Mar 09 **Tuesday** **Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb** **1:30 PM**
 Budget Detail

Mar 16 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:30 PM**
 Closeout

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Feb 16 **Tuesday** **Butrovich 205** **9:30 AM**
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Committee Discussion and Draft Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 11 **Thursday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **11:00 AM**
 + Gas Pipeline Implementation
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

NATURAL RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 16 +	Tuesday Division of Mining, Land, and Water Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
Feb 23 +	Tuesday Division of Agriculture Office of Project Management & Permitting Support Services Division State Parks -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	2:00 PM
Mar 09	Tuesday Discussion -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
Mar 16 +	Tuesday CLOSE OUT -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- -----	Fahrenkamp 203	3:00 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 11 +	Thursday Status of VPSO Program and Recruitment Efforts for Them and the State Troopers -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Feb 25 +	Thursday -- Time Change -- Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Programs -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM
Mar 11 +	Thursday Pre-Closeout & Question/Answer Session -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM

PUBLIC SAFETY (continued)

Mar 18 **Thursday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **1:00 PM**
 + Budget Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

REVENUE

Feb 25 **Thursday** **Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb** **1:30 PM**
 Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue

Mar 11 **Thursday** **Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb** **1:30 PM**
 Budget Detail

Mar 18 **Thursday** **Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb** **1:30 PM**
 Subcommittee closeout

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Feb 23 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
 Budget Overview: Dept of Transportation

Mar 09 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
 Budget Details

Mar 16 **Tuesday** **Fahrenkamp 203** **8:00 AM**
 Closeout

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 25 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **4:00 PM**
 + RPL's
 Audits - Executive Session
 AEA Renewable Energy Project Update
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 17 Wednesday Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb 9:00 AM
 Senate Subcommittee
 Public Comment
 Executive Session
 Public Session

Feb 17 Wednesday Fahrenkamp 203 3:00 PM
 -- Public Comment --
 + Chair/Staff Report: Update on Ethics
 Disclosures Due Feb. 17
 Ethics Training Update
 Informal Advice Staff Report
 Outreach - Visiting Legislative Offices
 During the Interim
 Committee Member Appointments and
 Confirmations
 Legislation: Update on HB 193,
 Legislative Ethics
 Rules of Procedures: Review of Sec 5,
 Executive Sessions & Sec 6, Teleconference
 Other Business

UNIVERSITY BOOSTERS CAUCUS

Feb 10 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM
 Chancellor's Overview

OTHER MEETINGS

BUSH CAUCUS

Feb 11 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 4:00 PM
 + Presentation to Full Legislature:
 Economic Impact of the Native
 Corporations on Alaska's Economy

Mar 03 Wednesday Capitol 106 4:00 PM
 + Presentation to Full Legislature:
 Native Education Issues

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Feb 10 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **12:00 PM**
 -- Rescheduled from 02/03/10 --
 + Commissioning Healthy, Safe Families

JOINT SESSION

Feb 10 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 State of the Judiciary Address by
 Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti

Feb 18 **Thursday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

Mar 31 **Wednesday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
 Annual Address by the Honorable
 Mark Begich, U.S. Senator

MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

Mar 29 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **1:00 PM**
 School District Legislative Fly-In
 Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's
 Public School System