

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**                      **Friday**                      **January 18, 2013**  
**Fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Huggins at 10:01 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators French, Hoffman, Stedman were excused from a call of the Senate.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of the Gospel Outreach Christian Center. Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Heavenly Father,

As the Senate wraps up their first week today, give them the strategy they need to move forward in this legislative session. Grant them rest over the weekend, traveling mercies for those going home and peace for them and their families.

I pray all things that need to be accomplished this day would come to pass. Bless their session now as they meet together.

I pray in Jesus' name.    Amen.

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the second and third legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 1 be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Messages from the House**

Message dated January 18 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-eighth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Dana Fabe address the Legislature on the State of the Judiciary.

Senator Coghill 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 18 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-eighth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 21, 2013 for the purpose of hearing Senator Murkowski's annual address to the Legislature.

Senator Coghill 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 18 was read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-eighth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013 for the purpose of hearing Senator Begich's annual address to the Legislature.

Senator Coghill 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**

Memo dated January 16 was read stating:

At its December 14, 2012 meeting, the Alaska Legislative Celebration Commission elected Senator Gary Stevens as Chair of the Commission, and changed its name to the "Alaska Legislative Centennial Commission," both of which actions are within the purview of the Commission.

The memo was signed by Senator Stevens, Chair, Alaska Legislative Centennial Commission.

The following reports are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Investment Earnings Report for the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund and the Alaska Marine Highway System Vessel Replacement Fund

from Bryan Butcher, Commissioner, Department of Revenue  
in accordance with AS 19.65.070(c) and AS 37.05.550(c)

Parks and Recreational Areas Incompatible Use Report and  
Status of Land in the Land Disposal Bank Report  
from Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
in accordance with AS 41.21.020(a)(14) and AS 38.04.020(d)

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and Department of Revenue  
Alaska Film Production Tax Incentive Program  
Select Performance Issues, August 8, 2012

Department of Education and Early Development and Department of Health and Social Services  
Special Education Service Agency, Sunset Review, June 22, 2012

Alaska Court System  
Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association  
Sunset Review, July 11, 2012

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
Board of Public Accountancy, Sunset Review, June 1, 2012

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
State Medical Board, Sunset Review, September 18, 2012

Condensed 2012 Annual Report from the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

Unabridged 2012 Annual Report from the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 22**

Corrected fiscal notes from the Office of the Governor for SENATE BILL NO. 22 "An Act relating to the commencement of actions for felony sex trafficking and felony human trafficking; relating to the crime of sexual assault; relating to the crime of unlawful contact; relating to forfeiture for certain crimes involving prostitution; relating to the time in which to commence certain prosecutions; relating to release for violation of a condition of release in connection with a

crime involving domestic violence; relating to interception of private communications for certain sex trafficking or human trafficking offenses; relating to use of evidence of sexual conduct concerning victims of certain crimes; relating to procedures for granting immunity to a witness in a criminal proceeding; relating to consideration at sentencing of the effect of a crime on the victim; relating to the time to make an application for credit for time served in detention in a treatment program or while in other custody; relating to suspending imposition of sentence for sex trafficking; relating to consecutive sentences for convictions of certain crimes involving child pornography or indecent materials to minors; relating to the referral of sexual felonies to a three-judge panel; relating to the definition of 'sexual felony' for sentencing and probation for conviction of certain crimes; relating to the definition of "sex offense" regarding sex offender registration; relating to protective orders for stalking and sexual assault and for a crime involving domestic violence; relating to the definition of 'victim counseling centers' for disclosure of certain communications concerning sexual assault or domestic violence; relating to violent crimes compensation; relating to certain information in retention election of judges concerning sentencing of persons convicted of felonies; relating to remission of sentences for certain sexual felony offenders; relating to the subpoena power of the attorney general in cases involving the use of an Internet service account; relating to reasonable efforts in child-in-need-of-aid cases involving sexual abuse or sex offender registration; relating to mandatory reporting by athletic coaches of child abuse or neglect; making conforming amendments; amending Rules 16, 32.1(b)(1), and 32.2(a), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, Rule 404(b), Alaska Rules of Evidence, and Rule 216, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date" published January 17:

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 6, indeterminate, Department of Administration

The bill is in the Judiciary Committee.

### **Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**

#### **SB 24**

SENATE BILL NO. 24 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board."

