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Thirty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Stevens at 11:03 a.m.

The roll showed twenty members present.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Sue Bahleda of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Wise and Generous One,
Thank you.

In your love, you have given us this Great Land. Grant us wisdom and reverence to use the resources of nature so that no one will suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come continue to praise you for your bounty. Guide us with your mercy as we remember those who suffer want and anxiety, that their needs may be satisfied out of the abundance you first gave us.

Wise and Generous One,
Thank you.

In your love, you have given each of us unique gifts, and have called us into specific occupations, relationships and activities using those gifts. Enable

these men and women who have been called into leadership, and all those who support them, to use their gifts faithfully to do the work before them. Empower them to work for what is good and just. In their mission, give them diligence, compassion, and hope. In their conversation, give them courage, patience, and vision. In their service, give them energy, peace, and joy.

Wise and Generous One,
I thank you.

Amen.

Senator Therriault led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

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

Communications

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated February 17 was received stating the monetary terms for the Letters of Agreement reached between the State and the Alaska State Employees Association (representing the General Government Bargaining Unit), and the Alaska Public Employees Association (representing the Supervisory Bargaining Unit and the Confidential Bargaining Unit) in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

The President referred the report to the Finance Committee.

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated February 17 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached between the State and the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

The President referred the report to the Finance Committee.

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

Alaska Legislative Report
Results for the Retiree Return Program
Enacted by House Bill 161 in 2005 on the
Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement System
from Annette Kreitzer, Commissioner, Department of Administration
in accordance with Chapter 50, SLA 2005

Alaska Legislature 2008 Salary and Business Expense Report
from Legislative Affairs Agency
in accordance with AS 24.10.120(b)

Standing Committee Reports

SB 1

The Labor and Commerce Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 1 "An Act increasing the minimum hourly wage, and creating an annual adjustment to the minimum hourly wage based on the rate of inflation; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(L&C) "An Act
increasing the minimum hourly wage; and providing
for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Paskvan, Chair; Senators Meyer, Thomas, Davis. Signing amend: Senator Bunde.

The following fiscal information was published today:
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Labor and Workforce
Development

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 19

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 19 "An Act relating to complaints concerning peace officers and village public safety officers and to notification to persons filing complaints concerning peace officers and village public safety officers" and recommended the adoption of the Community and Regional Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 176.

Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senator French. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kookesh. Signing amend: Senators Paskvan, Meyer.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Public Safety

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 50

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 50 "An Act relating to Iditarod finisher special request license plates." Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senators French, Meyer, Paskvan, Kookesh.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 52

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 52 "An Act relating to scheduling Salvia divinorum and Salvinorin A as controlled substances." Signing no recommendation: Senator Davis, Chair; Senators Ellis, Paskvan. Signing do pass: Senator Dyson. Signing amend: Senator Thomas.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Corrections

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

Fiscal Note No. 3, indeterminate, Department of Law

Fiscal Note No. 4, indeterminate, Department of Administration

Fiscal Note No. 5, indeterminate, Department of Administration

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 111

The Transportation Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 111 "An Act relating to the duration of a certificate of compliance for an intrastate air service provider; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Kookesh, Chair; Senators Menard, Davis, Meyer, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

SJR 6

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 Urging the United States Congress to reject H.R. 45, the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009, and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.
6(STA)

Signing do pass: Senator Menard, Chair; Senator Meyer. Signing no recommendation: Senator Kookesh. Signing amend: Senators French, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Legislative Agency

The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SJR 8**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 BY SENATOR MENARD,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to a program of honorarium payments for Alaska residents who were residents of the Territory of Alaska.

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

SJR 9

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to and limiting appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund based on an averaged percent of the fund market value to protect the fund from inflation and assure that the real value of the fund will be preserved over the long term.

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills

SB 123

SENATE BILL NO. 123 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations and capital appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 24:

Dear President Stevens:

I am transmitting to you today a federal economic stimulus supplemental appropriation bill for Fiscal Year 2009. This appropriation bill will provide \$461.1 million in authorization for aviation, transit, highway, and bridge projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The ARRA was signed into law on February 17, 2009.

The Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOTPF) has worked closely with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to understand the requirements of the ARRA and be able to meet the accelerated timelines for receipt and expenditure of the funds. For example, 50% of the funding under the FHWA program must be obligated within 120 days and the remaining must be fully obligated within one year.

In order to be eligible for funding, road and bridge projects must meet all the requirements that are tied to federal funding and the new requirements in the ARRA. In addition, the ARRA imposes requirements that certain categories of projects, such as sidewalks, bike paths, and waysides which qualify as "transportation enhancement" projects must be funded at set minimum amounts. For Alaska, this meant Congress required \$5.2 million be spent on transportation enhancement.

