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Friday

March 28, 2003

Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Therriault at 10:22 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Senator Taylor. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

Senator Ogan led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the journals for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth legislative days be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor**HB 74**

Message dated and received March 27 was read, stating the Governor signed the following bill and transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 74(FIN)(efd add) "An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter 2, SLA 2003
Effective Date: March 28, 2003

HCR 6

Message dated and received March 27 was read, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 6(FSH) Relating to the continuation of the Joint
Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until 2004.

Legislative Resolve No. 3

SJR 4

Message dated and received March 27 was read, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development, and production.

Legislative Resolve No. 4

HCR 8

Message dated and received March 27 was read, stating the Governor transmitted the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's Office for permanent filing:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8
Requesting the Governor to declare March 16 - 22,
2003, to be Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week.

Legislative Resolve No. 5

Messages from the House

SB 77

Message dated March 26 was read, stating the House passed and returned:

SENATE BILL NO. 77 "An Act naming the William
Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge in Fairbanks."

The bill was referred to the Secretary for enrollment.

Message dated March 26 was read, stating the House passed and transmitted for consideration:

**First Reading and Reference of
House Resolutions**

HJR 18

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(MLV) am BY THE
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND
VETERANS' AFFAIRS,

Supporting the men and women of the United States
armed forces.

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

First Reading and Reference of House Bills

HB 2

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(JUD)(title am) BY THE HOUSE
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the statute of limitations for
certain civil actions relating to acts constituting
sexual offenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 16

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 16(FIN) am BY THE HOUSE FINANCE
COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act amending, for purposes of the Alaska
Stranded Gas Development Act, the standards
applicable to determining whether a proposed new
investment constitutes a qualified project, the
standards used to determine whether a person or
group qualifies as a project sponsor or project
sponsor group, and the deadline for applications
relating to the development of contracts for payments
in lieu of taxes and for royalty adjustments that may
be submitted for consideration, and modifying the
conditions bearing on the use of independent
contractors to evaluate applications or to develop
contract terms; providing statements of intent for the
Act relating to use of project labor agreements and to
reopening of contracts; and providing for an effective
date."

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

HB 118

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(RES) am BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transportation and sale of certain commercially caught fish by an agent of a commercial fishing permit holder and to the sale of fish; and providing for an effective date."

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

Standing Committee Reports**SB 108**

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 108 "An Act relating to payment rates under the Medicaid program for health facilities and to budgeting, accounting, and reporting requirements for those facilities; abolishing the Medicaid Rate Advisory Commission; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Dyson, Chair; Senators Green, Wilken. Signing no recommendation: Senators Guess, Davis.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 109

The Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 109 "An Act repealing the statute that sets priorities for the Department of Health and Social Services to apply to administration of the medical assistance program when there are insufficient funds allocated in the state budget for that program; authorizing the department to make cost containment decisions that may include decisions about eligibility of persons and availability of

services under the medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Dyson, Chair; Senators Wilken, Green. Signing no recommendation: Senators Davis, Guess.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Health and Social Services

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 154

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 154 BY SENATORS FRENCH, Davis, Ellis, entitled:

"An Act relating to a student loan repayment program for nurses, and amending the duties of the Board of Nursing that relate to this program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services, Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 159

SENATE BILL NO. 159 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, entitled:

"An Act relating to special medical parole and to prisoners who are severely medically or cognitively disabled."

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

SB 160

SENATE BILL NO. 160 BY SENATORS OLSON, Therriault, entitled:

"An Act relating to civil liability for use or attempted use of an automated external defibrillator; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

SB 161

SENATE BILL NO. 161 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain civil actions brought by the attorney general under monopoly and restraint of trade statutes; relating to the award of damages in actions brought under those statutes; 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, indeterminate, Department of Law

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 26:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to legal action brought by the attorney general on behalf of direct and indirect purchasers under the statutes on monopolies and restraint of trade (antitrust statutes).

This bill updates the Alaska antitrust statutes consistent with recent United States Supreme Court precedent to provide a statutory basis for the attorney general to bring a parens patriae action on behalf of state businesses, residents, and governmental entities as indirect purchasers for violations of our antitrust statutes and to recover damages. In contrast to other states, under current Alaska antitrust statutes, indirect purchasers are without any remedy for antitrust injuries. Indirect purchasers are usually consumers, governmental entities, and small

businesses in the wholesale and retail distribution chain of goods and services. Alaska antitrust statutes currently allow a cause of action only for purchasers who buy directly from the person or manufacturer that violated the antitrust statutes. By allowing only the attorney general a cause of action on behalf of both direct and indirect purchasers, Alaska consumers, businesses, and governmental entities will have a remedy for redress of antitrust violations without clogging the courts with multiple lawsuits individually brought by those purchasers.

