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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**January 26, 2018**

**Eleventh Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Kelly at 10: 06 a.m.

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Hoffman, Wilson were excused from a call of the Senate. The seat from District E was vacant.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, The Reverend Michael Grubbs, Ordained Deacon, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Eternal Father, Strong to Save,

Bless our Senators of our great state of Alaska. When you speak there is light and life. Justice and mercy thrive. Grace and right action are evident.

Thank you, Creator God, for the abundance and beauty of your creation. From the villages to the cities Alaskans are ever aware of the gifts of nature you have provided.

In the words of the Psalmist:

“The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.” Ps. 28:8-9

Spirit of Truth grant to our Senators a keen sense of justice and right action benefitting all the people of Alaska. Give them courage to compromise, strength to stand firm and empower them with an ever-present knowledge of the needs of our great state and people.

Fill their hearts with gladness in their work together, and let that work be a blessing to the people and a gift to future generations of Alaskans. Amen.

Senator Stedman led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Certification**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the ninth and tenth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

### **Communications**

Letter dated January 25 was received from Gregory P. Razo, Chair of the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission, stating in accordance with AS 44.19.645, the Commission submitted Recommendation 1-2018, regarding Misconduct Involving a Controlled Substance.

President Kelly referred the recommendation to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Department of Education and Early Development,  
Department of Labor and Workforce Development and  
University of Alaska  
Alaska Performance Scholarships Outcomes Report 2011 - Fall 2017  
in accordance with AS 14.43.840

Department of Labor and Workforce Development  
Technical and Vocational Education Program Report  
State Fiscal Year 2017  
in accordance with AS 23.15.835

Department of Health and Social Services:

Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Grants  
in accordance with AS 18.25.110

Annual Medicaid Reform Report (Revised)  
FY 2017  
in accordance with AS 47.05.270

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development:

Alaska Division of Insurance  
2017 Annual Report  
in accordance with AS 21.06.110

Report of the Alaska Minerals Commission  
January 2018  
in accordance with AS 44.33.431

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SB 131**

The Education Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 131 "An Act relating to a separate appropriation bill for operating expenses for public education and establishing a date by which the bill must be passed by the legislature and transmitted to the governor each year; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Stevens, Chair; Senator Begich. Signing no recommendation: Senators Coghill, Hughes.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Education and  
Early Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

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

#### **SR 7**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7 BY SENATOR GIESSEL,

Dedicating the fourth floor Senate conference room  
of the Alaska State Capitol to the late Senate  
President Jan Faiks.

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

#### **SR 8**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8 BY SENATOR BEGICH,

Proclaiming February 2018 as Black History Month.

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

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

#### **SB 161**

SENATE BILL NO. 161 BY THE SENATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensure of dentists."

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

**SB 162**

SENATE BILL NO. 162 BY SENATOR WILSON, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the Department of Health and Social Services from receiving or expending funds for a grant to or contract with an entity that performs abortions or maintains or operates a facility where abortions are performed."

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

**SB 163**

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

"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicles."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 25:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the definition of a commercial motor vehicle.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is responsible for the construction and maintenance of the state highway system. With respect to commercial motor vehicles which use the state highway system, the Department is responsible for establishing weight, use, and size restrictions for vehicles, and for assuring implementation of federal statutes or regulations relating to commercial motor vehicles. In order to assure continued alignment

with federal law, the bill would modify the existing definition of a commercial motor vehicle to be consistent with federal law. This bill would add provisions to address school buses and the type of covered farm vehicle not designated as a commercial vehicle. This would ease restrictions on persons who operate farm vehicles by freeing them to drive beyond the current limitation, a 150-mile boundary, and reduce use restrictions. In addition, a school bus used intrastate for the transport of public pre-elementary, elementary, and secondary school students to and from home and school would not be considered a commercial motor vehicle under this bill.

I urge your prompt and favorable consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bill Walker  
Governor

**SB 164**

SENATE BILL NO. 164 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE  
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain records on animals and crops; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Environmental  
Conservation

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 25:

Dear President Kelly:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to confidentiality of animal and crop records.