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

**SB 25**

SENATE BILL NO. 25 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to electronic filing of certain information with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; relating to surcharges, rate increase reduction, prohibition on the relief of certain charges, the unemployment trust fund account, and the offset of certain unemployment compensation debt under the Alaska Employment Security Act; relating to the definition of 'covered unemployment compensation debt' in the Alaska Employment Security Act; 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 Labor and Workforce Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Huggins,

To keep our state strong, we are working for small business growth. One way to grow Alaskan opportunity is to assure that Alaskans and business owners in our state do not have to pay more to State government in unemployment insurance taxes than necessary. I am submitting legislation to accomplish that goal. Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a

bill relating to the unemployment trust fund account that will meet federal compliance requirements, ensure that the unemployment insurance (UI) fund remains solvent, and minimize the burden for employers and employees.

Alaska law currently provides for automatic increases in unemployment insurance contributions from Alaskan workers and business owners, even when Alaska's unemployment insurance fund is solvent without the increase. This legislation prevents overtaxing for UI contributions while safeguarding the solvency of the fund. It gives the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) the authority to eliminate or reduce increases in unemployment insurance tax rates when appropriate, based on standards to ensure the actuarial soundness of the unemployment trust fund.

Additionally, the bill allows for greater efficiencies by giving DOLWD the authority to permit electronic filing. It also provides that the department may offset covered unemployment compensation debt against a claimant's federal income tax refund and clarifies participation in the federal treasury offset program.

This simple reform will allow Alaska's small and mid-sized businesses to grow and create more jobs for the prosperity of all Alaskans.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 26**

SENATE BILL NO. 26 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Land Act, including certain authorizations, contracts, leases, permits, or other disposals of state land, resources, property, or interests; relating to authorization for the use of state

land by general permit; relating to exchange of state land; relating to procedures for certain administrative appeals and requests for reconsideration to the commissioner of natural resources; relating to the Alaska Water Use Act; 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 Fish and Game

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Huggins,

Alaskans deserve more timely, consistent permitting decisions, and the bill I transmit today is designed to better accomplish those ends. Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Land Act, including certain authorizations, contracts, leases, permits, or other disposals of State land, resources, property, or interests; relating to authorization for the use of State land by general permit; relating to exchange of State land; relating to procedures for certain administrative appeals and requests for reconsideration to the Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources; and relating to the Alaska Water Use Act.

The permitting functions of State government necessarily balance protecting the environment with utilization to provide the economic means for Alaskans to sustain themselves. This legislation encourages responsible development of our State land and water resources. An efficient permitting process with clear rules contributes to Alaskan economic growth and creates more Alaskan business opportunities.

The bill reforms and streamlines procedures for obtaining, issuing, and appealing permits, leases, best interest findings, and other authorizations issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), particularly concerning land and water. Below is a list of key provisions of the bill.



Except for the surface coal program, in order to retain primacy, the bill explicitly authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to allow an activity on State land through the issuance of a general permit if the commissioner finds that the activity is unlikely to cause significant and irreparable harm to State land or resources. Providing explicit authority for the issuance of a general permit streamlines the permitting process for activities on State land by clearly making it unnecessary for each individual to receive a separate permit for the allowed activity.

The bill reforms the current land exchange statutes to simplify the procedure for DNR to authorize land exchanges.

It modifies the procedures for appeals from DNR decisions, clarifying who has standing to appeal and providing for a more streamlined appeals process. The bill would modify the Alaska Water Use Act to improve administration of the act.

In addition to these changes, the bill modifies and clarifies public notice and comment procedures for certain best interest finding decisions and small changes that otherwise streamline existing procedures of DNR.

The bill is consistent with the State's ongoing efforts to streamline permitting requirements for the public to use and enjoy Alaska's land and resources.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 27**

SENATE BILL NO. 27 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act establishing authority for the state to evaluate and seek primacy for administering the regulatory program for dredge and fill activities

allowed to individual states under federal law and relating to the authority; 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, Department of Environmental Conservation  
Fiscal Note No. 2, Department of Natural Resources  
Fiscal Note No. 3, zero, Department of Law

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Huggins,

Alaskans have the right to have a say over regulation of our own resources including land and water. To that end, I am transmitting a bill under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, authorizing the State of Alaska to assume primacy for administering permitting under the Clean Water Act for dredge and fill activities allowed to individual states under federal law. The current federal process has resulted in a large number of projects in Alaska being subject to an expensive and bureaucratic federal permitting system and litigation, delaying and restricting opportunities for Alaskans.

The purpose of this legislation is to provide State authority to develop and implement State primacy of dredge and fill activities in waters and wetlands located within the state, in accordance with the regulating program allowed states under 33 U.S.C. 1344 (Section 404, Clean Water Act). This change will limit federal overreach in Alaska by giving the State authority to make jurisdictional determinations, timely process permits, and allow responsible resource development. Removing a significant amount of wetlands from federal authority also reduces the number of projects requiring an expensive and time-consuming federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, since there would be fewer "major federal actions" associated with these projects.

There are millions of water bodies and tens of millions of acres of wetlands in Alaska. State primacy of dredge and fill activities under 33 U.S.C. 1344 is consistent with congressional intent under 33 U.S.C. 1251 that the states have the primary responsibilities and rights in regulating activities involving lands and waters within their boundaries.

The legislation provides that the Department of Natural Resources, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Conservation, will take the reasonable steps to assume the authority to administer and enforce any authorized dredge and fill permitting allowed under 33 U.S.C. 1344 (Section 404, Clean Water Act).

Alaska should assume primacy for permitting projects in the state. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 28**

SENATE BILL NO. 28 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale of timber on state land;  
establishing the Susitna State Forest; 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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Huggins,

Under Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to creating the Susitna State Forest and relating to negotiated timber sales to meet local needs. The creation of the Susitna State Forest will aid in development and increased access to lands, and in turn, increase timber sales for small mills and commercial firewood businesses. This legislation ensures the long-term availability of timber supply to support commercial and personal use, creating economic growth and job opportunities for Alaskan communities.

The Governor's Administrative Order 258 established the Alaska Timber Jobs Task Force with federal, State, private industry, and community members. The Alaska Timber Jobs Task Force was charged with reviewing and recommending actions related to management of State-owned forest land, establishment and expansion of legislatively-designated State Forests, and State timber harvesting statutes and regulations. In its report to the Governor, the Task Force recommended the creation of the Susitna State Forest.

This bill establishes the Susitna State Forest in the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys from suitable State land classified for forestry or general use management by the State land use plans for the region – the Susitna Matanuska Area Plan, the Southeast Susitna Area Plan, and the Fish Creek Management Plan. These lands are currently managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for timber harvest and other multiple uses. The proposed Susitna State Forest includes 33 parcels totaling approximately 763,200 acres in 14 large management blocks, and would join the Haines State Forest (est. 1982), the Tanana Valley State Forest (est. 1983), and the Southeast State Forest (est. 2010) as part of the State Forest system established under the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA, AS 41.17).

This legislation will also support the growing interest in biomass wood energy projects in local communities, which require a long-term, sustainable wood supply. Wood biomass can provide cheaper, locally produced, and renewable energy. Additionally, the economic activity associated with the biomass production will stimulate local economies

in communities throughout Alaska. This legislation expands conditions under which the State can offer negotiated timber sales to encourage the use of these local energy sources.

This bill also addresses the Task Force's recommendation to expand the conditions and increase the flexibility under which the State could offer negotiated timber sales to meet local manufacturing needs. Under the existing statutes, DNR may not offer negotiated timber sales larger than 500,000 board feet unless the sale area has high unemployment, underutilized manufacturing capacity, and an underutilized timber supply that will lose value due to insects, disease, fire, or conversion to non-forest uses. These criteria prohibit larger negotiated timber sales in many areas of the state that are actively managed for forestry, and where there is high demand for wood for timber products and biomass energy. This bill authorizes DNR to offer negotiated timber sales statewide within the limits of the sustained yield supply, and subject to a best interest finding.

This legislation will make a meaningful difference to Alaska's economy. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

**SB 29**

SENATE BILL NO. 29 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from commercial passenger vessels in state waters; 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 Environmental  
Conservation

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17:

Dear President Huggins,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from commercial passenger vessels in State waters in response to analysis and findings of the Cruise Ship Science Advisory Panel (Science Panel) convened as directed by the Legislature in Chapter 53 SLA 09.

