

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**January 24, 2011**

**Seventh Day**

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

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator McGuire was excused from a call of the Senate.

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.

Dear Lord,

Allow us to set aside our differences and to work together for the best interests of the people of the great state of Alaska. Guide our hearts and our words as we struggle with the difficult task of crafting public policy. Give us the strength to be true leaders.

Lord, we are accountable to you for our actions and for our thoughts; may they be pure. Continue to watch over us and guide us.

We pray for the safety of those that are traveling and those that are around us, especially our children, grandchildren, mothers and fathers.

Watch over us and guide us now. We thank you for this opportunity to serve the people and may we do it with the wisdom you have given us.

In Your Precious Name,

Amen.

Senator Dyson led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

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

### **Messages from the Governor**

Letter dated and received January 22 was read, stating in accordance with Article III Section 26 of the Alaska Constitution and AS 14.40.150, I submit the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

#### **University of Alaska Board of Regents**

Jyotsna “Jo” Heckman – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/7/2011      Term Expires: 2/3/2019

Michael K. Powers – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/7/2011      Term Expires: 2/3/2019

The appointments were referred to the Education Committee.

The resumes for these appointments have been submitted to the Offices of the Senate Secretary and the Chief Clerk.

### **Messages from the House**

Message dated January 21 was read stating the House has confirmed the following members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Representative Gatto

Representative Tuck

Representative Johnson (alternate)

Representative Gardner (alternate)

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills****SB 61**

SENATE BILL NO. 61 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, entitled:

"An Act making corrective amendments to the  
Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of  
statutes; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 62**

SENATE BILL NO. 62 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act allowing appropriations to the civil legal  
services fund from court filing fees."

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

**SB 63**

SENATE BILL NO. 63 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act establishing a renewable energy refundable  
tax credit."

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

**SB 64**

SENATE BILL NO. 64 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to a tax credit for corporate income  
taxes paid for qualified research and development  
expenditures; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, indeterminate, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 21:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing a tax credit against Alaska income taxes for qualified research and development conducted by corporate taxpayers.

Innovation can be an expensive, intricate, and time-intensive enterprise. However, it also can spark a chain of investments in capital equipment, workers, and spillover activities into multiple economic sectors. In effect, the research and development tax credit would stimulate private-sector investment, entrepreneurial activity, and business expansion in Alaska that will bring opportunity and sustainable long-term benefits to our economy.

The credit would be 20 percent of qualified research and development expenditures that exceed the average qualified research and development expenditures as defined in 26 U.S.C 41(d) (Internal Revenue Code) for the three years immediately preceding the year in which the credit is claimed. Unused credits may be carried forward for up to seven years after the expenditure for which the credit is claimed. The bill also would impose a reporting requirement so that the Legislature and the public are aware of the fiscal impact and economic benefits of the research and development credit to the state.

The credit would induce corporations to conduct independent research in Alaska. For this reason and others, the credit is supported by the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Advisory Council, which has been directed to identify means to induce investment and help increase the viability of business. Other supporters of the tax credit include Alaska businesses and chambers of commerce, as well as municipalities and economic development councils. This initiative also parallels efforts by the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation to establish relationships with corporations looking to relocate to favorable locations in Alaska.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell

Governor

**SB 65**

SENATE BILL NO. 65 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the definition of 'own' for the economic development account; relating to the definitions of 'development project', 'plant', 'facility', and 'project' for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 21:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to provide the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) with more flexibility to encourage greater investment and Alaska resource development. This bill would amend AS 44.88.172(a) to enable AIDEA to invest directly in a corporation or limited liability company which holds a development project as its sole asset. Under its strategic plan, AIDEA works to encourage other investors to join in financing development

projects, and to do so, must establish working relationships with those other investors. The proposed legislation will accomplish that goal by providing greater flexibility in how AIDEA and other investors may jointly invest in development projects.

This bill would expand the types of development projects for which AIDEA may own and operate. Under existing law, development projects are basically limited to projects related to making, processing, or transporting goods or products; developing or transporting natural resources; generating or transmitting energy; and infrastructure for tourism destination facilities. This bill would expand the definition of "project" to include projects which enhance or promote economic development. The project must also be associated with transportation, communications, community public purposes, technical innovations, prototype commercial applications of intellectual property, or research. Second, the definition of "project" would expand to include federal facilities, including a United States military, National Guard, or Coast Guard facility, and would also clarify that a component of a project may be a road.