There are specific requirements for stimulus funding for roads and bridges, such as 67% to be used on any highway or road; 19% for state and local projects in communities with populations less than 5,000; 11% for projects in communities with populations greater than 200,000; and 3% for transportation enhancement projects including sidewalks, bike paths, and waysides. The projects must also be in a current State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and DOTPF has proposed amendments to the STIP which is currently out for public comment. The projects submitted for your consideration meet the criteria and timelines in the federal law.

Aviation projects proposed for funding had to meet stringent FAA eligibility requirements and are not in any priority order. With legislative authorization, the DOTPF will work with the FAA to receive the approval to move forward on projects that are currently

ready and a priority. Additional authorization is requested in order to ensure that Alaska will be able to utilize funding available for airport projects that meet the goals of the FAA and the state.

The supplemental bill requests \$45.6 million for FAA approved projects, \$9.1 million for transit projects, and \$302.4 million for FHWA projects, including \$11.6 million of new regular federal funds. A portion of the authorization is requested as contingency to ensure Alaska would benefit from redistribution of funds from other states if they are unable to meet the timing requirements. Additionally, \$115.7 million in fund source changes are requested to fund prior authorization for these projects with economic stimulus funds. This will simplify tracking of projects funded through federal economic stimulus dollars.

The ARRA requires rigorous tracking and reporting for expenditure of stimulus dollars. We are establishing a new federal fund source code for economic stimulus funds. DOTPF is working closely with their funding partners to capture the funds and put Alaskans to work. This is a jobs bill. We will create jobs and address needed Alaskan transportation infrastructure improvements with these funds.

This appropriation is the first in a series of requests that will be necessary for Alaska to participate in the federal economic stimulus package. I appreciate your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin
Governor

Spreadsheets entitled "Governor's FY2009 Economic Stimulus Bill" from the Office of Management and Budget and "Alaska Aviation Stimulus List" from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities accompanied the governor's transmittal letter and are on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

SB 124

SENATE BILL NO. 124 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act relating to the authorization for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to participate in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following fiscal information was published today:

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated February 24:

Dear President Stevens:

Under the authority of article III, section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to authorization for the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to participate in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This bill amends the uncodified law of Alaska to authorize the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to seek funding from the appropriations made to the United States Department of Transportation in Division A, Title XII and to the Department of Homeland Security in Division A, Title VI of the federal economic stimulus bill, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, P.L. 111-5.

The bill contains intent language in which the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is encouraged to maximize the funding it applies for and receives, while also noting that the United States Department of Transportation has discretion in the manner in which it allocates funds.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Sarah Palin

Governor

Consideration of the Calendar**Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 72**

SENATE BILL NO. 72 "An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts" was read the second time.

Senator Menard, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the State Affairs Committee Substitute offered on page 300. Without objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(STA) was adopted.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Without objection, it was so ordered.

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(STA) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(STA) "An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts" pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 72(STA)

Third Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Hoffman

and so, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(STA) passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Second Reading of Senate Resolutions**SCR 1**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 was read the second time and was before the Senate on final passage.

The question being: "Shall SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Relating to establishing March 2009 as Brain Injury Awareness Month, pass the Senate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 1

Second Reading - Final Passage

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, French, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Stevens, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Excused: Hoffman

and so, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 passed the Senate and was referred to the Secretary for engrossment.

Citations

In Memoriam – Walt Sheridan

Senator(s) Elton, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Thomas, Wagoner, Wielechowski

Representative(s) Kerttula, Munoz

In Memoriam – Chief Philip Rounds

Representative(s) Kawasaki, Guttenberg

Senator(s) Paskvan, Thomas, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

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

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

Special Order of Business

In Memoriam – Windell Harveston Speer

Representative(s) Guttenberg

Senator(s) Thomas, Stevens, Bunde, Davis, Dyson, Ellis, Elton, Hoffman, Huggins, Kookesh, McGuire, Menard, Meyer, Olson, Paskvan, Stedman, Therriault, Wagoner, Wielechowski

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

Unfinished Business

Senator Wagoner moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, February 26 through morning plane time, March 2; and from afternoon plane time, March 3 through evening plane time, March 10. Without objection, Senator Wagoner was excused.

Senator Menard moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from plane time, February 27 through plane time, March 1; and from afternoon plane time, March 4 through evening plane time, March 8. Without objection, Senator Menard was excused.

Senator Therriault moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from March 2 through March 8. Without objection, Senator Therriault was excused.

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate on March 2, to morning plane time. Without objection, Senator Ellis was excused.

SB 33

Senator McGuire moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 33 "An Act creating a postsecondary scholarship grant program for Alaska residents based on high achievement and financial need." Without objection, it was so ordered.