Parens patrie actions typically involve civil actions on behalf of numerous persons and sometimes on behalf of numerous governmental entities. Accordingly, the bill provides for proof of antitrust damages by way of statistical methods consistent with federal law.

The bill also removes the current requirement in the antitrust statutes that any antitrust plaintiff must prove willful conduct before a court may award treble damages. Under federal law, a plaintiff does not have to prove willful conduct to receive treble damages. The current law has the effect of chilling plaintiffs from bringing antitrust cases in Alaska courts, in favor of resolving issues important to Alaska businesses and consumers in the federal courts.

I urge your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SB 162

SENATE BILL NO. 162 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to a tobacco product manufacturer's compliance with certain statutory requirements regarding cigarette sales; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Revenue

Governor's transmittal letter dated March 27:

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to a tobacco product manufacturer's compliance with certain statutory requirements regarding cigarette sales.

The model for the bill was drafted by the National Association of Attorneys General in cooperation with a working group of participating states and is designed to aid state enforcement of the tobacco product Master Settlement Agreement and AS 45.53, and thus preserve, to the fullest extent possible, the revenue stream under the Master Settlement Agreement. We understand that most of the 46 participating states will seek to pass this legislation in their respective upcoming legislative sessions. We also understand that the bill has been reviewed and approved by two of the principal tobacco parties to the Master Settlement Agreement, Phillip Morris and RJ Reynolds.

In 1999, 46 states, including Alaska, collectively settled their claims against certain tobacco manufacturers and entered into the "Master Settlement Agreement" (MSA). Under the MSA, the participating tobacco product manufacturers agreed to pay certain amounts to the settling states in perpetuity in exchange for dismissal of the states' lawsuits. One of the provisions of the MSA, however, required that the states enact legislation that would "level the playing field" for non-participating tobacco manufacturers. This leveling legislation required such non-participating tobacco manufacturers to deposit money into escrow for every cigarette they sold in the state. The intent of this escrow requirement was to prevent the non-participants from undermining the overall goals of MSA by guaranteeing "a source of compensation and to prevent such manufacturers from deriving large, short-term profits and then becoming judgment-proof before liability may arise." *See* sec. 1, ch. 46, SLA 1999.

Since 1999, the participating states have detected concerted efforts by non-participating tobacco manufacturers to evade the legislated escrow requirements. Various schemes have been employed, often through use of elusive foreign tobacco manufacturers, to attempt to circumvent the requirement of escrow deposits.

This bill seeks to bring an end to these schemes. In order to sell cigarettes in this state, a tobacco product manufacturer will have to annually certify that it is in compliance with AS 45.53. Additionally, tobacco product manufacturers must include certain information that will assist the Department of Revenue in its enforcement efforts in this regard.

The Department of Revenue will publish and update a directory of cigarettes that are approved for sale in this state. Cigarettes that are not listed in this directory are contraband and may not be sold in the state. The bill provides for civil penalties for selling or possessing contraband cigarettes.

The enactment of this bill will bring an end to efforts by non-participating manufacturers to evade their obligations to deposit escrow for their in-state cigarette sales.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

Consideration of the Calendar

Second Reading of Senate Bills

SB 45

SENATE BILL NO. 45 "An Act relating to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee" was read the second time.

Senator Seekins, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Judiciary Committee Substitute offered on page 570. Senator Ellis objected, then withdrew his objection. There being no further objections, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(JUD) was adopted.

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Objections were heard.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(JUD) will be on the March 31 calendar.

Reconsideration of Senate Resolutions

SJR 8

Senator Lincoln requested that the reconsideration on SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 be taken up. The resolution was before the Senate on reconsideration.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Relating to the division of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 8

Third Reading - On Reconsideration

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

Yeas: Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, French, Green, Guess, Ogan, Seekins, Stevens B, Stevens G, Taylor, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken

Nays: Elton, Hoffman, Lincoln

Absent: Olson

and so, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 passed the Senate on reconsideration and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

Honoring – Prince William Sound Community College, 25th Anniversary

Representative(s) Harris

Senator(s) Therriault, Lincoln, Bunde, Cowdery, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Ogan, Seekins, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Taylor, Wilken

In Memoriam – Representative Marco Pignalberi

Senator(s) Cowdery, Lincoln, Bunde, Therriault, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Green, Guess, Hoffman, Olson, Ogan, Seekins, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Taylor, Wilken

Senator Ben Stevens 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 Green moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 28 to March 31, plane time; and from April 17, afternoon plane time to April 22, morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Green was excused.

