

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 17, 2012**

**First Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 1:31 p.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Kookesh, Stedman were absent.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that Senator Kookesh be excused from a call of the Senate to afternoon plane time January 18 and Senator Stedman be excused from a call of the Senate today. Without objection, Senators Kookesh, Stedman were excused.

**Colors**

The following members of the Tongass Alaska Girl Scout Council presented the colors:

Sierra Coleman	Summer Putman
Meg Kurland	Asianna Mazon
Teja Tolbert	Allison Rivera
Amara Sanguni	Reece Bleakley
Winter Clancy	Kimberly Clark

The Girl Scouts led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Alaska Flag Song and America the Beautiful**

The Alaska Youth Choir, directed by Missouri Smyth, performed the Alaska Flag Song and America the Beautiful.

**Invocation**

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend George Silides of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

With utmost respect for the religious traditions of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer:

Almighty, gracious, good and giving God; we thank you for all the wonders of this life. For the beauty of this day, for the majesty of this Great Land, and for the strength of its people.

We celebrate this day the renewal of our common work, and seek also the renewal of our common dedication to the highest ideals of integrity, honesty, cooperation and service. What good work was begun by others, let us inherit with honor, and pursue with humility. As every offer to serve involves some sacrifice, we pray the families of these here chosen and willing to serve may not bear too much the cost of their loved ones' absence. May all be reunited with joy at session's end.

We offer thanks for the skills of those who serve in so many ways to support the work of this Legislature; may each receive the appreciation that is their due, and a right sense of pride in difficult tasks well done. For the inspiring example of the men and women of Coast Guard Icebreaker Healy, and merchant vessel Renda, we are thankful. Upon them we pray you will grant protection and safe waters to their journey's end.

May we remember the limits of competition, and enjoy new frontiers of cooperation. Upon the whole governance of this state, O Lord, we ask your guidance and direction; may the whole of the good they do in the present grow to be greater each passing year than the sum that was imagined.

By your Grace.

Amen.

**Certification**

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first legislative day of the Second Special Session, the First Supplement of the First Session and First Special Session, the Second and Final Supplements of the First Session and the First and Second Special Sessions, Senate Journal Supplements No. 3 and 4 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 8, be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Senator Paskvan and Senator Wagoner to inform the Governor that the Senate is ready to do business.

President Stevens appointed Senator Ellis and Senator Huggins to inform the House that the Senate is ready to do business.

Representative Gardner and Representative Herron called on the Senate to advise that the House of Representatives was in session and ready to do business.

**Messages from the Governor****EO 116**

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 116

Transferring certain hearing and appeal functions of the Department of Health and Social Services to the office of administrative hearings in the Department of Administration.

(received January 13)

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

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

Fiscal Note No. 3, Department of Administration

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 13:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with AS 24.08.210, I am transmitting Executive Order 116 to transfer certain hearing and appeal functions of the Department of Health and Social Services to the Office of Administrative Hearings in the Department of Administration.

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) was created in 2004 in the Department of Administration to provide greater coordination and expertise in the conduct of administrative hearings. OAH has provided additional confidence to the public that final administrative decisions on appeal are fairly reached, being heard before a neutral decision maker. The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is currently responsible for a large number of the administrative hearings and appeals, and its decisions affect many Alaskans. Moving DHSS hearing and appeal functions to a neutral and independent adjudicatory body such as OAH will benefit the public by adding to the impartiality and professionalism of the decisions issued.

This Executive Order is intended to increase public confidence and to consolidate functions to make a more efficient State government.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

Message dated December 28, 2011 was read stating:

Under the provision of article III, section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I hereby request the opportunity to address a joint session of the Twenty-seventh Alaska State Legislature on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. for presentation of the State of the State and State of the Budget Address.

**Messages from the House**

Message dated January 12 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-seventh Alaska Legislature at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18 for the purpose of hearing Governor Parnell's annual State of the State and State of the Budget address.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message dated January 12 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-seventh Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 5 for the purpose of hearing U.S. Senator Begich's annual message.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitation to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**Communications**

Message dated December 30, 2011 was received stating the Minority has selected Senator Coghill to serve as Minority Leader for the second session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature.

**Special Committee Reports**

**HB 19**

April 17, 2011

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee considering SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(STA) "An Act relating to special request registration plates; and providing for an effective date" and HOUSE BILL NO. 19 requests limited powers of free conference on the following specific points:

Section 1, subsection (hh) and Section 3, paragraph (25) of SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(STA).

Signing the report: Senator Meyer, Chair, Senators Wielechowski, Menard; Representative Lynn, Chair, Representatives Holmes, Seaton.

