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FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

January 21, 2015

Second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order by President Meyer at 11:04 a.m.

The roll showed nineteen members present. Senator Ellis was absent.

The prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of the Gospel Outreach Christian Center. Senator Hoffman moved and asked unanimous consent that the prayer be spread. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Reading from Psalms 5...Give ear to my words, O Lord. Consider my meditation.

Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, for to you I will pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, I ask for Your presence to be here in this chamber; that Your light would shine upon the Senate as they consider the bills brought before them this session.

Let their burdens be light; let their conversation be lively and let there be a working unity among them.

I pray You would keep them in good health. For those members who are dealing with sickness this day, I pray that you would heal them.

Your word says in Psalms 103 that You are the Lord who heals all our diseases and I stand on that word and speak healing to them now. Touch them Lord, revive them and renew their strength.

And now, as they conduct the business of this day, I pray for Your blessing upon the Senators. Guide and lead them in all of their endeavors.

I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Senator Bishop led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certification

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first legislative day be approved as certified by the Secretary. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Messages from the Governor

Letter received on December 1, 2014 at 11:05 a.m. from Governor Sean Parnell was read stating in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution, I submit the following appointees for confirmation by a majority of the members of the Legislature in joint session as set out below:

State Assessment Review Board

William (Bill) Roberts – Kodiak

Appointed: 11/15/2014 Term Expires: No Defined Term

James (Jim) Strandberg – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/15/2014 Term Expires: No Defined Term

The appointments were referred to the Community and Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Frank Homan – Juneau

Appointed: 11/13/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

The appointment was referred to the State Affairs and Resources Committees.

Board of Massage Therapists

David Edwards-Smith – Soldotna

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

Ron Gibbs – Kodiak

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2016

Traci Gilmour – Juneau

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

Shirley Nelson – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

Amanda Unser – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2018

State Medical Board

Dr. Steven (Craig) Humphreys – Soldotna

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2016

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Dr. Stephen Stralka – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/25/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce and Health and Social Services Committees.

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Mike Barton – Douglas

Appointed: 12/9/2010

Reappointed: 7/15/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2019

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services and Finance Committees.

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

David Mayberry – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/10/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2015

The appointment was referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Renee Piszczek – Fairbanks

Appointed: 9/2/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Lake Williams – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/14/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2017

The appointments were referred to the Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Dr. George Brown – Douglas

Appointed: 6/24/2014 Term Expires: 3/1/2015

The appointment was referred to the Health and Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

A letter dated December 11, 2014, requesting legislative approval of accompanying amended finance plans (as required by AS 26.23.020(k)(2)), was received for the following disasters:

The 2009 Spring Flood Disaster

The 2011 West Coast Storm Disaster

The 2012 September Storm Disaster

The 2013 November Storms Disaster

The letter and amended finance plans had been copied to the Finance Committee Cochairs.

Messages from the House

Messages dated January 13 were read stating:

The House of Representatives respectfully invites the Senate to a Joint Session of the Twenty-ninth Alaska Legislature at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11 for the purpose of hearing Chief Justice Dana Fabe's State of the Judiciary Address; and at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18 for the purpose of hearing Senator Murkowski's annual message to the legislature.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate accept the House invitations to meet in Joint Session. Without objection, it was so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to notify the House.

Message dated January 20 was read stating the House has confirmed the following members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Representative Millett
Representative Tuck
Representative Vazquez, Alternate
Representative Josephson, Alternate

Communications

Report from the Commissioner of the Department of Administration dated June 18, 2014 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific 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 July 10, 2014 was received stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the International Organization of the Masters, Mates and Pilots 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 October 24, 2014 stating the monetary terms for the collective bargaining agreement reached with the Alaska Correctional Officers Association (ACOA) 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:

2014 Annual Report
Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
from Bill Moran, Chair
in accordance with AS 37.13.170

Alaska's Early Hearing Detection Intervention (EHDI) Program
Newborn Hearing Screening in Alaska: 2011-2012
from William J. Streur, Commissioner
Department of Health and Social Services
in accordance with AS 47.20.350

Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority 2014 Annual
Report and Basic Financial Statements and Schedules
from Ted Leonard, Executive Director
in accordance with AS 44.88.210(a)

Alaska Marine Highway Fund Annual Financial Report 2014
from Patrick J. Kemp, Commissioner
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
in accordance with AS 19.65.070