SB 29

Senator Wielechowski moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor on SENATE BILL NO. 29 "An Act naming the Capitol Annex the Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building." Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens made the following appointments:

Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force

(Legislative Resolve No. 38, SLA 1986)

Senator Hoffman

Senator Stevens

Senator Olson (alternate)

Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force

(Legislative Resolve No. 1, SLA 1978)

Senator Stedman

Senator Wagoner

Alaska Statehood Celebration Commission

(Chapter No. 122, SLA 2004)

Senator Stevens

Senator Wagoner

Bond Reimbursement & Grant Review Committee

(AS 14.11.014)

Senator Hoffman

Senator Therriault (alternate)

State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision

(Chapter No. 61, SLA 2002)

Senator French

Knik Arm Bridge & Toll Authority

(AS 19.75.031)

Senator Huggins

Parks Bail Advisory Committee

(AS 41.21.960(b))

Senator Wielechowski

Education Commission on the States

(AS 14.44.060)

Senator Bunde

Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation

(AS 14.40.826)

Senator Thomas

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Senator Hoffman

Senator Paskvan (alternate)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

(AS 14.42.015)

Senator French

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council

(AS 44.29.300)

Senator Elton

Senator Therriault

Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska

(AS 41.37.160 - -260)

Senator Menard

Alaska Health Care Commission

(Administrative Order 246)

Senator Olson

Energy Council

Senator Huggins – Executive Committee

Senator Stedman – Executive Committee

Senator Wagoner – CLEER Board of Directors

Senator Hoffman – Full Council

Senator Stevens – Full Council

Senator McGuire – Full Council

Senator Wielechowski – Full Council

Senator Davis – Full Council

Senator French – Full Council (alternate)

Senator Olson – Full Council (alternate)
Senator Therriault – Full Council (alternate)
Senator Dyson – Full Council (alternate)

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Engrossment

SB 72

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(STA) "An Act relating to use of child safety seats and seat belts" was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

SCR 1

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 Relating to establishing March 2009 as Brain Injury Awareness Month, was engrossed, signed by the President and Secretary and transmitted to the House for consideration.

Engrossment and Enrollment

SR 6

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6 Opposing a rule proposed by the Transportation Security Administration that would require certain security measures under a Large Aircraft Security Program for general aviation and commercial aircraft with a gross take-off weight of 12,500 pounds or more, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:28 a.m., February 24, 2009.

Senate Resolve No. 4

Adjournment

Senator Ellis moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10:00 a.m., February 27, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Kirsten Waid
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

Feb 26 Thursday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

EDUCATION

Feb 25 Wednesday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

Feb 27 Friday Beltz 211 8:00 AM
 + SB 18 POSTSECONDARY MEDICAL EDUC. PROG.
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

FINANCE

Feb 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 45 VETERANS' CEMETERIES/FUND/LICENSE PLATES
 + SB 13 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY
 + SB 87 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 -- MEETING CANCELED --
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 27 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM
 + SB 24 LOUIS MILLER BRIDGE
 + SB 25 RICHARD DEWEY DUVALL FERRY TERMINAL
 + SB 57 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING
 Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Feb 25 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **8:00 AM**
 Joint w/(H) Health & Social Services
 Key Campaign

Feb 25 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 35 EXTEND SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL
 + SB 96 CHILD SUPPORT/ CASH MEDICAL SUPPORT
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 27 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 47 STATUTE OF LIMITATION FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

JUDICIARY

Feb 25 **Wednesday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 + SB 110 PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Feb 27 **Friday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

LABOR & COMMERCE

Feb 26 **Thursday** **Beltz 211** **1:30 PM**
 += SB 23 REPEAL DEFINED CONTRIB RETIREMENT PLANS
 + HB 104 WORKERS COMP. MEDICAL TREATMENT FEES
 <Pending Referral>
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

RESOURCES

Feb 25 **Wednesday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 Joint w/(H) Resources
 Please Note Time & Location Change
 + Overview: Alaska Mining Industry
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

RESOURCES (continued)

Feb 27 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM
 + Overview: Pebble Mine Permitting and
 Associated Issues
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Feb 26 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 49 BLOOD DONATION AWARENESS FUND
 + SB 29 NAMING THOMAS B. STEWART LEG. OFFICE BLDG
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 03 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 + SB 94 PFD ALLOWABLE ABSENCE: ANTARCTIC PROGRAM
 + HJR 12 GROUND-BASED MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SYSTEM
 + SB 58 MARMOT DAY
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

Mar 05 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM
 No Meeting Scheduled

TRANSPORTATION

Feb 26 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM
 No Meeting Scheduled

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**ADMINISTRATION**

Feb 25 Wednesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Review of Division of Motor Vehicles,
 Division of General Services, and Public Broadcasting
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 09 Monday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Review of the Divisions of Finance, Personnel & Labor
 Relations, Retirement & Benefits, and the Violent Crimes
 Compensation Board
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**ADMINISTRATION(continued)**

