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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 9, 2015**

**Forty-ninth Day**

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

The roll showed seventeen members present. Senators Olson, Stedman, Stevens were excused from a call of the Senate.

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

**Guiding One:**

It is difficult and mighty work that these men and women gather to do this day. It is work that matters. And so, we thank you for their strength of commitment to serve all the people of this Great Land.

Help them, as schedules press, deadlines loom, and pressures heighten, to engage one another with patience and respect. Prepare their hearts and minds as they act on all that lies before them. Give them your wisdom, that they may speak justly. Give them your courage, that they may stand firmly. Give them your vision, that they may see possibility. Give them your energy, that they may persevere. Give them your truth, that they may strive for all that is right and good.

We ask for all these things in confidence and hope. Amen.

Senator Coghill led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Certification**

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

**Consideration of the Calendar****Second Reading of Senate Bills****SB 6**

SENATE BILL NO. 6 "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date" was read the second time.

Senator MacKinnon, Cochair, moved and asked unanimous consent for the adoption of the Finance Committee Substitute offered on page 376. Senator Gardner objected, then withdrew her objection. There being no further objection, CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(FIN) "An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of Alaska; and providing for an effective date" was adopted.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the bill be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading and placed on final passage. Senator Gardner objected.

President Meyer stated CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(FIN) will advance to third reading on the March 11 calendar.

**Citations**

Honoring - Mr. Andrew Jimmie  
Senator(s) Bishop, Meyer, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Talerico

Honoring - Captain Gary Givens, RPh, PHS

Senator(s) MacKinnon, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

Honoring - Juneau Masonic Community

Senator(s) Egan, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Kito, Munoz

Honoring - Robert Nelson and The Anchorage Vet Center

Senator(s) Huggins, Costello, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Thompson, Vazquez

Honoring - Northern Industrial Training, LLC.

Senator(s) Huggins, Dunleavy, Stoltze, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Wielechowski

Honoring - Elizabeth Kotongan on Her 100th Birthday

Senator(s) Olson, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski  
Representative(s) Foster

In Memoriam - Art Peters

Senator(s) Huggins, Stevens, Meyer, Bishop, Coghill, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stoltze, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Margaret Edith (Stanton) Sanders

Representative(s) Talerico  
Senator(s) Coghill, Bishop, Meyer, Costello, Dunleavy, Egan, Ellis, Gardner, Giessel, Hoffman, Huggins, Kelly, MacKinnon, McGuire, Micciche, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Stoltze, Wielechowski

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

#### **Announcements**

Announcements are at the end of the journal.

#### **Adjournment**

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment until 11:00 a.m., March 11, 2015. Without objection, the Senate adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Liz Clark  
Secretary of the Senate

**Announcements**

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**STANDING COMMITTEES**

+ indicates teleconference  
 = indicates bill previously heard/scheduled

**COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS**

<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
		No Meeting Scheduled	
<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+= SB 19	BOUNDARIES OF ROAD SERVICE AREAS		
+ SB 56	MUNI ENERGY IMPROVEMNT ASSESSMNTS/BONDS		
+	Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled		

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**EDUCATION**

<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
+	Presentation: Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools 2015 University of Alaska Board of Regents Regent Michael Powers, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee		
+	Presentation: Educator Quality and Quantity Jerry Covey, JSC Consulting on Behalf of the Citizens for the Educational Advancement of Alaska's Children		
+	Presentation: Targeting Student Success through University Collaboration and Tutoring Intervention Ty Mase, Superintendent, Lake & Peninsula School District		

**EDUCATION (continued)**

**Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**  
 + HCR 2 JAN 24 - 30, 2016: AK SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK  
 += SJR 2 CONST. AM: G.O. BONDS FOR STUDENT LOANS  
 += SCR 1 CIVICS EDUCATION TASK FORCE  
 + SB 64 SCHOOL BOND DEBT REIMBURSEMENT  
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**FINANCE**

**Mar 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 09 Monday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 Departments: University of Alaska, Military and  
 Veterans' Affairs, and Labor and Workforce Development  
 <University of Alaska Removed from Agenda>  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 Departments: Law; Commerce, Community, and  
 Economic Development; and Education and Early  
 Development  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**Mar 11 Wednesday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**FINANCE (continued)**

- Mar 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 27 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS  
 Departments: Transportation and Public  
 Facilities, and Health and Social Services  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 12 Thursday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 9:00 AM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 13 Friday Senate Finance 532 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 14 Saturday Senate Finance 532 10:00 AM**  
 += SB 30 MARIJUANA REG;CONT. SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Mar 09 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled
- Mar 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 += SB 1 REGULATION OF SMOKING  
 += SB 18 HEALTH CARE SHARE MINISTRY NOT INSURANCE  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 13 Friday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 + Senate Bill: An Act Relating to Medicaid  
 <Pending Introduction & Referral>  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
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**JUDICIARY**