Annual Report 2014
from Larry Hinzman, Director
International Arctic Research Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Alaska
International Airports System (AIAS) Construction Fund Annual
Report and Spending Plan FY 2015
from Patrick J. Kemp, Acting Commissioner
in accordance with AS 37.15.420(c)

Certification of Capital Reserve Fund Requirement
from Russell A. Dick, Chair, Board of Directors
Alaska Energy Authority
in accordance with AS 44.83.110(f)

Notification of Availability of the Oil and Hazardous Substance
Release Prevention and Response Fund, Fiscal Years 2013-2014
Biennial Report
from Kristen Ryan, Director
in accordance with AS 46.08.060
available at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/index.htm>

Professional Licensing Report to the Legislature, November 2014
from Susan K. Bell, Commissioner, Department of Commerce,
Community, and Economic Development and Sara Chambers,
Director, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional
Licensing
in accordance with AS 08.01.065

Regulatory Commission of Alaska Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report
from Robert M. Pickett, Chairman
in accordance with AS 42.05.211

The following Budget and Audit Reports were received from Kris
Curtis, Legislative Auditor, in accordance with AS 24.20.311 and are
on file in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate:

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Regulatory Commission of Alaska
FY 13 Annual Report, May 16, 2014

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Sunset Review, May 30, 2014

Department of Corrections
Performance Review, December 2, 2014

**Introduction and Reference of
Senate Resolutions****SJR 1**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR
WIELECHOWSKI,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, establishing the earnings reserve account, relating to the permanent fund dividend, and requiring the permanent fund dividend be at least equal to the amount that would be calculated under current law.

(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SJR 2

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 BY SENATOR
MACKINNON,

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to contracting state debt for postsecondary student loans.

(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SJR 3

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 BY SENATOR KELLY,

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska to increase the number of members on the judicial council; relating to the initial terms of new members appointed to the judicial council; and relating to the confirmation of members of the judicial council.

(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SJR 4

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 BY SENATOR GIESSEL,

Urging the federal government to empower the state to protect the state's access to affordable and reliable electrical generation.

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy and State Affairs Committee.

SJR 5

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 was not offered.

SJR 6

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI,

Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to work to amend the Constitution of the United States to prohibit corporations, unions, and individuals from making unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

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

SJR 7

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI,

Supporting the construction by American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., of an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in the nation's capital.

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

SCR 1

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 BY SENATOR STEVENS,

Relating to a legislative task force on civics education.

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

Introduction and Reference of Senate Bills**SB 1**

SENATE BILL NO. 1 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 2

SENATE BILL NO. 2 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to a voluntary preference for veterans and for spouses and domestic partners of veterans by private employers."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 3

SENATE BILL NO. 3 BY SENATOR STEVENS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the collection, storage, and handling of student data."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 4

SENATE BILL NO. 4 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosures required by the
Legislative Ethics Act."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 5

SENATE BILL NO. 5 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act relating to loss of income and valuing
property for orders of restitution."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 6

SENATE BILL NO. 6 BY SENATORS MACKINNON, Stoltze,
Coghill, entitled:

"An Act exempting the state from daylight saving
time; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 7

SENATE BILL NO. 7 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act directing the Regulatory Commission of
Alaska to provide a report to the legislature relating
to electrical transmission in certain areas of the state;
and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy and Finance Committee.

SB 8

SENATE BILL NO. 8 BY SENATOR ELLIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp."

(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 9

SENATE BILL NO. 9 BY SENATOR MICCICHE, entitled:

"An Act repealing the authority to include certain material from a political party in the election pamphlet."

(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 10

SENATE BILL NO. 10 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act making sales of and offers to sell certain energy resources at prices that are unconscionable an unlawful act or practice under the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on Energy, Labor and Commerce and Finance Committees.

SB 11

SENATE BILL NO. 11 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 9, 2015)

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

SB 12

SENATE BILL NO. 12 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to the payment of sick leave by employers; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

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

SB 13

SENATE BILL NO. 13 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the state and municipalities from using assets to assist a federal agency in collecting certain telephone records or electronic data without a warrant; prohibiting the state from cooperating with a federal agency in collecting certain telephone records or electronic data without a warrant; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

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

SB 14

SENATE BILL NO. 14 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the appointment of a mobile intensive care paramedic to the State Medical Board; relating to medical review organizations; relating to immunity pertaining to automated external defibrillators; and providing for an effective date."
(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

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

SB 15

SENATE BILL NO. 15 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the tax on policy year premiums for life insurance policies; relating to single and group life insurance policies; and relating to other types of insurance policies that insure the life of one or more individuals."