Senator Bunde moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 28, evening plane time to March 31, morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Bunde was excused.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 31, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

SB 98

Senators Wilken, Seekins, Cowdery, Ogan moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as cosponsors on SENATE BILL NO. 98 "An Act relating to civil liability for guest passengers on an aircraft or watercraft; and providing for an effective date." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 149

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 149 "An Act relating to timber and to the sale of timber by the state." Without objection, it was so ordered.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment**SJR 8**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 Relating to the division of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Enrollment**SB 77**

SENATE BILL NO. 77 "An Act naming the William Ransom Wood Centennial Bridge in Fairbanks" was enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary, Speaker and Chief Clerk and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:20 p.m., March 28, 2003.

Adjournment

Senator Ben Stevens moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:45 a.m., March 31, 2003. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

April 2003

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Mar 28	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Mar 31	Monday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		
Apr 02	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+ = SB 136	RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION		
Apr 04	Friday	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
	No Meeting Scheduled		

FINANCE

Mar 28	Friday	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
= SB 100	APPROP: CAPITAL PROJECTS		
	Dept of Transportation/Public Facilities		
= HB 12	HARASSMENT BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION		
	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/27/03>		
= SB 123	ELIMINATE REVIEW OF ADOPTION SUBSIDIES		
	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 3/31/03>		
SB 40	CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF		
	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 4/1/03>		
SB 106	FEE FOR STUDDER TIRES		
	<Bill Hearing Rescheduled to 4/1/03>		
	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

FINANCE (continued)

- Mar 31 Monday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**
 -- Time Change --
 = HB 12 HARASSMENT BY ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION
 = SB 123 ELIMINATE REVIEW OF ADOPTION SUBSIDIES
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/28/03>
 = HB 71 EXTEND BOARD OF MIDWIVES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 01 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 = SB 40 CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAYS BY DOTPF
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/28/03>
 = SB 106 FEE FOR STUDDERED TIRES
 <Bill Hearing Rescheduled from 3/28/03>
 SB 115 CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM EXPENSES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 02 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 SB 124 ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE GRANTS
 SB 108 HEALTH FACILITY MEDICAID RATES/ADV. COM'N
 SB 109 MEDICAID COST CONTAINMENT & PRIORITY LIST
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 HB 16 STRANDED GAS DEVELOPMENT ACT AMENDMENTS
 <Pending Referral>
 SB 86 INTEREST ON DELINQUENT TAXES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Apr 04 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**
 SB 103 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Mar 31 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Apr 02 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**
 No Meeting Scheduled

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)

Apr 03 Thursday Beltz 211 5:00 PM
 -- Time and Location Change --
 += SB 105 MEDICAID:CHILDREN/PREGNANT WOMEN/FACILITY
 += SB 30 ABORTION: INFORMED CONSENT; INFORMATION
 + SB 107 CORRESPONDENCE STUDY
 + SB 110 UNDER SCHOOL AGE STUDENTS

JUDICIARY

Mar 28 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Mar 31 Monday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 155 HUNTING SAME DAY AIRBORNE
 += SB 89 DEFINITION OF LOBBYING
 += SB 9 CLEANUP OF ILLEGAL DRUG SITES

Apr 02 Wednesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 53 REVOKE DRIVER'S LIC. FOR FATAL ACCIDENT
 += SB 58 PFD INELIGIBILITY/MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE
 += SB 59 PERMANENT FUND INELIGIBILITY FOR DUI
 += SB 2 PARENT LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE BY CHILD

Apr 04 Friday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 + SB 97 ATTY FEES: PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGANTS
 <Pending Referral>
 + HB 82 COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC MAIL
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Apr 01 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
 + SB 95 72-HOUR NOTICE OF TEACHER STRIKE

RESOURCES

Mar 28 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 122 NONRES.GAME TAG FEES/WILDLIFE TOUR PASS
 - + SB 97 ATTY FEES: PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGANTS
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 31 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + HB 16 STRANDED GAS DEVELOPMENT ACT AMENDMENTS
 - + SB 139 AK SALMON PRICE REPORT PROGRAM
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 02 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SJR 12 SUPPORTING HALIBUT BY-CATCH PROJECT
- Confirmation Hearing:
Commissioner, Dept of Fish & Game - Kevin Duffy
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 04 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM

- + SB 127 PRIORITY TREATMENT OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS
 - + SB 142 DNR LEAD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

STATE AFFAIRS

Apr 01 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM

- + SB 29 SUNSET DATES FOR DEPARTMENTS
 - + SB 137 EMPLOYMENT TAX FOR EDUCATION
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM

- + HB 52 SEX CRIME AND PORNOGRAPHY FORFEITURES
 - + SB 148 PFD: ALLOWABLE ABSENCE FOR MILITARY SVC
 - + SB 146 COMMEMORATIVE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE
 - + SB 85 REPEAT SERIOUS SEX OFFENSES
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 08 Tuesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM

- + SCR 6 LOCATION OF NEW SEAFOOD LAB
 - + SB 22 CRIME VICTIMS' COMP.:SEXUAL ABUSE/ASSAULT
- Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- + SB 158 MOVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL TO DHSS

TRANSPORTATION

Apr 01 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 SB 140 ROAD SIGNS TO PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Apr 03 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Apr 03 Thursday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 -- Rescheduled to 4/10/03 --
 FY04 Budget Close-out

Apr 10 Thursday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 -- Rescheduled from 4/3/03 --
 FY04 Budget Close-out

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Apr 04 Friday Senate Finance 532 8:00 AM
 Budget Close-out

CORRECTIONS

Apr 04 Friday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
 Review Agency Programs, Proposed FY04 Budget

Apr 07 Monday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
 Review Agency Programs, Proposed FY04 Budget

Apr 09 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
 Preliminary FY04 Budget Close-out

Apr 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
 FY04 Budget Close-out and Agency Response

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**COURT SYSTEM**

Apr 03 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 4:30 PM
 Overview of FY04 Budget Request

Apr 10 Thursday Senate Finance 532 11:30 AM
 FY04 Budget Close-out

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Apr 02 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 12:15 PM
 Department Overview

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Apr 10 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 1:00 PM

FISH & GAME

Apr 03 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:30 PM

GOVERNOR

Apr 02 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 12:00 PM
 FY04 Operating Budget Close-out

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 31 Monday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
 Review Agency Programs, Proposed FY04 Budget

Apr 01 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 4:30 PM
 Review Agency Programs, Proposed FY04 Budget

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

Apr 02	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	4:30 PM
	Review Agency Programs, Proposed FY04 Budget		
Apr 08	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	4:30 PM
	Preliminary FY04 Budget Close-out		
Apr 10	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	4:30 PM
	FY04 Budget Close-out and Agency Response		

LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Apr 03	Thursday	Beltz 211	12:00 PM
	-- Rescheduled to 4/9/03 -- FY04 Budget Close-out		
Apr 09	Wednesday	Beltz 211	12:00 PM
	-- Rescheduled from 4/3/03 -- FY04 Budget Close-out		

LAW

Apr 04	Friday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- Rescheduled to 4/11/03 -- FY04 Budget Close-out		
Apr 11	Friday	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
	-- Rescheduled from 4/4/03 -- FY04 Budget Close-out		

LEGISLATURE

Apr 03	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	12:00 PM
	FY04 Operating Budget Close-out		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Apr 03	Thursday Department Overview	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Apr 08	Tuesday -- Meeting Canceled --	Fahrenkamp 203	11:00 AM
Apr 11	Friday -----	Butrovich 205	12:30 PM

NATURAL RESOURCES

Apr 02	Wednesday -- Rescheduled to 4/9/03 -- FY04 Budget Close-out	Beltz 211	8:00 AM
Apr 09	Wednesday -- Rescheduled from 4/2/03 -- FY04 Budget Close-out -----	Beltz 211	8:00 AM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Apr 01	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM
Apr 08	Tuesday -----	Fahrenkamp 203	4:00 PM

REVENUE

Mar 28	Friday Department Overview	Butrovich 205	8:00 AM
Apr 09	Wednesday -- Time Change -- -----	Beltz 211	4:00 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Apr 03 **Thursday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:00 AM**
FY04 Operating Budget Overview

OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Mar 31 **Monday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Address by U.S. Senator Ted Stevens

Apr 25 **Friday** **House Chamber** **11:00 AM**
Address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski