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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 23, 2015**

**Sixty-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 10:50 a.m.

The roll showed eighteen members present. Senators Ellis, Kelly were absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Susan Beogli, Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

God of us all,

We are grateful for all those gathered here today. Guide all of us, particularly our public servants, that they may face the work before them with a spirit of wisdom, compassion and justice. Make each of these fine citizens bold and generous in their call to serve faithfully. Bless them dear God, bless those that depend upon their work, and bless this state of Alaska that is our home.

We pray these things in hope, anticipation and confidence. Amen.

Senator Giessel led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Recess**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 10:53 a.m.

**After Recess****Joint Session in the House**

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Meyer, who called the Joint Session to order at 11:01 a.m.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Meyer appointed Representative Gattis and Senator Huggins to escort Senator Sullivan to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced the Honorable Dan Sullivan's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Dan Sullivan was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Meyer.

U.S. Senator Sullivan delivered his address. This address appears in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 7.

Following his address, there was a question and answer period. The Honorable Dan Sullivan received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Huggins and Representative Gattis.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Meyer adjourned the Joint Session at 12:01 p.m.

#### **After Recess**

#### **In the Senate**

The Senate reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

The presence of Senator Kelly was noted.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

##### **SB 30**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 30 "An Act relating to controlled substances; relating to marijuana; relating to driving motor vehicles when there is an open marijuana container; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 30(FIN) "An Act relating to controlled substances; relating to marijuana; relating to crimes and offenses related to marijuana and the use of marijuana; relating to open marijuana containers; relating to established villages and local options; relating to delinquent minors; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator MacKinnon, Cochair. Signing amend: Senator Kelly, Cochair; Senators Micciche, Olson. Signing no recommendation: Senators Bishop, Dunleavy, Hoffman.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 8, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 9, zero, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 10, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 11, zero, Department of Corrections

Fiscal Note No. 12, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 13, zero, Department of Public Safety

Fiscal Note No. 14, zero, Alaska Judicial System

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **SB 43**

The Judiciary Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 43 "An Act relating to immunity for a fire department and employees or members of a fire department" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 43(JUD)

Signing do pass: Senator McGuire, Chair; Senators Coghill, Costello, Wielechowski.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **SB 64**

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 64 "An Act relating to school bond debt reimbursement; and providing for an effective date" and recommended the adoption of the Education Committee Substitute offered on page 514. Signing do pass: Senator MacKinnon, Cochair; Senators Micciche, Bishop, Dunleavy, Hoffman. Signing no recommendation: Senator Olson.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HJR 4**

The Resources Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently and equitably sharing with all oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas a portion of revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf to ensure that those states develop necessary infrastructure to support outer continental shelf development and preserve environmental integrity, and recommended it be replaced with

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RE) Urging the United States Congress to provide a means for consistently and equitably sharing with all oil and gas producing states adjacent to federal outer continental shelf areas a portion of revenue generated from oil and gas development on the outer continental shelf to ensure that those states develop necessary infrastructure to support outer continental shelf development and preserve environmental integrity; urging the United States Congress to reject any proposal to divert or otherwise reduce revenue sharing to the coastal states and their political subdivisions under the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; and urging the President of the United States to direct, to the maximum extent possible, federal funds received from outer continental shelf development, and not dedicated to states or other federal programs, to federal infrastructure in the affected states.

(Title Change SCR 8)

Signing do pass: Senator Giessel, Chair; Senators Costello, Wielechowski, Coghill, Micciche, Stedman, Stoltze.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Resources Committee

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **Consideration of the Calendar**

#### **Citations**

Commemorating - Law Enforcement Memorial Day May 8th, 2015  
Representative(s) Chenault  
Senator(s) Micciche, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Honoring - Peter Kaiser - Winner - 2015 Kuskokwim 300 Sled Dog Race  
Senator(s) Hoffman, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Herron

Honoring - Bruce Knowles  
Representative(s) Colver, Keller, Hughes, Gattis, Neuman, Tilton  
Senator(s) Dunleavy, Meyer, Stoltze, Huggins, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Honoring - Service High School Boys Cross Country Ski Team 2015 State Champions  
Representative(s) Millett  
Senator(s), Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Frank M. Wise  
Senator(s) Stevens, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Seaton

In Memoriam - Philip William Bryson

Representative(s) Olson

Senator(s) Micciche, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Thomas Chester Walker

Representative(s) Chenault

Senator(s) Micciche, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the citations be adopted. Without objection, the citations were adopted and referred to the Secretary for transmittal.

### **Unfinished Business**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, March 24 through morning plane time, March 25. Without objection, Senator Coghill was excused.

### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

### **Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 25, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 1:20 p.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>Mar 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 13	WARRANTLESS SEARCH OF ELECTRONIC DATA		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Confirmation Hearings:		
	University of Alaska Board of Regents		
	Sheri Buretta		
	John Davies		
	Lisa Parker		
	Andrew Teuber		
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+ SB 79	REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS & ADMIN		
+ SB 80	ED. STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS/FED FUNDS		

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 23 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + SB 64 SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT  
 + SB 15 LIFE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUM TAX  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 39 REPEAL FILM PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT  
 + SB 51 UNIFORM INTER.CHILD SUPPORT;PARENTAGE  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 24 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation Hearings:  
 University of Alaska Board of Regents  
 Sheri D. Burett - Eagle River  
 John Davies - Fairbanks  
 Lisa M. Parker - Soldotna  
 Andrew Teuber - Kodiak  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 33 FEES FOR TIRES  
 + SB 49 CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES FUND  
 + SB 32 TIMBER SALES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 + SCR 1 CIVICS EDUCATION TASK FORCE  
 + SB 57 CLEAN AIR ACT PLAN  
 <Pending Referral>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + SB 34 PCE ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT  
 + SJR 2 CONST. AM: G.O. BONDS FOR STUDENT LOANS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 23 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
+= SB 23 IMMUNITY FOR PROVIDING OPIOID OD DRUG  
-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
+= SB 74 MEDICAID REFORM/PFD/HSAS/ER USE/STUDIES  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

**Mar 23 Monday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
+ HCR 3 ENDORSING ANWR LEASING  
+ HJR 15 HONOR TED STEVENS; DISCIPLINE PROSECUTORS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
-- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
+ Confirmation of Governor's Appointment  
William Gordon - Board of Governors of the  
Alaska Bar  
+= SB 47 LIFE INSURANCE/ANNUITY EXEMPTIONS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
+= HCR 3 ENDORSING ANWR LEASING  
<Bill Held Over from 3/23/15>

**JUDICIARY (continued)**

**Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Legislative Presentation: Public Safety in Anchorage  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 86 REFINED FUEL SURCHARGE; MOTOR FUEL TAX  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 23 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointees:  
 Attorney General - Craig Richards  
 Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Board  
 Hugh Short  
 -- Public Testimony on Appointees --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 25 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + HB 132 AGDC SUPPORT OF NATURAL GAS PROJECTS  
 <Pending Referral>  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 68 ANTLERLESS MOOSE SEASONS; CLOSURES  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 48 FORMER RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM**

-- Time Change --  
-- Public Testimony --

+ = SJR 3 CONST. AM: MEMBERSHIP OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
SB 75 PFD CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS  
+ HB 35 MARCH 27: GREAT ALASKA EARTHQUAKE DAY  
+ = SB 22 MOTOR VEHICLE REG. TAX: COLLECTION COSTS  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 9:00 AM**

-- Public Testimony --

+ = SJR 15 CALL FOR US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION  
+ = SCR 4 US COUNTERMAND CONVENTION DELEGATES  
HB 93 PROBATION AND PAROLE: WORK, TRAVEL ACCOM.  
+ = SJR 3 CONST. AM: MEMBERSHIP OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**

+ HJR 5 RECOGNIZE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS  
-- Public Testimony --

+ SB 66 PASSENGER & REC. VEHICLE RENTAL TAX

**Mar 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**

+ = SB 66 PASSENGER & REC. VEHICLE RENTAL TAX  
-- Public Testimony --  
+ Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 26 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 4:30 PM**

-- Meeting Rescheduled from 3/19/15 --  
Closeout

- Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, DOA  
- Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner  
- John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner  
- Cheri Lowenstein, Administrative Services, Director  
- Andy Mills, Special Assistant

**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Mar 24**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**CORRECTIONS**

**Mar 23**      **Monday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **5:00 PM**  
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **5:00 PM**  
 Tentative Closeout

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 27**      **Friday**                      **Butrovich 205**              **8:00 AM**  
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 Closeout  
 FY16 Operating Budget

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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 23**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **5:00 PM**  
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 FY16 Budget Closeout

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**FISH & GAME**

**Mar 26**      **Thursday**                      **Fahrenkamp 203**              **5:00 PM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 -- Meeting Rescheduled from 3/19/15 --  
 Closeout

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**GOVERNOR**

**Mar 26**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **11:00 AM**  
 Budget Closeout

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**                      **5:30 PM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Closeout

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**JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mar 26**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **4:30 PM**  
 FY16 Budget Closeout

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**LAW**

**Mar 24**      **Tuesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **11:00 AM**  
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 Closeout

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**LEGISLATURE**

**Mar 26**      **Thursday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **11:15 AM**  
 Budget Closeout

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Mar 24**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Budget Overview

**Mar 26**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

**Mar 30**      **Monday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Tentative Closeout

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
Closeout

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**REVENUE**

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 7:30 AM**  
+ Closeout

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 24 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM**  
Closeout

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**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

**Mar 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:00 PM**  
FY16 Budget Closeout

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY**

**Mar 26 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
+= SB 50 AIDEA: BONDS;PROGRAMS;LOANS;LNG PROJECT  
-- Public Testimony --

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**SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC**

**Mar 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:15 AM**  
Presentations:  
+ Greg Wolf, World Trade Alaska  
"Arctic Business Opportunities and Developments"  
+ Thomas Mack, President Aleut Corporation  
"Port of Adak"  
+ Dr. Mike Sfraga, Vice Chancellor of University of  
Alaska, Fairbanks, UAF  
"Arctic Council, Alaska State Arctic Policy, UAF  
Center for Arctic Policy"

**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Barnes 124</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>
	Audits - Executive Session: Statewide Single Audit FY14 Final Other Committee Business -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
+	Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		