President Stevens granted the Senate members limited powers of free conference as requested.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

**HB 19**

The following report was received and distributed at 6:40 p.m., April 17, 2011:

April 17, 2011

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considered SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(STA) and HOUSE BILL NO. 19 and recommends

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19 "An Act relating to special request registration plates; and providing for an effective date."

be adopted.

The following fiscal information was published February 9, 2011:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

Signing the report: Senator Meyer, Chair, Senators Wielechowski, Menard; Representative Lynn, Chair, Representatives Seaton, Holmes.

President Stevens stated the report will be held on the Secretary's desk.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Resolutions**

#### **SJR 10**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to deposits to the constitutional budget reserve fund from surplus oil revenue.

(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

#### **SJR 11**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 BY SENATOR DAVIS,

Urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to support efforts by the National Women's History Museum to secure property in Washington, D.C., near the National Mall, as a permanent location for the National Women's History Museum.

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

**SCR 16**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 BY SENATOR  
GIESSEL,

Proclaiming May 2012 to be Celiac Disease  
Awareness Month.

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

**SCR 17**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 BY SENATOR  
DAVIS,

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts  
of the United States of America and proclaiming  
2012 as the Year of the Girl.

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

**Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

**SB 134**

SENATE BILL NO. 134 BY SENATOR KOOKESH, entitled:

"An Act relating to child support awards; and  
repealing Rule 90.3, Alaska Rules of Civil  
Procedure."

(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 135**

SENATE BILL NO. 135 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act relating to the rights of crime victims;  
relating to the duties of prosecuting attorneys; and  
amending Rule 45, Alaska Rules of Criminal  
Procedure."

(Prefile released January 6, 2012)



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

**SB 136**

SENATE BILL NO. 136 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act providing a tax credit for employing an Alaska veteran that may be taken against a liability for the tax on corporation income; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 137**

SENATE BILL NO. 137 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act requiring suicide awareness and prevention training for certain school personnel."

(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 138**

SENATE BILL NO. 138 BY SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, DAVIS, EGAN, AND Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to the inclusion of the charges of a vendor of goods or services on the bills of certain telecommunications carriers; and adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 139**

SENATE BILL NO. 139 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act increasing the base student allocation for public schools; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 140**

SENATE BILL NO. 140 BY SENATORS MEYER, GIESSEL, AND OLSON, entitled:

"An Act classifying certain substances as schedule IIA controlled substances; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 141**

SENATE BILL NO. 141 BY SENATORS ELLIS, AND WIELECHOWSKI, Davis, Wagoner, entitled:

"An Act creating the Alaska pension trust reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 142**

SENATE BILL NO. 142 BY SENATORS ELLIS, AND WIELECHOWSKI, Davis, Wagoner, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, to the

Alaska permanent fund and the Alaska pension trust reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 143**

SENATE BILL NO. 143 BY SENATOR GIESSEL BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors and to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 144**

SENATE BILL NO. 144 BY SENATORS GIESSEL, AND OLSON, entitled:

"An Act temporarily reinstating the child and adult immunization program in the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 145**

SENATE BILL NO. 145 BY SENATORS WAGONER, AND COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act providing for a credit against the oil and gas production tax for costs incurred in drilling certain oil or natural gas exploration wells in the Nenana Basin."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 146**

SENATE BILL NO. 146 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act establishing a snow classic as an authorized form of charitable gaming."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 147**

SENATE BILL NO. 147 BY SENATOR KOOKESH, entitled:

"An Act relating to an Alaska Water and Sewer Task Force; and providing for an effective date."  
(Prefile released January 6, 2012)

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

**SB 148**

SENATE BILL NO. 148 BY SENATORS WIELECHOWSKI, EGAN, ELLIS, FRENCH, DAVIS, AND KOOKESH, entitled:

"An Act exempting a gas pipeline with a design capacity of 500,000,000 or more cubic feet of gas a day from the state's oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property taxes until the pipeline generates revenue for its owners; and relating to the determination of full and true value for the purpose of determining the amount of required local contribution for public school funding."  
(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 149**

SENATE BILL NO. 149 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act providing a tax credit for certain contributions to a qualified dog mushing corporation."

(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 150**

SENATE BILL NO. 150 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members."

(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 151**

SENATE BILL NO. 151 BY SENATOR MEYER, entitled:

"An Act relating to mitigation at sentencing in a criminal case for a defendant found by the court to have been affected by a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder."