This bill amends current law and allows the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to permit operation of wastewater discharges from commercial passenger vessels, including discharges from advanced wastewater treatment systems, consistent with standards for other permitted discharges throughout the state. The bill also amends current law to codify a reasonable schedule for the approval of plans for discharge from small commercial passenger vessels in State waters. No commercial passenger vessels may discharge wastewater in a manner that violates any applicable State or federal law governing the disposal or discharge of solid or liquid waste material.

By way of background, the Science Panel was charged with examining (1) the methods of pollution, prevention, control, and treatment in use by commercial passenger vessels; (2) identifying additional economically feasible methods of pollution that could be employed to provide the most technologically effective measures to control all wastes; and (3) the environmental benefit and cost of implementing additional methods of pollution, prevention, control, and treatment identified.

The Science Panel completed its analysis in accordance with law and submitted its findings to DEC. The Science Panel found, and DEC concurred, that the advanced wastewater treatment systems (AWTS) installed on cruise ships operating and discharging in Alaskan waters could consistently meet Alaska's marine water quality criteria at the point of discharge for all parameters except ammonia, copper, nickel, and zinc.

The panel did not identify any new or additional technologies that would consistently meet the criteria for these remaining four parameters. When comparing the wastewater quality from AWTS to discharges from municipal treatment plants, the AWTS in operation are significantly more effective and produce a higher quality discharge than most municipal systems. Even without incremental improvements to cruise ship wastewater quality, aquatic life and human health are protected through provisions in the current cruise ship General Permit that restrict the location of discharge and when ships must be underway before they discharge.

The Science Panel concluded that given the current level of wastewater treatment and quality of effluent along with very large dilution factors there would be little, if any, demonstrable environmental benefit in requiring cruise ships to adopt, in the future, potential additional treatment methods.

Where Alaska's small and mid-sized businesses create jobs and opportunities for Alaskans, and where Alaska's wastewater standards can be implemented in a way that protects our marine and coastal environments, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sean Parnell  
Governor

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Dunleavy moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, January 18 through evening plane time, January 21. Without objection, Senator Dunleavy was excused.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that President Huggins be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 18 through evening plane time, January 20. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 19 through morning plane time, January 21. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

Senator Gardner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, February 1 through evening plane time, February 3. Without objection, Senator Gardner was excused.

**SB 4**

Senators Ellis, Dyson, Kelly, Stevens, Fairclough, Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 4 "An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training requirements; providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Huggins made the following appointment:

**Alaska Legislative Centennial Commission**

Senator Fairclough, alternate

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Engrossment and Enrollment****SR 1**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:05 a.m., January 18, 2013.

Senate Resolve No. 1



**SR 2**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Trans Alaska Pipeline System Throughput, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:05 a.m., January 18, 2013.

Senate Resolve No. 2

**SR 3**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on In-State Energy, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:05 a.m., January 18, 2013.

Senate Resolve No. 3

**Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 22, 2013. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled Due to Special Comm On Taps Throughput Meeting at this Time		
<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled Due to Special Comm On Taps Throughput Meeting at this Time		

**EDUCATION**

<b>Jan 21</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Capitol 106</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Joint w/ House Education Overview: Education Funding, Foundation Formula Alaska Department of Education & Early Dev.		
<b>Jan 23</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
+	Presentation: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Education in Alaska FIRST Robotics - STEM-AK, Juneau Economic Development Council		
+	SB 17	EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY	

**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Jan 25      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              8:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**FINANCE**

**Jan 21      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 22      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +  
 Trinity Tomsic - Federal Funds Information for States - Federal Budget Overview  
 Karen Rehfeld - Office of Management & Budget -  
 - FY14 Budget Overview

**Jan 23      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +  
 David Teal - Legislative Finance Division -  
 FY14 Budget Overview

**Jan 24      Thursday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +  
 Department of Revenue - State's Savings  
 Accounts Update  
 Overview of Fall 2012 Revenue Forecast

**Jan 25      Friday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Jan 21      Monday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 23      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 25      Friday                      Butrovich 205              1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**JUDICIARY**

**Jan 21 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 23 Wednesday Capitol 120 1:30 PM**  
-- Note Location Change --  
+ Joint w/ House Judiciary  
Overview: Alaska Court System  
Overview: Office of the Public Defender  
Overview: Office of Public Advocacy  
<Teleconference Invitation Only>

**Jan 25 Friday Capitol 120 1:30 PM**  
-- Note Location Change --  
+ Joint w/ House Judiciary  
Overview: Department of Public Safety