In addition, this bill amends the procurement code (AS 36.30.015(f)) to empower AIDEA to adopt regulations to govern AIDEA's procurement of supplies, services, professional services, and construction.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 66**

SENATE BILL NO. 66 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act creating a new markets tax credit assistance guarantee and loan program within the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 21:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill creating a new markets tax credit assistance guarantee and loan program within the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA).

This legislation will enable AIDEA to foster more economic development in Alaska, especially in areas with great need for new investment. Under this legislation, AIDEA could issue guarantees and make loans to help finance projects funded through a federal new markets tax credit program. This federal program offers a competitive process by which federal new markets tax credits are allocated to support the nationwide financing of projects located in low income areas or otherwise serving low income populations. The federal program arises under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code, and provides for the allocation of new markets tax credits equal to 39 percent of total qualifying investments, payable over seven years. The tax credits provide a present value investment return of approximately 30 percent of the amount of the qualifying investment, and can substantially reduce the financing costs for a project.

Investments made under the federal new markets tax credit program generally would fund only a portion of total project costs. The balance of the funding must come from other loans or financing. There is a scarcity of capital available and this legislation would enable AIDEA to issue guarantees and make loans to assist in funding amounts not covered by investments made under the federal program.

The proposed legislation requires AIDEA to evaluate the commercial reasonableness of the underlying loan AIDEA would guarantee to determine that the project will promote economic development and requires the financial institution to service the guaranteed loan.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 67**

SENATE BILL NO. 67 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act establishing the commercial charter fisheries revolving loan fund, the mariculture revolving loan fund, and the Alaska microloan revolving loan fund and relating to those funds and loans from those funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 21:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill establishing the Alaska microloan revolving loan fund, the mariculture revolving loan fund, and the commercial charter fisheries revolving loan fund, and relating to those funds.

This bill would create the Alaska microloan revolving loan fund, the mariculture revolving loan fund, and the commercial charter fisheries revolving loan fund, within the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Structured as revolving



loan funds, all earnings and loan payments would be retained by the funds for future loans. All operating expenses would also be paid from earnings of the fund.

This legislation will promote economic development in Alaska by helping small businesses access critical capital. The Alaska Microloans are modeled after a program currently operated through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and available in almost every other state to provide small, short term loans to small businesses. This federal program, however, is currently unavailable in Alaska because an intermediary lender is required. To date no lenders meeting the SBA's qualifications have been identified in Alaska.

A critical sector of Alaska's coastal economy is mariculture. Currently, access to start-up capital by Alaska's mariculturists is extremely limited because of the time needed for crop development and market readiness. Due to the unique cash flow characteristics inherent in the industry, access to capital with flexible terms is essential. This legislation will promote economic development, allow the industry to expand, and successfully compete in world seafood markets.

On January 5, 2010, the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council published a final rule implementing a halibut charter fisheries limited entry program. Based on past fishing history, it is expected that 40 percent of those applying for the permit, will be denied under NOAA's restrictions, escalating permit prices. In an effort to make financing available to Alaskans for the purchase of halibut charter permits, a new loan fund has been developed that is similar to the highly successful commercial fishing revolving loan fund (AS 16.10.340). This will ensure those valuable permits remain in Alaskans' hands.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell

Governor

**Consideration of the Calendar****Citations**

Honoring - Alfredo "Fred" Agron

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

Honoring - Reverend Paul D. Everett

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

Honoring - Hispanic Heritage Month

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

Honoring - Pamela Scott Washington

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

Honoring - Bishop C. D. Williams

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

Honoring - Elizabeth Peratrovich Day

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

Honoring - Women's History Month 2011

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

Honoring - Black History Month

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

Honoring - Melody Dix

Representative(s) Gara

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

In Memoriam - Phyllis Beck

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

In Memoriam - Inell Wilson

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

In Memoriam - Grady Ward

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

In Memoriam - Kenneth Alonzo Santore Robinson

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

In Memoriam - Damon Pelham Sr.