(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

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

SB 16

SENATE BILL NO. 16 BY SENATOR MCGUIRE, entitled:

"An Act declaring the Arctic policy of the state."

(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

was read the first time and referred to the Senate Special Committee on the Arctic and State Affairs Committee.

SB 17

SENATE BILL NO. 17 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to denial of requests for disclosure of public records."

(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

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

SB 18

SENATE BILL NO. 18 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act exempting a health care sharing ministry from regulation as an insurer."

(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

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

SB 19

SENATE BILL NO. 19 BY SENATOR COGHILL, entitled:

"An Act relating to road service area boundary changes."

(Prefile released January 16, 2015)

was read the first time and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

SB 20

SENATE BILL NO. 20 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

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

SB 21

SENATE BILL NO. 21 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act relating to a defense to the crime of prostitution for victims of sex trafficking."

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

SB 22

SENATE BILL NO. 22 BY SENATOR GIESSEL, entitled:

"An Act relating to the collection costs for the municipal motor vehicle registration tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 23

SENATE BILL NO. 23 BY SENATOR ELLIS, entitled:

"An Act relating to immunity for prescribing, providing, or administering opioid overdose drugs."

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

SB 24

SENATE BILL NO. 24 BY SENATOR GARDNER, entitled:

"An Act relating to the applicability of the Legislative Ethics Act to legislative interns, legislative volunteers, consultants, independent contractors, sole proprietorships, and other legal entities."

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

SB 25

SENATE BILL NO. 25 BY SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI, entitled:

"An Act relating to victims of criminal offenses."

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

SB 26

SENATE BILL NO. 26 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 20:

Dear President Meyer,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16).

In order to meet the December 15 statutory deadline for budget submission, the former administration's FY16 capital budget was reduced to include the minimum level of general funds necessary to secure federal or other match funding and a limited number of projects that are a priority to my administration. My administration has continued to refine our budget proposal after the December 15 deadline. A new budget, fully endorsed by me, will be submitted in advance of the February 18 amended budget deadline.

The Walker administration looks forward to working with the Legislature on a FY16 budget with full legislative deliberation and will provide the fully endorsed amended budget to legislators as early as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 27

SENATE BILL NO. 27 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, making reappropriations, and making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 20:

Dear President Meyer,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16).

In order to meet the December 15 statutory deadline for budget submission, the former administration's FY16 operating budget is being submitted without endorsement. My administration has continued to refine our budget proposal after the December 15 deadline. A new budget, fully endorsed by me, will be submitted in advance of the February 18 amended budget deadline.

The Walker Administration looks forward to working with the Legislature on a FY16 budget with full legislative deliberation and will provide the fully endorsed amended budget to legislators as early as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

SB 28

SENATE BILL NO. 28 BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

In accordance with AS 37.14.003(b) a report of the differences between the Governor's proposed budget and the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority was transmitted.

Governor's transmittal letter dated January 20:

Dear President Meyer,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations. Also as required, the enclosed report outlines the differences between the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and the proposed budget.

In order to meet the December 15 statutory deadline for budget submission, the former administration's FY16 operating and capital budgets are being submitted without endorsement. My Administration has continued to refine our budget proposal after the December 15 deadline. A new budget, fully endorsed by me, will be submitted in advance of the February 18 amended budget deadline.

The Walker Administration looks forward to working with the Legislature on a FY16 budget with full legislative deliberation and will provide the fully endorsed amended budget to legislators as early as possible.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker
Governor

Unfinished Business

President Meyer made the following appointment:

SR 1

Senate Special Committee on World Trade

Senator Meyer

Senator Huggins moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from morning plane time, January 24 through evening plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senator Huggins was excused.

Senator Bishop moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from afternoon plane time, January 23 through evening plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senator Bishop was excused.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent to be excused from a call of the Senate from evening plane time, January 23 through evening plane time, January 25. Without objection, Senator Giessel was excused.

Announcements

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

Recess

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess to the Joint Session. Without objection, the Senate recessed at 11:41 a.m.

After Recess

Joint Session in the House

Speaker Chenault called the House to order and in accordance with Uniform Rule 51 turned the gavel over to President Meyer, who called the Joint Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

The presence of Senator Ellis was noted.

The purpose of the Joint Session was to hear the State of the State address by Governor Bill Walker.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. Without objection, it was so ordered.

