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Juneau, Alaska **Wednesday** **February 22, 2012**

Thirty-seventh Day

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

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

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Dov Gartenberg of Congregation Sukkat Shalom. Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The text I share with you today is addressed to future rabbis who in ancient times were not only the judges of the people, but acted as legislators - who debated and codified the law during antiquity.

Pirkei Avot 1:2 “*Hevu mtunim badin, he’emidu talmidim harbeh, asu sayag laTorah.*”
Be deliberate in judgment, develop many students, and make a fence around the law.

What is the meaning of be deliberate in judgment?

Even if legislation has come before you two or three times in the past, do not be hasty to equate the bills; rather deliberate and reconsider one's vote.

What is the meaning of develop many students?

Civil servants are not detached from the public, but serve as examples of the ways citizens contribute to the common good. Legislators are teachers in the sense that they role model for young people and to citizens in general what it means to serve the community. The more people who are inspired by this civic virtue, the stronger will our democracy be.

What is the meaning of making a fence around the law?

The Rabbis are concerned about creating a wide margin of safety in potentially hazardous activities. For instance in our times we make a fence around the law when legislators enact a margin of safety in regulating the weight limits carried by airlines or the dosage of potentially harmful drugs.

May this ancient teaching inspire you to a day of constructive deliberations, inspiring service, and wise and effective lawmaking.

Senator Thomas led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the thirty-sixth legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The presence of Senators Hoffman, Stedman was noted.

Communications

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

2012 Progress Report on Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action in Alaska State Government
from Nikki Neal, Director, Division of Personnel and Labor Relations,
Department of Administration
in accordance with AS 39.28.020(a)(12)

Standing Committee Reports

SB 170

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 170 "An Act requiring vocational education counseling in public schools." Signing do pass: Senators Meyer, Thomas, Cochairs; Senators French, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 176

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 176 "An Act exempting sand and gravel and marketable earth mining operations from the mining license tax; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 176(RES) "An Act exempting quarry rock, sand and gravel, and marketable earth mining operations from the mining license tax; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senators Wagoner, Paskvan, Cochairs; Senators McGuire, Wielechowski. Signing no recommendation: Senators French, Stedman, Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 199

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 199 "An Act relating to the vocational and technical instruction funding factor for public school funding." Signing do pass: Senators Meyer, Thomas, Cochairs; Senators French, Davis. Signing no recommendation: Senator Stevens.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Education and Early Development

The bill was referred to the Labor and Commerce Committee.

HB 144

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 144(RES) "An Act requiring the Department of Natural Resources annually to deliver to the legislature and the governor a report on fishing stream access." Signing do pass: Senator Paskvan, Cochair; Senators Stevens, Wielechowski, French, McGuire. Signing no recommendation: Senator Wagoner, Cochair.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Fish and Game
Fiscal Note No. 4, zero, Department of Natural Resources

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 217

SENATE BILL NO. 217 BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act establishing procedures and guidelines for auditing pharmacy records; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 218

SENATE BILL NO. 218 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to conspiracy to commit human trafficking in the first degree or sex trafficking in the first degree; relating to the crime of furnishing indecent material to minors, the crime of online enticement of a minor, the crime of prostitution, and the crime of sex trafficking; relating to forfeiture of property used in prostitution offenses; relating to sex offender registration; relating to testimony by video conference; adding Rule 38.3, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Public Safety
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Public Safety
Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Administration
Fiscal Note No. 6, indeterminate, Department of Corrections

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 21:

Dear President Stevens:

As we continue our efforts to combat crime to ensure safe homes and strong families in Alaska, I am transmitting a bill under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution relating to conspiracy to commit human trafficking in the first degree or sex trafficking in the first degree; relating to the crime of furnishing indecent material to minors, the crime of online enticement of a minor,

and the crime of sex trafficking; relating to forfeiture of property used in prostitution offenses; relating to sex offender registration; relating to testimony by videoconference; and adding Rule 38.3, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Alaska law imposes the most severe penalty, an unclassified felony, for persons who exploit children by inducing them to engage in prostitution. It is also a Class A felony for a person to force another adult to engage in prostitution. The law also prohibits other conduct that encourages or allows for promotion of prostitution.

When children are victimized in Alaska, they should not be labeled with the actions of the offender who solicits sex, organizes its sale, and exploits children. This bill changes the terminology for the crime by describing the offender's conduct as sex trafficking rather than promoting prostitution.

Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable in our society – young girls and boys who may have tragically experienced varying levels of physical and sexual abuse and are often homeless. The most frequent entry age into prostitution for girls is 12 to 14 years old. We believe that any child engaged in prostitution (under the age of 18) is being trafficked, and thus, is victim of a severe and serious crime rather than a prostitute.

