

**SENATE JOURNAL**  
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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**March 3, 2009**

**Forty-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President pro tempore Ellis at 11:04 a.m. The Senate was convened for the purpose of a technical session.

Senator Hoffman, Acting Majority Leader, moved that the roll call be waived. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The prayer was sung by the Chaplain, Don Burrell. Senator Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

First, our deepest condolences to the Menard family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of mourning.

And to the citizens of the great state of Alaska, I dedicate this song. As we journey through these troubling times, remember what a wonderful world we truly live in.

**“What A Wonderful World”**

I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see 'em bloom, for me and for you  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue, clouds of white  
Bright blessed days, dark sacred nights  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world

The colors of a rainbow, so pretty in the sky  
Are also on the faces, of people going by  
I see friends shaking hands, sayin "How do you do?"  
They're really sayin', "I love you"

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow  
They'll learn much more, than I'll ever know  
And I think to myself  
What a wonderful world.

The Senate observed a moment of silence in remembrance of former Senator Curt Menard.

Senator Wielechowski led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Communications**

The following letter dated March 2 was received stating:

Dear Senator Stevens:

By this letter, I submit my resignation from the Alaska State Senate effective at 5 p.m. today, March 2, 2009. I do so to accept the position of Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Interior for Alaskan Affairs.

As you may imagine, there are a thousand thoughts and emotions that I'll have to sort through later to try and define this day. Right now the best summation simply is that it has been such a privilege to serve with you and all our colleagues, past and present, as a member of the Alaska State Senate.

I look forward to working with legislators, the executive branch, and all other Alaskans as we build a stronger partnership between the Department of Interior and Alaska.

Sincerely,

/s/

Kim Elton  
Senate District B

**Standing Committee Reports****SB 3**

The Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 3 "An Act authorizing an Alaska regional development organization to use the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission as an informational resource." Signing do pass: Senators McGuire, Wielechowski, Cochairs; Senators Stevens, Stedman, French.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Commerce, Community  
and Economic Development

Fiscal Note No. 2, zero, Department of Fish and Game

The bill was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 58**

The State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 58 "An Act establishing February 2 of each year as Marmot Day; and providing for an effective date." Signing do pass: Senator Meyer, Vice Chair; Senators French, Kookesh, Paskvan.

The following fiscal information was published today:

Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Office of the Governor

The bill was referred to the Resources Committee.

**SB 96**

The Health and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 96 "An Act relating to nonpayment of child support; relating to certain judicial and administrative orders for medical support of a child; relating to periodic review and adjustment of child support orders; relating to relief from administrative child support orders; relating to child support arrearages; relating to medical support of a child and the Alaska Native family assistance program; amending Rule 90.3, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date" and recommended it be replaced with

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 96(HSS) "An Act relating to nonpayment of child support, to the definition of the term "state" for the purposes of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, to certain judicial and administrative orders for medical support of a child, to periodic review and adjustment of child support orders, to relief from administrative child support orders, to child support arrearages, and to medical support of a child and the Alaska Native family assistance program; amending Rule 90.3, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

Signing do pass: Senator Davis, Chair; Senator Paskvan. Signing no recommendation: Senators Thomas, Ellis.

The following fiscal information was published today:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, Department of Revenue

The bill was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HJR 12**

The State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Relating to the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System. Signing do pass: Senator Meyer, Vice Chair; Senators Kookesh, Paskvan, French.

The following previously published fiscal information applies:  
Fiscal Note No. 1, zero, House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs

The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee.

**Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

**Adjournment**

Senator Hoffman, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 5, 2009. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Kirsten Waid  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

**Mar 03      Tuesday                                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 05      Thursday                                      Beltz 211              3:30 PM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**EDUCATION**

**Mar 04      Wednesday                                      Beltz 211              8:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 06      Friday    Beltz 211              8:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE**

**Mar 03      Tuesday                                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 04      Wednesday                                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 05      Thursday                                      Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 06      Friday    Senate Finance 532              9:00 AM**  
No Meeting Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Mar 09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 12	LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 11	DEPENDENT HEALTH INSURANCE; AGE LIMIT		
+ SB 27	FOSTER CARE AGE LIMIT/TUITION WAIVER		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 13</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+ SB 70	NATUROPATHS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
+= SB 61	MANDATORY UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE		

**JUDICIARY**

<b>Mar 04</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

<b>Mar 03</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
+= HB 104	WORKERS COMP. MEDICAL TREATMENT FEES		
+ SB 79	MED BENEFITS OF DISABLED PEACE OFFICERS		
+ SB 80	EXTENDING VETERINARY BOARD		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		
<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 211</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
	No Meeting Scheduled		

**LABOR & COMMERCE (continued)**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 86 PAID SICK LEAVE  
 + SB 14 EXTEND MOTOR FUEL TAX SUSPENSION  
 + SB 39 EXTEND BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 12 Thursday Beltz 211 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 10 MEDICAID/INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS  
 + SB 114 EXT BD OF ARCHITECTS, ENGRS, & SURVEYORS  
 + SB 125 AK AEROSPACE CORPORATION  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**RESOURCES**

**Mar 04 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 06 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**STATE AFFAIRS**

**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

**Mar 10 Tuesday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 12 Thursday Beltz 211 9:00 AM**  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 03 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 HB 100 JOSEPH C WILLIAMS, SR., COASTAL TRAIL  
 SB 73 USE OF HEADLIGHTS REQUIRED  
 = SB 59 LOW- SPEED MOTOR VEHICLES  
 = SB 51 MOTOR VEHICLE WINDOW TINTING

**Mar 05 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**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> --

**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> --

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**CORRECTIONS**

**Mar 13 Friday Beltz 211 11:00 AM**  
 Overview

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

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**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)****COURT SYSTEM**

**Mar 10**      **Tuesday**                      **Fahrenkamp 203**              **4:00 PM**  
 +              Court System FY10 Budget Close-out  
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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

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

**Mar 16**      **Monday**                      **Fahrenkamp 203**              **5:00 PM**  
 +              EED FY10 Budget Close-out  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

**Mar 12**      **Thursday**                      **Fahrenkamp 203**              **3:30 PM**  
 +              Overview

**Mar 16**      **Monday**                      **Beltz 211**              **5:00 PM**  
 Close-out  
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**FISH & GAME**

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

**Mar 20**      **Friday**                      **Senate Finance 532**              **3:00 PM**  
 Close-out  
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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES (continued)**

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
	-- MEETING CANCELED --		
+	Governor's Amendments, Q & A		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
+	Governor's Amendments, Q & A		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
+	Budget Close-out		
	-- Testimony <Invitation Only> --		

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**LAW**

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

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**LEGISLATURE**

<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
	Close-out		

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

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

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**REVENUE**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Budget Detail	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Subcommittee Close-out	<b>Fahrenkamp 203</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>

**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

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

**UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Budget Meeting	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Close-out	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES****ENERGY**

<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>Thursday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>Mar 06</b>	<b>Friday</b> No Meeting Scheduled	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>

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

**Mar 05      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              8:00 AM**  
 No Meetings Scheduled this Week

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**OTHER MEETINGS****CHILDREN'S CAUCUS**

**Mar 24      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              12:00 PM**  
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 Topic: SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) in Alaska

**Mar 31      Tuesday                      Butrovich 205              12:00 PM**  
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 Topic: Exposure to Violence and a Child's Developing Brain

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**JOINT LEGISLATIVE HEALTH CAUCUS**

**Mar 04      Wednesday                      Terry Miller 104              12:00 PM**  
 +  
 Keeping it Clean, Keeping Alaskans Healthy

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

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**JOINT SESSION**

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