- Mar 09 Monday Butrovich 205 1:30 PM**  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 += SB 51 UNIFORM INTER.CHILD SUPPORT;PARENTAGE  
 += SB 5 RESTITUTION: PROPERTY AND INCOME LOSS  
 += SB 41 PSYCHOLOGIST & ASSOC CRIM HISTORY CHECKS  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 11 Wednesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Legislative Hearing: Inmate Death in the Alaska  
 Prison System  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --
- Mar 13 Friday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Confirmation of Governor's Appointment:  
 Craig Richards, Attorney General - Department of Law  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**LABOR & COMMERCE**

- Mar 10 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + SB 60 ESTABLISH MARIJUANA CONTROL BOARD  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --  
 + SB 53 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES  
 + SB 44 RELIGIOUS UNION EXEMPTION: PERA & AKRR  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 12 Thursday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 1:30 PM**  
 + Board and Commission Appointees for:  
 Board of Public Accountancy  
 Alcohol Beverage Control Board  
 Big Game Commercial Services Board  
 Fisherman's Advisory Council  
 Alaska Labor Relations Agency  
 Real Estate Commission  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled



**RESOURCES**

- Mar 09 Monday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + Overview: Wetlands Mitigation in Alaska
  - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
  - + SB 70 GAS PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY;PARKS;REFUGES
  - Public Testimony --
  - + HJR 7 OPPOSE ALEUTIAN NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY
  - Public Testimony --
  - <Above Item Removed from Agenda>
  - + HJR 8 FEDS ALLOW STATE TO MAKE ENERGY CHOICES
  - <Pending Referral>
  - Public Testimony --
  - + HJR 6 FEDERAL CONTAMINATION OF ANCSA LANDS
  - <Pending Referral>
  - Public Testimony --
  - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 11 Wednesday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + Overview: Middle Earth Oil & Gas Development
  - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
  - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled
- Mar 13 Friday Butrovich 205 3:30 PM**
- + Overview: Alaska Oil & Gas Competitiveness
  - Review Board Update and Report
  - Testimony <Invitation Only> --
  - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS**

- Mar 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 8:30 AM**
- + SCR 6 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH:APRIL 2015
  - Public Testimony --
  - += SB 62 REGULATION OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES; BOARD
  - + SB 42 PERSONAL USE FISHING PRIORITY
  - Public Testimony --
  - + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**STATE AFFAIRS (continued)**

**Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 8:00 AM**  
 + Governor's Appointments - Confirmation Hearing:  
 Col. Laurie Hummel, Commissioner, Department of  
 Military and Veterans' Affairs  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 + SB 63 NAMING STATE LIBRARY & MUSEUM  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 4 FINL. DISCLOSURE: LEGIS AND PUB OFFICIALS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 24 LEGIS. ETHICS ACT: CONTRACTORS, INTERNS  
 -- Public Testimony --  
 += SB 62 REGULATION OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES; BOARD  
 + Bills Previously Heard/Scheduled

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 1:00 PM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEES****ADMINISTRATION**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 7:30 AM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Discussion of:  
 Budgetary Changes Adopted in the House of Representatives  
 Enterprise Technology Services  
 Opportunities for Consolidation / Privatization  
 Recapture of Excess Funds Currently in Numerous  
 Stand-alone Fund Balances  
 Universal Space Standards  
 Alaska Land Mobile Radio  
 - Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner, DOA  
 - John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner, DOA  
 - Cheri Lowenstein, Administrative Services  
 Director, DOA  
 - Andy Mills, Special Assistant, DOA

**ADMINISTRATION (continued)**

**Mar 12      Thursday                      Fahrenkamp 203              7:30 AM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 Discussion Related to "Intent Language" to be  
 Considered to Address Budgetary  
 Recommendations and Long Range Budgetary Plans  
 - Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner, DOA  
 - John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner, DOA  
 - Cheri Lowenstein, Administrative Services  
 Director, DOA  
 - Andy Mills, Special Assistant, DOA

**Mar 19      Thursday                      Butrovich 205              7:30 AM**  
 Closeout  
 - Sheldon Fisher, Commissioner, DOA  
 - Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner  
 - John Boucher, Deputy Commissioner  
 - Cheri Lowenstein, Administrative Services  
 Director  
 - Andy Mills, Special Assistant

**COMMERCE, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEV**

**Mar 11      Wednesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development

**Mar 17      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Commerce, Community & Economic Development

**Mar 24      Tuesday                      Senate Finance 532              3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

**CORRECTIONS**

**Mar 13      Friday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 Budget Overview

**Mar 23      Monday                      Beltz 105 (tsbldg)              5:00 PM**  
 Budget Comparison and Concerns

**CORRECTIONS (continued)**

**Mar 25**      **Wednesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Tentative Closeout

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**EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