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

In Memoriam - John C. Macon

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

In Memoriam - Reverend Leo A. Josey Sr.

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

In Memoriam - Sylvia Elaine Dargan-McBride

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

In Memoriam - Simon Lewis Alsop

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

In Memoriam - Booker Hudson

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

In Memoriam - Elizabeth Kennedy

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

In Memoriam - John Edward Larsen

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

In Memoriam - Laura Esther Poe

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

In Memoriam - Norwood Laws

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

In Memoriam - Walter L. Kubley Sr.

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

Representative(s) Johansen

Senator Meyer 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**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from 6:00 a.m., January 29 through plane time, January 29. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 26, 2011. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:19 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**

**Jan 25      Tuesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 27      Thursday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Jan 26      Wednesday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      8:00 AM**  
+      Joint with House Education

**Jan 28      Friday      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)      8:00 AM**  
+      SB 3      FUNDING FOR SCHOOL MEALS

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**FINANCE**

**Jan 24      Monday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 25      Tuesday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
+      Dept of Revenue, Commissioner Bryan Butcher  
FY12 Revenue Forecast

**Jan 26      Wednesday      Senate Finance 532      9:00 AM**  
+      FY12 Budget Overview & Fiscal Summary  
Office of Management and Budget,  
Director Karen Rehfeld

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## FINANCE (continued)

<b>Jan 27</b> +	<b>Thursday</b> FY12 Budget Overview & Fiscal Summary Legislative Finance Division, Director David Teal	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>

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## HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

<b>Jan 24</b> +	<b>Monday</b> Joint w/Senate Judiciary Presentation: 2010 Alaska Victimization Study Andre B. Rosay, Director, UAA Justice Center Lauree Morton, Interim Executive Director, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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## JUDICIARY

<b>Jan 24</b> +	<b>Monday</b> Joint w/Senate Health & Social Services Presentation: 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey Andre Rosay, Director, UAA Center for Justice Lauree Morton, Interim Director, Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 26</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Overview: Alaska Department of Corrections	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b> Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce Overview of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce Overview of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b> Joint w/(H) Labor & Commerce Continued overviews as needed Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Department of Labor & Workforce Development	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>3:15 PM</b>

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**RESOURCES**

<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Monday</b> Presentation: Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner: Department of Natural Resources Presentation: Ormat Technologies, Inc. - Mt. Spurr Geothermal Project Committee Process Information	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 26</b> +	<b>Wednesday</b> Presentation: Alaska Energy Report -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>Friday</b> Presentation: Kevin Banks, Director: Alaska Division of Oil and Gas	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 25</b> + SB 31 + SB 33	<b>Tuesday</b> COUNTING OF WRITE-IN VOTES DISPOSITION OF SERVICE MEMBERS' REMAINS Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
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**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Jan 27 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 18 DURATION OF REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS  
 + SB 26 FEE/TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 25 Tuesday Barnes 124 1:00 PM**  
 Joint with House Transportation  
 + DOT/PF Overview - Marc Luiken, Commissioner,  
 Department of Transportation/Public Facilities

**Jan 27 Thursday Barnes 124 1:00 PM**  
 Joint with House Transportation  
 + Alaska State Railroad Overview - Christopher  
 Aadnesen, President and CEO, Alaska State Railroad; Bill  
 O'Leary, Chief Financial Officer, Alaska State Railroad; Tom  
 Brooks, Chief Engineer, Alaska State Railroad  
 Port of Anchorage - Governor Bill Sheffield,  
 Director, Port of Anchorage  
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**JOINT COMMITTEES****ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Feb 08 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Presentation: Update on Alaska's Military, by Lt. General Dana  
 Atkins, Commander: Alaskan Command, Alaskan North  
 American Aerospace Defense Command Region, Joint Task  
 Force Alaska, and Eleventh Air Force Maj. General Thomas  
 Katkus, Adjutant General, Alaska National Guard;  
 Commissioner, Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

**Feb 24 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM**  
 Annual Address by the Honorable  
 Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

**JOINT SESSION (continued)**

<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti		

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
	School District Legislative Fly-in Informal Q&A Session Regarding Alaska's Public School System		