President Meyer appointed Representative Herron and Senator Micciche to escort Governor Walker to the Joint Session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, Grace Ellsworth, announced the Governor's entrance to the House Chamber.

The Honorable Bill Walker was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Meyer.

Governor Walker delivered his address. This address appears in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 1.

Governor Walker received a standing ovation and was escorted from the chamber by Senator Micciche and Representative Herron.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Joint Session stand in adjournment. Without objection, President Meyer adjourned the Joint Session at 7:43 p.m.

After Recess

In the Senate

The Senate reconvened at 7:48 p.m.

Engrossment and Enrollment

SR 1

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on World Trade, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:48 p.m., January 21, 2015.

Senate Resolve No. 1

SR 2

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on the Arctic, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:48 p.m., January 21, 2015.

Senate Resolve No. 2

SR 3

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3 Establishing a Senate Special Committee on Energy, was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the President and Secretary and the engrossed and enrolled copies transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 2:48 p.m., January 21, 2015.

Senate Resolve No. 3

Adjournment

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., January 22, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Liz Clark
Secretary of the Senate

Announcements

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STANDING COMMITTEES

+ indicates teleconference

= indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

FINANCE

Jan 21	Wednesday No Meeting	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 22	Thursday + Presentation: Overview FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets, David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division Committee Contract: Angela Rodell and Bill Streur	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM
Jan 23	Friday + Presentation: Overview FY16 Operating and Capital Budgets Pat Pitney, Director, Office of Management and Budget Presentation: Fall 2014 Forecast Randall Hoffbeck, Commissioner-Designee Department of Revenue	Senate Finance 532	9:00 AM

JUDICIARY

Jan 26	Monday -- Testimony <Invitation Only> -- + Joint with House JUD + Senate Bill: Criminal Misconduct Relating to Marijuana <Pending Introduction & Referral>	Butrovich 205	1:00 PM
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JUDICIARY (continued)

Jan 28 **Wednesday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + + Senate Bill:
 Criminal Misconduct Relating to Marijuana
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>

Jan 30 **Friday** **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)** **1:30 PM**
 + + Senate Bill:
 Criminal Misconduct Relating to Marijuana
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>

RESOURCES

Jan 21 **Wednesday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 Overview of the Alaska Gasline Development
 Corporation
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

Jan 23 **Friday** **Butrovich 205** **3:30 PM**
 Update from the Office of the Federal Pipeline
 Coordinator
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

STATE AFFAIRS

Jan 22 **Thursday** **Butrovich 205** **9:00 AM**
 Overview: Ballot Measure No. 2 (13PSUM) - An Act
 to Tax and Regulate the Production, Sale, and Use
 of Marijuana
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

TRANSPORTATION

Jan 22 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:00 PM
 + Joint w/ House Transportation
 Overview of the Alaska Marine Highway System
 (AMHS) Report to the Legislature Presented by
 Matt McLaren, Business Development and Enterprise
 Manager, AMHS and Captain Falvey,
 General Manager, AMHS
 + Discussion on Status of Projects:
 - Road to Ambler Mining District
 - Juneau Access Road
 - The Susitna Watana Hydro Project
 - Knik Arm Bridge
 - The Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline
 - The Kodiak Launch Complex

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC

Jan 22 Thursday Fahrenkamp 203 10:45 AM
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
 + Joint Meeting with House Economic Development,
 Tourism, and Arctic Policy
 Pacific Northwest Economic Region: How to
 Capitalize on Arctic Council Transition;
 Arctic Caucus Planning Discussions

JOINT COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT

Jan 21 Wednesday House Finance 519 9:00 AM
 Organizational Meeting

SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

Jan 21 +	Wednesday FULL COMMITTEE: Open Session Public Comment Election of Committee Chairs for 2015-2016 Chair/Staff Report Annual Benefit and Loan Review & Discussion Budget Contractor Subcommittee Report 2015 Legislation Update Collection of Unpaid Fines Report on Meeting with Rules Chairs Other Business	Capitol 106	9:00 AM
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OTHER MEETINGS**JOINT SESSION**

Jan 21	Wednesday State of the State Address by the Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of Alaska	House Chamber	7:00 PM
Jan 22	Thursday State of the Budget Address by the Honorable Bill Walker, Governor of Alaska	House Chamber	7:00 PM
Feb 11	Wednesday State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Chief Justice, Dana Fabe	House Chamber	11:00 AM
Feb 18	Wednesday Annual Address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator	House Chamber	11:00 AM