Mar 11 Wednesday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Review of the AK Public Offices
 Commission, the AK Oil & Gas Conservation
 Commission, Enterprise Technology
 Services, and the Office of
 Administrative Hearings
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 13 Friday Beltz 211 3:30 PM
 Unfinished Business and Close-out
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

CORRECTIONS

Mar 13 Friday Beltz 211 11:00 AM
 Overview

Mar 16 Monday Beltz 211 3:00 PM
 Close-out

COURT SYSTEM

Feb 26 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
 +
 Court System Budget

Mar 10 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 4:00 PM
 +
 Court System Budget

EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Feb 25 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 5:00 PM
 +
 EED Budget

Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 4:00 PM
 +
 EED Budget

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Mar 12	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	3:30 PM
+	Overview		
Mar 16	Monday	Beltz 211	5:00 PM
	Close-out		

FISH & GAME

Mar 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Department Close-out		

GOVERNOR

Mar 20	Friday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Close-out		

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Mar 03	Tuesday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	Public Health Initiatives		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

Mar 05	Thursday	Fahrenkamp 203	8:00 AM
+	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
	Governor's Amendments, Q & A		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

Mar 10	Tuesday	Butrovich 205	3:00 PM
+	Governor's Amendments, Q & A		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

Mar 19	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
+	Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**LAW**

Mar 03	Tuesday -- MEETING CANCELED -- Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 10	Tuesday Budget Detail	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM
Mar 17	Tuesday Subcommittee Close-out	Senate Finance 532	1:30 PM

LEGISLATURE

Mar 20	Friday Close-out	Senate Finance 532	3:30 PM
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Mar 03 +	Tuesday Governor's Amendments - Q & A Session -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 17 +	Tuesday Budget Close-out -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --	Fahrenkamp 203	1:00 PM

REVENUE

Feb 26	Thursday Budget Overview: Dept of Revenue	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 12	Thursday Budget Detail	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM
Mar 19	Thursday Subcommittee Close-out	Fahrenkamp 203	1:30 PM

FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)

TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mar 03	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	-- MEETING CANCELED -- Budget Detail		
Mar 10	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Budget Detail		
Mar 13	Friday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Alaska Marine Highway System Budget Marine Transportation Advisory Board		
Mar 17	Tuesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Subcommittee Close-out		

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Mar 18	Wednesday	Senate Finance 532	8:00 AM
	Close-out		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

ENERGY

Feb 26	Thursday	Senate Finance 532	3:00 PM
	Joint w/(H) ENERGY Work Session: Comprehensive Energy Plan Presenters: Gwen Holdman, Dir., Alaska Center for Energy and Power; David Hobbs and Jim Meitl, Cambridge Energy Research Associates; Darrell Smith, Black Lion Energae		
Feb 27	Friday	Beltz 211	11:00 AM
+ SB 31	GEOHERMAL ELEC. PROD. TAX CREDIT		
+ HCR 2	IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE		
+ HCR 3	IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE		
+ HCR 4	IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE		
+ HCR 5	IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE		

SPECIAL COMMITTEES (continued)**WORLD TRADE, TECH, INNOVATIONS**

Feb 26 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **8:00 AM**
 + Alternative Energy Opportunities and
 Technologies in Arctic and Sub-Arctic Alaska
 Presenter: Mead Treadwell, Chair U.S.
 Arctic Research Commission

JOINT COMMITTEES**ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Mar 02 **Monday** **Senate Finance 532** **3:00 PM**
 + Lt. General Dana Atkins, Commander of
 Alaskan Command, Alaskan North American
 Aerospace Defense Command Region
 Lt. General (AK) Craig E. Campbell,
 Commissioner / Adjutant General,
 Alaska National Guard and the Dept. of
 Military & Veterans Affairs
 Presentation: Outlook on military
 construction under the new Obama
 Administration and continued military
 expansion in Alaska
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Feb 25 **Wednesday** **House Finance 519** **5:00 PM**
 + -- Rescheduled to 03/02/09 --
 Preliminary Audit - FY08 Statewide Single
 Audit
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Mar 02 **Monday** **House Finance 519** **5:00 PM**
 + -- Rescheduled from 02/25/09 --
 Preliminary Audit - FY08 Statewide Single
 Audit-Executive Session
 Other Committee Business
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

OTHER MEETINGS

FISH CAUCUS

Feb 26	Thursday	Capitol 106	12:00 PM
+	Alaska Seafood in the Global Food Aid Program: New Markets, Products and Revenues Brown Bag Lunch		

JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS

Mar 04	Wednesday	Fahrenkamp 203	12:00 PM
	Keeping it Clean, Keeping Alaskans Healthy		

Mar 27	Friday	Location Tba	12:00 PM
	Week of the Uninsured		

JOINT SESSION

Apr 07	Tuesday	House Chamber	11:00 AM
	Annual Address by the Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senator		