The crimes of sex trafficking and human trafficking are serious offenses which violate the most basic human rights and deprive victims of every shred of personal freedom. These crimes are often perpetrated by offenders working together. Cooperating to encourage victims to come to the state for illegal activity, or to induce children to engage in prostitution makes the ultimate offenses, human trafficking or sex trafficking, more likely to occur. To address this likelihood, the bill would add human trafficking in the first degree and sex trafficking in the first degree to the crimes defined as serious felony offenses for purposes of our conspiracy law.

The bill also would address the recent court decision holding that AS 11.61.128, which prohibits distribution of indecent materials to minors, is unconstitutionally overbroad. The bill would change the statute to require the State to prove that the offender intentionally

distributed, or possessed with the intent to distribute, harmful material to another person that the offender knew was under 16 years of age or believed was under 16 years of age.

The bill strengthens the sex offender registration law by requiring people who are considered sex offenders in other states to register in this state, if they relocate to Alaska.

The bill allows for video conference testimony in a criminal trial in limited circumstances; that is, when the witness is unavailable, the testimony is given under oath and subject to cross-examination, and use of the technology is necessary to further an important public policy. The bill also would allow two-way contemporaneous video conference testimony in hearings addressing the competency of a defendant to be tried for a crime.

I urge your prompt consideration and passage of this bill.

Sincerely,
/s/
Sean Parnell, Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 53

SENATE BILL NO. 53 "An Act reestablishing the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women; and relating to the purpose and powers of the Alaska Human Relations Commission" was read the second time.

Senator Stedman, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 1384. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) was adopted.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) "An Act reestablishing the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women; and relating to the purpose and powers of the Alaska Human Relations Commission" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 53(FIN)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Davis, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Nay: Coghill, Dyson, Giessel, Huggins, Stedman, Wagoner

Excused: Kookesh

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

SB 74

SENATE BILL NO. 74 "An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a covered treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the covered treatment for those disorders; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

The following updated fiscal information was published today:

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

Senator Coghill offered Amendment No. 1:

Page 1, line 1, following "requiring":
Insert "**health care insurers to offer**"

Page 1, line 6, following "**Coverage**":
Insert "**offered**"

Page 1, line 8:

Delete "provide"
Insert "offer"

Page 1, line 9:

Delete "required by"
Insert "offered under"

Page 2, line 13, following "Coverage":

Insert "offered"

Senator Coghill moved for the adoption of Amendment No. 1. Senator Ellis objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 74

Second Reading
Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Coghill, Dyson, Giessel, Huggins

Nay: Davis, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh

and so, Amendment No. 1 failed.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 74 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 74 "An Act requiring insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders, describing the method for establishing a covered treatment plan for those disorders, and defining the covered treatment for those disorders; and providing for an effective date" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 74

Third Reading - Final Passage
Effective Date

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Davis, Egan, Ellis, French, Hoffman, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stevens, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Nay: Coghill, Dyson, Giessel, Huggins, Stedman

Excused: Kookesh

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 74 passed the Senate.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the vote on the passage of the bill be considered the vote on the effective date clause. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Coghill gave notice of reconsideration.

SB 125

SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act relating to certain vehicles, including trailers; and relating to motor vehicle dealer advertising, motor vehicle dealer sales of used motor vehicles, motor vehicle sales contracts, motor vehicle service contracts, and motor vehicle sales financing" was read the second time.

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

SENATE BILL NO. 125 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act relating to certain vehicles, including trailers; and relating to motor vehicle dealer advertising, motor vehicle dealer sales of used motor vehicles, motor vehicle sales contracts, motor vehicle service contracts, and motor vehicle sales financing" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 125

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh

Absent: Wagoner

and so, SENATE BILL NO. 125 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions

SCR 18

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day, was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 18

Second Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 3

Yea: Coghill, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, French, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stevens, Thomas, Wielechowski

Excused: Kookesh

Absent: Davis, Stedman, Wagoner

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring - Louis "Louie" Bencardino

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

Representative(s) Seaton

Honoring - Dr. Virginia Degnan

Representative(s) Foster

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

Honoring - Harold Heinze

Representative(s) Millett

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

Honoring - Ginger George Smith

Representative(s) Neuman, Cissna

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

In Memoriam - Jim E. Robison

Representative(s) Thompson

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

In Memoriam - Andrew E. Hoge

Representative(s) Gruenberg

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

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**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

Honoring - 2012 Alaska Academic Decathletes

Representative(s) Holmes

Senator(s) French, Stevens, Coghill, Davis, Dyson, Egan, Ellis, 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.

SB 125

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act relating to certain vehicles, including trailers; and relating to motor vehicle dealer advertising, motor vehicle dealer sales of used motor vehicles, motor vehicle sales contracts, motor vehicle service contracts, and motor vehicle sales financing." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SCR 18

Senators Olson, McGuire, Paskvan, Menard, Meyer, Egan, Coghill, Huggins, Giessel, French, Ellis, Hoffman, Thomas, Stevens, Stedman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day. Without objection, it was so ordered.

HB 131

President Stevens added a Finance Committee referral to CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 131(TRA) am "An Act establishing the Alaska Community and Public Transportation Advisory Board and relating to a long-range community and public transportation plan; and providing for an effective date."

The bill was referred to the Community and Regional Affairs, then Finance Committees.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 53

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) "An Act reestablishing the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women; and relating to the purpose and powers of the Alaska Human Relations Commission" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SB 125

SENATE BILL NO. 125 "An Act relating to certain vehicles, including trailers; and relating to motor vehicle dealer advertising, motor vehicle dealer sales of used motor vehicles, motor vehicle sales contracts, motor vehicle service contracts, and motor vehicle sales financing" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SCR 18

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18 Establishing August 4, 2012, as Raoul Wallenberg Remembrance Day, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Adjournment

Senator Meyer moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m., February 23, 2012. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:19 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 23 Thursday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ SB 183 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION/MILITARY WIDOW(ER)

EDUCATION

Feb 22 Wednesday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **8:00 AM**
+= SB 170 VOCATIONAL ED. COUNSELING IN SCHOOLS
+ SB 199 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION FUNDING FACTOR
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 24 Friday **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **8:00 AM**
+= SB 182 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 22 Wednesday **Senate Finance 532** **9:00 AM**
+ Financial Update on the Public Employees
Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement
System by the Dept. of Administration and the
Alaska Retirement Management Board
+= SB 187 PENSION RESERVE FUND
<Bill Hearing Canceled>
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE (continued)

Feb 23	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+	SB 203	ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM & VOUCHERS	
+	SB 135	CONTINUANCES IN CRIMINAL TRIALS; VICTIMS	
+	SB 140	CATHINONE BATH SALTS	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	
Feb 24	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
+=	SB 27	FLAME RETARDANTS AND TOXIC CHEMICALS	
+=	SB 136	INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYING A VETERAN	
+=	SB 68	COMMERCIAL FISHING & AGRICULTURE BANK	
+=	SB 144	STATE IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM	
+		Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled	

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 22	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			
Feb 23	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
Joint w/ House Health & Social Services Presentation - Key Campaign			
Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			

JUDICIARY

Feb 22	Wednesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			
Feb 24	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
No Meeting Scheduled			

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 23	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	1:30 PM
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			
+=	SB 25	AIDEA SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROGRAM	
+=	SB 175	PRACTICE OF NATUROPATHY	
+=	SB 122	REAL ESTATE TRANSFER FEES/TITLE PLANTS	
+=	SB 174	OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY JOB NOTIFICATIONS	
+=	SB 116	WORKERS' COMP.: COLL BARGAINING/MEDIATION	
+	SB 190	BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD <Bill Hearing Postponed>	
+	HB 168	INJUNCTION SECURITY: INDUSTRIAL OPERATION <Bill Hearing Postponed>	
+=	SB 138	THIRD-PARTY CHARGES ON TELEPHONE BILLS <Bill Hearing Postponed>	
+=	SB 157	CANCEL INSUR. ON CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY <Bill Hearing Postponed>	

RESOURCES

Feb 22	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
-- Immediately Following Session --			
Joint w/ House Resources			
Annual Mining Overview			
Presentation by Alaska Miners Association and			
Council of Alaska Producers			
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --			

Feb 22	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+=	SB 192	OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX RATES	
Alaska North Slope Plans of Development			
Presentation by Department of Natural Resources			
<Invited Testimony Only on DNR Presentation>			
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			

Feb 22	Wednesday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+=	SB 192	OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX RATES	
BP Exploration (Alaska) Overview			
Presentation by Claire Fitzpatrick, Chief			
Financial Officer, BP Alaska			
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --			
Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled			

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 23	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ = SB 192	OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX RATES Access to Information, Fiscal Note Analysis and Discussion of Committee Questions Presentation by Bryan Butcher, Commissioner, Department of Revenue -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	1:30 PM
+ = SB 192	OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX RATES Access to Information, Fiscal Note Analysis and Discussion of Committee Questions (cont) Presentation by Bryan Butcher, Commissioner, Department of Revenue -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	3:30 PM
+ = SB 192	OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX RATES Amendments and Discussion -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
Feb 25	Saturday	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 23	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	9:00 AM
+ SB 178	ALASKA OPERATING ENDOWMENT FUND		
+ SCR 22	ALASKA ARCTIC POLICY COMMISSION		
+ SCR 19	PROCLAIMING UNITED STATES MARSHALS DAY Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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TRANSPORTATION