The bill would make confidential certain records of animal or crop importation and lab testing. Farmers in Alaska must provide certain practices and information in order to comply with federal and state regulations. Commonly, farmers disclose animal importation records, farm locations, test results, and animal identification to the State. Farmers may be reluctant to participate in voluntary testing of animals in order to protect their information and competitive advantage, which increases the risk of animal disease outbreaks. Providing confidentiality for these records will promote farmer participation in voluntary testing. Confidentiality would also limit a competitor's unfair advantage in the market by not making available information regarding trade secrets and proprietary business information. Confidential records may still be disclosed if there is a threat to the health or safety of an animal, crop, or to the public. This bill also provides a definition for 'varietal'.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker  
Governor

**SB 165**

SENATE BILL NO. 165 BY SENATOR MACKINNON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska comprehensive health insurance fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

**Consideration of the Calendar**

**Citations**

Honoring - Bruce Rife

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, von Imhof, Wielechowski

Honoring - Tim Whip

Representative(s) Seaton

Senator(s) Stevens, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, von Imhof, Wielechowski

Honoring - Rod Christiansen

Representative(s) Johnson

Senator(s) Hughes, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

Honoring - Jerry "Chuthmuk" Liboff

Representative(s) Edgmon

Senator(s) Hoffman, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Martin McGuinness

Senator(s) Begich, Kelly, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

In Memoriam - Bryan Robert Anderson

Representative(s) Edgmon

Senator(s) Hoffman, Kelly, Begich, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski, Wilson

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

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



**Special Order of Business**

Honoring - Dale Nelson P.E., F. ASCE

Representative(s) Gara

Senator(s) Begich, Kelly, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Hughes, MacKinnon, Meyer, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, von Imhof, Wielechowski

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

**Unfinished Business**

Senator von Imhof moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on January 31. Without objection, Senator von Imhof was excused.

**SB 153**

Senators Begich, Gardner, Egan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 153 "An Act relating to distillery licenses." Without objection, it was so ordered.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 29, 2018. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

Americans with Disabilities Act Notice - Persons with disabilities who require special accommodation or alternative communication formats to access committee meetings may contact the appropriate committee office or the Legislative Information Office in their community. Reasonable advance notice is needed to accommodate the request. For further information, call the ADA Coordinator at 465-3854 Voice/465-4980 TDD.

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Jan 30 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 125 EXTEND BOND AUTH FOR INTERIOR ENERGY PROJ

**Feb 01 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Jan 26 Friday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 29 Monday Capitol 106 8:00 AM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 -- Joint with the House Education Committee --  
 + Presentation: State Board of Education and Early Development - Alaska Education Challenge  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**Jan 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 += SB 99 PRE-ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS/FUNDING  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 -- <Time Limit May Be Set> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Feb 02      Friday                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 \*\*Streamed live on AKL.tv\*\*

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**FINANCE**

**Jan 26      Friday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +              Presentation: Deferred Maintenance  
 Adam Bryan, Capital Budget Coordinator, Office  
 of Management and Budget

**Jan 29      Monday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +      SB 144      APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 +              Presentation: Department of Transportation  
 and Public Facilities FY19 Operating Budget  
 Marc Luiken, Commissioner  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 30      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +=      SB 144      APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 +              Presentation: Department of Health and Social  
 Services FY19 Operating Budget  
 Valerie Nuur'araaluk Davidson, Commissioner  
 Shawnda O'Brien, Assistant Commissioner  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 31      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
 +              Presentation: Medicaid Cost Drivers and Reform  
 Update  
 Margaret Brodie, Director, Division of Health  
 Care Services, Department of Health and Social  
 Services  
 Monique Martin, Health Care Policy Advisor  
 Department of Health and Social Services  
 +              Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

**Feb 01 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 + Presentation: Medicaid Cost Drivers and Reform Update  
 Margaret Brodie, Director, Division of Health Care Services, Department of Health and Social Services  
 Monique Martin, Health Care Policy Advisor  
 Department of Health and Social Services  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 02 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 4 NON-CHEMICAL BARBERING;HAIR BRAIDING  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Jan 26 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Jan 29 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled:  
 += HB 43 NEW DRUGS FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

**Jan 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Presentation:  
 Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 128 MARIJUANA EDU/TREATMENT FUND/PROGRAM  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --

**Feb 02 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 128 MARIJUANA EDU/TREATMENT FUND/PROGRAM  
 + SB 81 DHSS CENT. REGISTRY;LICENSE;BCKGROUND CHK  
 -- Testimony <Invited and Public> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**JUDICIARY**

<b>Jan 26</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 29</b>	<b>Monday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan 31</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Feb 02</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

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**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> -- Please Note Time Change --	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	SB 126 VISITING PHYSICIANS WITH SPORTS TEAMS -- Public Testimony --		
+	HB 208 TRUSTS; COMM PROP TRUSTS; POWERS OF APPT -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+=	HB 102 LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	HB 114 BOILER/PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION REPORTS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	HB 121 OCC. HEALTH AND SAFETY CIVIL PENALTIES -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	HB 124 BENEFIT CORPORATIONS -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	HB 86 STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT/OCC. LICENSE RENEWAL -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	HCR 8 KODIAK SEAFOOD & MARINE SCIENCE CENTER -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Thursday</b> -- Please Note Location & Time Change --	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
+	SB 112 WORKERS COMPENSATION;DRUG DATABASE & TEST -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**RESOURCES**