**Mar 11**      **Wednesday**                      **Butrovich 205**                      **8:00 AM**  
 + Overview: Budgetary Changes Adopted by the House  
 of Representatives and the Potential Impacts  
 Mike Hanley, Commissioner, Department of  
 Education and Early Development, DEED  
 Heidi Teshner, Director of Administrative  
 Services, DEED

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**FISH & GAME**

**Mar 12**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Discussion of:  
 Budgetary Changes Adopted in the House of  
 Representatives  
 Impact on Fish Management of the International  
 Treaties;  
 Escapement Goals and Stocks of Concern;  
 Habitat Enhancement  
 - Jeff Regnart, Director of Commercial Fisheries  
 - Tom Brookover, Acting Director of Sports Fish

**Mar 17**      **Tuesday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Discussion Related to "Intent Language" to be  
 Considered to Address Budgetary Recommendations  
 and Longer Range Budgetary plans

**Mar 19**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**                      **5:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Mar 09**      **Monday**                      **Senate Finance 532**                      **5:30 PM**  
 -- MEETING CANCELED --  
 Department of Health and Social Services

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES (continued)**

<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Department of Health and Social Services	<b>Butrovich 205</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Monday</b> Department of Health and Social Services	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Closeout	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>

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**LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Monday</b> Budget Overview	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Budget Comparison and Concerns	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Friday</b> Tentative Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

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**MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

<b>Mar 12</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Military & Veterans Affairs	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> Closeout	<b>Senate Finance 532</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>

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**NATURAL RESOURCES**

<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> Budget Overview	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Thursday</b> Budget Comparison and Concerns	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Monday</b> Tentative Closeout	<b>Beltz 105 (tsbldg)</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>

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**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Department of Public Safety

**Mar 19 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Department of Public Safety

**Mar 26 Thursday Senate Finance 532 3:00 PM**  
 Closeout

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**TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM**  
 Department of Transportation and Public  
 Facilities

**Mar 17 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM**  
 Department of Transportation and Public  
 Facilities

**Mar 24 Tuesday Fahrenkamp 203 11:00 AM**  
 Closeout

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**SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**SPECIAL CMTE ON ENERGY**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 3:30 PM**  
 -- Location Change & Time Change --  
 + SB 50 AIDEA: BONDS;PROGRAMS;LOANS;LNG PROJECT  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC**

**Mar 10 Tuesday Butrovich 205 10:45 AM**  
 + Presentation: "Arctic Waterways Safety Committee:  
 Streamlined Path for Safe Vessel Operations in  
 the Arctic"

**SPECIAL CMTE ON THE ARCTIC (continued)**

**Mar 12 Thursday Butrovich 205 11:15 AM**  
 No Meeting Scheduled

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**JOINT COMMITTEES**

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET & AUDIT**

**Mar 10 Tuesday House Finance 519 7:30 AM**  
 -- Location Change --  
 + Public Hearing  
 Education Funding Study: State of Alaska's  
 Method of Funding K-12 Education  
 Public Comment to Assist the Education Funding  
 Study Contractor in Understanding the Public  
 Perspective on Alaska's Current School Funding  
 Structure  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit Set to 3 Minutes> --

**Mar 17 Tuesday Beltz 105 (tsbldg) 7:30 AM**  
 + Public Hearing  
 Department of Health and Social Services  
 Performances Review  
 Public Comment on the Performance of DHSS in the  
 Delivery of its Behavioral Health and Long-Term  
 Care Services and on the Department's Overall  
 Organizational and Administrative Structure  
 -- Testimony <Time Limit Set to 3 Minutes> --

**Mar 30 Monday Barnes 124 7:30 AM**  
 Audits - Executive Session: Statewide Single  
 Audit FY14 Final  
 Other Committee Business  
 -- Testimony <Invitation Only> --

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**OTHER MEETINGS**

**JOINT SESSION**

**Mar 23 Monday House Chamber 11:00 AM**  
 + Annual Address by the Honorable  
 Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator

**MISCELLANEOUS MEETING**

- Mar 12**      **Thursday**                      **Capitol 106**              **12:00 PM**  
Lunch and Learn - Alaska North Slope  
Conventional and Unconventional Oil and Gas  
Sponsored by Senator Kelly and Senator Giessel
- Mar 12**      **Thursday**                      **Beltz 105 (tsbldg)**              **12:01 PM**  
Lunch and Learn  
Samuel Gottstein, an Academic Law Fellow at the  
Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional  
Democracy, Will Discuss How Granting Limited  
Criminal Jurisdiction to Alaska Native  
Communities Would Be Cost-effective, Avoid  
Federal Overreach, and Make Rural Alaska Native  
Communities Safer  
Sponsored by Senator Gardner