Feb 23 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
+ SB 180 NATURALLY OCCURRING ASBESTOS IN GRAVEL

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION

Feb 28 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 5:00 PM
Review Select Personnel and Retiree Issues

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV

Mar 20 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM
Closeout

CORRECTIONS

Mar 06 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:00 PM
Overview of Budget Requests
Review Select Staffing Issues
- Compliance w/ 2010 Legislative Audit
- Adjustment to Shift Scheduling Methodology

Mar 13 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:00 PM
Review Select Facility Issues
- Update on Goose Creek Correctional Complex Progress
- Update on Fairbanks & Bethel Facility Expansion Projects
- Review Community Jails Funding and Funding Allocation
Review Inmate Health Care Cost Management Strategies

Mar 20 Tuesday Butrovich 205 5:00 PM
Review Rehabilitation and Reentry Program Funding

COURT SYSTEM

Mar 01	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
+	FY 13 Budget Request		
Mar 15	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
+	Closeout		

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 28	Tuesday	Sen Conf Rm 103 Tsb	3:30 PM
+	FY 13 Request		
Mar 06	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
+	FY 13 Budget Request		
Mar 13	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
+	Closeout		

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Feb 28	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Overview: Dept. of Environmental Conservation FY 2013 Governor Request -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 13	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Closeout -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

FISH & GAME

Feb 28	Tuesday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Open Discussion / Q & A -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 16	Friday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	FY 13 Budget Pre-Closeout -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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FISH & GAME (continued)

Mar 20 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **8:00 AM**
+ FY 13 Budget Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 22 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ FY 13 Budget Overview, Including Amendments; and
 FY 12 Supplemental Request
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 27 **Monday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ Medicaid and the Medicaid Task Force
 Recommendations and Implementation
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Feb 29 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ Open Discussion
 Question and Answer Session
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 16 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ FY13 Budget Pre-Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 20 **Tuesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **3:30 PM**
+ FY13 Budget Closeout
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mar 01 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **11:00 AM**
DOLWD Budget Overview Continued (if necessary)

Mar 22 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **3:00 PM**
DOLWD Budget - Department Addresses Additional
Questions and Overview of House Budget Actions

MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mar 01	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Overview: Alaska Aerospace Corporation		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 15	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
+	Closeout		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

NATURAL RESOURCES

Feb 23	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	5:00 PM
	DNR Budget Overview by Commissioner Dan Sullivan;		
	Department Overview		
Mar 01	Thursday	Butrovich 205	3:15 PM
	DNR Budget & Department Overview Continued (if necessary)		
Mar 22	Thursday	Butrovich 205	11:00 AM
	DNR Budget - Department Addresses Committee Questions; Overview of House Budget Actions		

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb 23	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	FY2013 Department Increment Review		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 01	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	VPSO Program and Related Issues		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 15	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Pre-Close-Out and Question/Answer Session		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
Mar 22	Thursday	Beltz 105 (tsbldg)	8:00 AM
+	Budget Close-Out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 27	Monday	House Finance 519	8:00 AM
	Audit Requests		
	Audits - Executive Session		
	Other Committee Business		
Mar 28	Wednesday	House Finance 519	8:00 AM
	Audits - Executive Session		
	Other Committee Business		

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Feb 23	Thursday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
	FULL COMMITTEE: Open Session		
+	Public Comment		
	Chair/Staff Report		
	Budget		
	Advisory Opinion 11-04 - Time Certain: 9:30 a.m.		
	- Participation in a Sanctioned Charity Event		
	Use of State Resources - Define Parameters		
	- Advisory Opinion 04-01 Use of Constituent		
	Info. Gathered by a Legislator - Redistricting		
	- Use of State Resources to Complete Candidate		
	Reports		
	2012 Legislation Update		
	Advisory Opinion 11-05		
	- Executive Session		
	Public Session		
	Other Business		
Feb 24	Friday	Butrovich 205	9:00 AM
	SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE: Executive Session		
	Public Comment		
	Executive Session		
	Public Session		

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Feb 23	Thursday	House Chamber	10:00 AM
Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator			
Feb 29	Wednesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
		State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Walter Carpeneti	
Mar 05	Monday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
		Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator	

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Feb 28	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:00 PM
Special Legislative Briefing: Chancellor Brian Rogers, Univ. of Alaska-Fairbanks			
Chancellor Tom Case, Univ. of Alaska-Anchorage			
Chancellor John Pugh, Univ. of Alaska-Southeast			
Special Guest Dr. Herb Schroeder of ANSEP			