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# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate Committee on State Affairs

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### M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Sen. Pat Rodey, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Sen. Vic Fischer *VF*

DATE: Feb. 22, 1982

RE: BILL ON CONVENING OF SPECIAL SESSIONS **SB821**

At the time the State Affairs Committee considered SJR 6 to establish a constitutional limit on the length of regular legislative sessions, members agreed to sponsor the attached bill. It would permit the governor to convene a special session of the legislature immediately upon the adjournment of a regular session.

Under existing law, at least fifteen days notice must be given to call a special session. As we all know, the governor gave 15 days notice last year, when he called a special session to deal with the spending limit. The delay in the start of the session caused great expense to the state and much inconvenience to legislators.

It makes no sense to perpetuate that situation. With the proposed measure, the governor could keep legislators in the capital for a special session to be held right after the regular session.

I trust your committee will concur in this change.