(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 152**

SENATE BILL NO. 152 BY SENATOR FRENCH, entitled:

"An Act requiring legislative approval before the issuance of an authorization, license, permit, or approval of a plan of operation for a large-scale metallic sulfide mining operation that could affect water in or flowing into or over the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve."

(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 153**

SENATE BILL NO. 153 BY SENATORS THOMAS, Coghill, entitled:

"An Act relating to a gas storage facility; relating to the tax credit for a gas storage facility; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; relating to the regulation of natural gas storage as a utility; relating to the powers and duties of the director of the division of lands and to lease fees for a gas storage facility on state land; and providing for an effective date."

(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 154**

SENATE BILL NO. 154 BY SENATOR THOMAS, entitled:

"An Act creating a low-interest loan program for homeowners who convert their homes to natural gas-fired heating; and creating the natural gas home heating conversion loan fund."

(Prefile released January 13, 2012)

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

**SB 155**

SENATE BILL NO. 155 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AUDIT COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination dates of the Board of Nursing, the Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers, the Big Game Commercial Services Board, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 156**

SENATE BILL NO. 156 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act extending the time period for which the Alaska Railroad Corporation may lease land without reserving the right to terminate the lease."

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

**SB 157**

SENATE BILL NO. 157 BY THE SENATE LABOR & COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act allowing an insurer to cancel an insurance policy if property becomes unoccupied and the vacancy increases the hazard insured against."

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

**SB 158**

SENATE BILL NO. 158 BY SENATOR EGAN, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Real Estate Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 159**

SENATE BILL NO. 159 BY SENATOR MENARD, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Susitna State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 160**

SENATE BILL NO. 160 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making and amending appropriations, including capital appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 13:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013).



My budget proposal for FY 2013 continues our efforts to foster opportunity for job growth and economic opportunity for Alaskans. Our budget priorities are established in the State of Alaska's Constitution – resource development, transportation/infrastructure, education, and safe homes and communities for Alaskans.

The proposed capital budget totals \$1.8 billion and includes resource development and infrastructure projects throughout Alaska such as roads to resources, State and federal highways, airports, the marine highway, ports and harbors, and water and sewer projects. The budget funds renewable energy and weatherization projects and includes two rural school construction projects and 14 school major maintenance projects. Year three of the five-year deferred maintenance program to take care of State assets is also requested.

Development of our natural resources is key to economic growth and opportunities for Alaskans. Our budget invests in access to these resources, streamlining permitting, and assessing strategic minerals potential throughout the state. Together with investments in transportation infrastructure, this budget positions Alaska for a future with more opportunity and more prosperity.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize the capital budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 161**

SENATE BILL NO. 161 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, amending appropriations, and making reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 13:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013).

My budget proposal for FY 2013 continues our efforts to foster opportunity for job growth and economic opportunity for Alaskans. Our budget priorities are established in the State of Alaska's Constitution – resource development, transportation/infrastructure, education, and safe homes and communities for Alaskans.

I am proposing a reasonable operating budget that holds the line on government spending and looks to provide a more stable and secure future for our families. With budget discipline, targeted spending, and managing our savings, Alaska's cash reserves and excellent bond rating will provide us with economic opportunities for years to come.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize the operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell

Governor

**SB 162**

SENATE BILL NO. 162 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

In accordance with AS 37.14.003(b) a report of the differences between the Governor's proposed budget and the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority was transmitted.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 13:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013). As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations. Also, as required, the enclosed report outlines the differences between the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and my proposed budget.

The proposed mental health budget represents a cooperative effort between State agencies and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. These productive working relationships make a positive difference for Alaska's mental health beneficiaries.

I am proposing a reasonable budget that holds the line on government spending and provides a more stable and secure future for our families. With budget discipline, targeted spending, and managing our savings, Alaska's cash reserves and excellent bond rating will provide us with economic opportunities for years to come.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize the mental health budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 163**

SENATE BILL NO. 163 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of municipal port projects; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 13:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill providing for and relating to the issuance of \$350 million in general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of certain municipal port projects.

The bill would provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance design and construction costs for these port projects. These projects are important to their respective municipalities and would also improve transportation infrastructure in the state. The current low cost of borrowing provides the opportunity to keep overall spending low, while at the same time utilizing bond receipts to expand and improve our infrastructure.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 164**

SENATE BILL NO. 164 BY SENATOR OLSON, entitled:

"An Act providing for a credit against the oil and gas production tax for costs incurred in drilling certain oil and gas exploration wells in the Kotzebue basin or the Selawik basin; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 165**

SENATE BILL NO. 165 BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to property exemptions for retirement plans; relating to pleadings, orders, liability, and notices under the Uniform Probate Code; relating to the Alaska Principal and Income Act; relating to the Alaska Uniform Transfers to Minors Act; relating to the disposition of human remains; relating to insurable interests for life insurance policies; relating to transfers of individual retirement plans; relating to the community property of married persons; and amending Rule 301(a), Alaska Rules of Evidence."