**Jan 26 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Overview: Alaska's Oil Production Forecast  
 - Department of Natural Resources  
 Division of Oil & Gas  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Jan 29 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SJR 4 AK LEGALLY ACQUIRED IVORY USE EXEMPTION  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + HJR 12 OPPOSING GEN. ENGINEERED SALMON  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Jan 31 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + Overview: Alaska's State Managed Game Refuges  
 Sanctuaries & Critical Habitat Areas  
 - Department of Fish & Game  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

**Feb 02 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + HB 130 GAME REFUGE/CRIT HABITAT AREA BOUNDARIES  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 158 OIL/HAZARDOUS SUB.:CLEANUP/REIMBURSEMENT  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**Jan 30 Tuesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 += SB 8 PFD CONTRIBUTIONS TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS  
 + SB 154 PFD CONTRIBUTIONS TO GENERAL FUND  
 + SB 130 VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW TAXES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Feb 01 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + SCR 10 ALASKA YEAR OF INNOVATION  
 + SB 152 SEPT. 11: PATRIOT DAY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**JOINT COMMITTEES****LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	Sexual & Other Workplace Harassment Subcommittee		
+	Timeline and Work Plan		
<b>Feb 01</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	Sexual & Other Workplace Harassment Subcommittee		
+	Sexual & Other Workplace Harassment Policy		
<b>Feb 03</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
+	Executive Session:		
	Executive Director Applicant Interviews		
<b>Feb 05</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Finance 519</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
+	Approval of Minutes:		
	a. March 2017 - August 2017		
+	Ratification of Charitable Events:		
	a. The Canvas at REACH Annual Fundraising Dinner		
	b. 2nd Annual Catholic Community Services Formal Gala		
	c. 26th Annual Girl Scouts Fundraiser		
	d. Lawmaker's Round Up		
	e. 33rd Annual Sham Jam		
+	Contract Approvals:		
	a. Bethel Lease Extension		
	b. Cordova Lease Extension		
	c. Eagle River Lease Extension		
	d. Glennallen Lease Extension		
	e. Homer Lease Extension		
	f. Interagency Lease Extension		

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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (continued)****(Continued from Previous Page)**

g. Juneau Storage - Goldstein Lease Extension  
 h. Ketchikan Lease Extension  
 i. Kotzebue Lease Extension  
 j. North Pole Lease Extension  
 k. Ombudsman - Anchorage Lease Extension  
 l. Office of Victims' Rights Lease Extension  
 m. Sitka Lease Extension  
 n. Unalaska Lease Extension  
 o. Wrangell Lease Extension  
 Executive Session  
 + Other Committee Business  
 a. FY17 Legislative Audit  
 b. FY19 Proposed Budget

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

<b>Feb 07</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Craig Stowers, Chief Justice		
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator		
<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
	Annual Address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator		

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS**

<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	Lunch & Learn: Alaska Permanent Fund 101 with Angela Rodell, CEO Alaska Permanent Fund Overview of How the Fund Works and Components of the Fund Sponsored by Senator Micciche & Speaker Edgmon		



**MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS (continued)**

- Jan 31      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      9:00 AM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + Continuation of Presentation Series on Alaska's  
 Oil Tax Fiscal System  
 By LBA Consultant: In3nergy  
 Sponsored by Senator Stedman, LBA Chair
- Jan 31      Wednesday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:00 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
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 By LBA Consultant: In3nergy  
 Sponsored by Senator Stedman, LBA Chair
- Feb 01      Thursday                                  Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      9:00 AM**  
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 Sponsored by Senator Stedman, LBA Chair
- Feb 01      Thursday                                  Beltz 105 (tsbldg)                      1:00 PM**  
 -- Teleconference <Listen Only> --  
 + Continuation of Presentation Series on Alaska's  
 Oil Tax Fiscal System  
 By LBA Consultant: In3nergy  
 Sponsored by Senator Stedman, LBA Chair
- Feb 12      Monday                                      Senate Finance 532                      1:00 PM**  
 School District Legislative Fly-In  
 Informal Q & A Session Regarding Alaska's Public  
 School System  
 All School District Participants of the Fly-In  
 are Encouraged to Attend