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Jan 22 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
+ SB 8 PHARMACY AUDITS  
<Bill Hearing Postponed>  
+ SB 14 ELECTRIC/TELEPHONE COOPS: BOARD TERMS  
+ SB 16 BD OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, SURVEYORS  
<Bill Hearing Postponed>

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**RESOURCES**

**Jan 18 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
+ Dept. of Natural Resources Overview  
Commissioner Dan Sullivan  
Deputy Commissioner Joe Balash  
Deputy Commissioner Ed Fogels  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**RESOURCES (continued)**

- Jan 21      Monday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +      Dept. of Natural Resources Overview - Continued  
          Commissioner Dan Sullivan  
          Deputy Commissioner Joe Balash  
          Deputy Commissioner Ed Fogels  
          Division of Oil & Gas - on "Who's Keeping the  
          Lights & Heat On?" Problems & Solutions  
          Paul Decker, Petroleum Geologist  
          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 23      Wednesday                      Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +      "Who's Keeping the Lights & Heat On?"  
          Problems & Solutions  
          Railbelt Utilities  
          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- +      SB 29      CRUISE SHIP WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS  
          Commissioner Larry Hartig, Dept. of Environmental  
          Conservation  
          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Jan 25      Friday                              Butrovich 205              3:30 PM**  
 +      "Who's Keeping the Lights & Heat On?"  
          Problems & Solutions  
          -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- + =      SB 29      CRUISE SHIP WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS  
          Testimony: Time Limit May Be Set

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

- Jan 22      Tuesday                              Butrovich 205              9:00 AM**  
 +      Federal Overreach: Activities of Departments of  
          Law and Natural Resources  
          Overview and Presentations by Attorney General  
          Geraghty and Dept. of Natural Resources  
          Commissioner Sullivan

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Jan 24**            **Thursday**                    **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**            **9:00 AM**  
 +                    Federal Overreach: Activities of Departments of  
 Law and Natural Resources  
 Overview and Presentations by Department Staff  
 on State Activities Related to RS 2477 Easements  
 Over Federal Lands and Disputes Over Submerged  
 Lands and Navigable Waters

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Jan 22**            **Tuesday**                    **Senate Finance 532**            **1:00 PM**  
 +                    -- Time and Location Change --  
 Joint w/ House Transportation  
 Department of Transportation Overview -  
 Commissioner Pat Kemp  
 Surface Transportation (incl. Roads to Resources)  
 Department of Transportation/Public Facilities  
 (DOT/PF)  
 Map-21 Presentation - DOT/PF

**Jan 24**            **Thursday**                    **Senate Finance 532**            **1:00 PM**  
 +                    -- Time and Location Change --  
 Joint w/ House Transportation  
 DOT/PF Overview of Aviation - Deputy Commissioner  
 Steve Hatter  
 Public Testimony of New Direction on Vessel  
 Acquisition

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**SENATE SPECIAL COMM ON IN-STATE ENERGY**

**Jan 24**            **Thursday**                    **Butrovich 205**            **7:30 AM**  
 +                    Overview Alaska Energy Authority (AEA)

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**SENATE SPECIAL COMM ON TAPS THROUGHPUT**

**Jan 22 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + SB 21 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX  
 + Commissioner Dan Sullivan, Department of Natural Resources  
 Commissioner Bryan Butcher, Department of Revenue  
 Deputy Commissioner Joe Balash, Department of Natural Resources  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Jan 24 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 21 OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX  
 Barry Pulliam - Econ One Research, Inc.  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Jan 18 Friday House Finance 519 8:00 AM**  
 + Election of Chairman  
 Election of Vice Chairman  
 Legislative Finance - David Teal, Director  
 Overview of the Audit Process - Kris Curtis, Legislative Auditor  
 Other Committee Business

**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Feb 13 Wednesday House Chamber 11:00 AM**  
 State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Dana Fabe

**Feb 21 Thursday House Chamber 11:00 AM**  
 Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator

**JOINT SESSION (continued)**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		

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**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

<b>Jan 22</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Capitol 120</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>
	Lunch and Learn FIRST LEGO League and FIRST Tech Challenge Robotics Boy Scouts from Southeast FIRST LEGO League Team Will Demonstrate Their Robots Sponsored by the Senate Education Committee		