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

**SB 166**

SENATE BILL NO. 166 BY SENATOR DAVIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensing of medical laboratory science professionals; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Unfinished Business****Citations**

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

**Special Order of Business**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Senator(s) Davis, Stevens, Coghill, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation be adopted. Without objection, the citation was adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

**Introduction of Floor Staff**

Senator Ellis, Rules Committee Chair, introduced the 2012 Chamber Staff as follows:

**Sergeant at Arms**

Zachary Mannix, Talkeetna

**Assistant Sergeant at Arms**

Tabitha Williams, Elfin Cove/Juneau

**Senate Pages**

Charles Guinchard, Anchorage  
Christa Von Bergen, Wasilla  
David Nelson, Talkeetna  
Kaelen Knutson-Lombardo, Juneau  
Marlena Acord, Wasilla  
Maggie Lokken, Fairbanks  
Raven Jackson, Angoon

**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 18, 2012. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**FINANCE**

<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+ =	HB 104	ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIPS	
+	SB 86	PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS/MINORS	
+	SB 2	LICENSE PLATES: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSN. <Bill Hearing Postponed>	
+	SB 16	SPECIAL REQUEST LICENSE PLATES <Bill Hearing Postponed>	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
<b>Jan 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
+	SB 51	STATE VENDING LICENSES	
+	SB 53	COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN	
+	SB 103	WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS	
+	SB 68	COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK	
+	SB 30	RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

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**JUDICIARY**

**Jan 18      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 += SB 89 LEGISLATIVE ETHICS ACT  
 += SB 104 MANUFACTURED HOMES AS REAL PROPERTY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 20      Friday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 24      Tuesday                                      Butrovich 205              10:30 AM**  
 + 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Crime Summit  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Jan 25      Wednesday                                  Butrovich 205              8:30 AM**  
 + 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Crime Summit  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Jan 17      Tuesday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 19      Thursday                                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              1:30 PM**  
 += SB 116 WORKERS' COMP.: COLL BARGAINING/MEDIATION  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

**Jan 18      Wednesday                                  Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 Presentation by Heavy Oil Solutions  
 Power Point Presentation by Steven Yarbro of  
 Los Alamos, New Mexico  
 -- Testimony by Invitation Only --

**Jan 20      Friday    Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 17 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 19 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Jan 18 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
-- MEETING CANCELED --  
+ Overview: U.S. Coast Guard mission in Alaska  
and the role of the Department of Military and  
Veterans Affairs  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Jan 23 Monday House Finance 519 8:00 AM**  
Audit Requests  
Other Committee Business

**Feb 27 Monday House Finance 519 8:00 AM**  
Audits - Executive Session  
Other Committee Business

**Mar 28 Wednesday House Finance 519 8:00 AM**  
Audits - Executive Session  
Other Committee Business

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**Jan 17      Tuesday                      House Finance 519              5:00 PM**  
 Sanctioning of Charitable Events:  
 - Thanksgiving in March  
 - Sham Jam  
 Late Travel & Per Diem Claim Approval:  
 - Rep. Sharon Cissna  
 Cutting Edge Snowplowing Amendment Approval  
 ITB 558 - Doors, Woodwork, Trim & Baseboard  
 Approval, Legislative Finance Remodel  
 2012 Revisor's Bill Introduction Approval  
 Legislative Procurement Amendments Approval  
 Legal Representation Approval

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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS**

**Jan 20      Friday                                  Butrovich 205              8:30 AM**  
 + FULL COMMITTEE: Open Session  
 Public Comment  
 Chair/Staff Report  
 Budget  
 Advisory Opinion 11-04  
 Define Participation in a Sanctioned Charity  
 Event, AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B)  
 Advisory Opinion 12-01 requested by Sen. Stedman  
 Travel to Event in a City in New Legis. District  
 2012 Legislation Update  
 Advisory Opinion 11-05 (Executive Session)  
 Public Session  
 Other Business  
 1 - 2:30 SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE (Executive Session)  
 Public Comment  
 Executive Session

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**OTHER MEETINGS****JOINT SESSION**

<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
	State of the State and Budget Address by the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska		
<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		