



# **The Alaska State Senate Bipartisan Working Group**

**Achievements**  
Second Session of the 26<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



Senator Gary Stevens  
*President of the Senate*

April 20, 2010

Dear Senators,

With the second session of the 26th Alaska Legislature concluded, I cannot help but look back on the past two years and be proud of the work we have done for our state and our constituents. Following on the heels of the 25<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature, we once again proved that a bipartisan group of Senators could set aside partisan politics and work together to meet the challenges facing the State of Alaska head-on.

This session we focused our efforts on building, energizing and protecting Alaska. We put billions into savings, repaid the Constitutional Budget Reserve, forward-funded education, crafted a state energy policy and addressed the ongoing issues surrounding oil, gas and other resource development in Alaska.

As you talk to your constituents about the 2010 session, I hope this achievement booklet will help you outline the successes we had in meeting the Working Group's goals this year. The good work we have done for Alaska will resonate well beyond 2010.

I was honored to have been chosen to lead the Working Group as Senate President. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to work with you in this capacity. I look forward to working with you throughout the interim and in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "G. Stevens", written in a cursive style.

Senator Gary Stevens  
President of the Senate

## MEMBERS

### **The Alaska State Senate Bipartisan Working Group** *Second Session of the 26<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature* *January 19 – April 18, 2010*

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**SENATE BIPARTISAN WORKING GROUP  
26<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE**

Goals and Objectives - 2010 Session

**BUILD • ENERGIZE • PROTECT**

**ENERGY**

- Comprehensive Energy Package - Available, affordable and reliable energy for Alaskans' homes and businesses

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- Fully repay state savings account (\$400 million)
- Conserve to extend the life of our savings

**EDUCATION**

- Keep the promise on forward funding, area cost differential and special education
- Address Merit and Needs based scholarships for post-secondary education and vocational/technical training
- Work to improve High School and College graduation rates

**SAFE COMMUNITIES**

- Maximum funding for municipal assistance and revenue sharing
- Pass comprehensive anti-crime package, including legislation to combat domestic violence and sexual assault

**JOBS and ECONOMY**

- Infrastructure investment and private sector job growth



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET** **– HOLDING THE LINE**

The Senate continued its commitment to keeping state agency spending down while continuing to fund critical areas the citizens of Alaska expect. This session the Legislature trimmed \$17 million from an already lean operating budget submitted by the Governor. The general fund growth rate of the operating budget is 6.2% with the main increase drivers being Medicaid at \$96 million and education at \$55 million increases over the FY 10 Management Plan.

The FY 11 operating budget appropriates \$4.3 billion in general funds and \$3 billion in federal and other funding sources for the on-going operating expenses of all three branches of state government, as well as K-12 education and the University of Alaska. It provides a good foundation for the operations of state government and addresses the growing needs of the Alaska Public.

This year the Senate continued to focus general fund spending on priorities such as K-12 education (\$1.12 billion), oil and gas development (approximately \$25 million), public safety (\$10 million increment), preserving the state's fishery resources ( \$1.9 million increment to F&G com fish), and joining with the Governor to fight against domestic violence and sexual assault (\$3 million).

### **FY 2011 operating budget:**

- \$5.1 Billion GF
- \$8.1 Billion Total funds

The budget is \$17.4 million GF less than the Governor's amended budget submission

- This represents a 6.2% GF increase in state operations.
- The Governor had a 7.2% increase.

### **Positions**

21,595 full time positions (31 less than the Governor proposed)

2,307 Perm part time positions (2 less than Governor proposed)

660 Temporary positions (up one position from the Governor's request.)

### **Gas Pipeline funding**

- The operating budget includes all the Governor's \$9 million request for the Alaska pipeline project including,
  1. \$2.5 million for the Department of Law for outside counsel and experts.
  2. \$4.1 million for the Department of Natural Resources for gas pipeline implementation
  3. \$2.6 million to the Department of Revenue for the Tax Division and natural gas commercialization.
- The operating budget also includes the \$15.6 million for In-State gas for the Fiscal note for HB 369, the in-state gas pipeline effort.
- \$3.0 million to address the Governor's domestic violence and sexual assault prevention initiative. The suggested programs to be funded are:
  1. \$200.0 and one position for a health and personal safety prevention coordinator
  2. \$400.0 to the Wellness Warriors Initiative
  3. \$1.3 million for a multi-disciplinary rural community project.
  4. \$810.0 to Public Safety for
    - Batterer's intervention evaluation
    - Victimization study and evaluation
    - Universal public education
    - Pro-bono attorney clearinghouse.

A few highlights by department include:

### **Administration**

- Funded the Office of Public Advocacy and the Public Defender's Office at the Governors requested level
- Added \$250.0 to the Public Broadcasting Radio allocation base.

### **Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

- Funded \$600.0 operations grant for Illisagvik College workforce development programs in Barrow.
- Added \$150.0 GF to increase grant funding for the Alaska Legal Services Corporation
- Added \$250.0 GF to AEA for small-scale nuclear power feasibility research grant.

### **Dept. of Environmental Conservation**

- \$150.0 for North Slope/OCS air quality permits. This is a pro oil development/pro environment position, important to the region and industry.

**Department of Fish and Game** The Legislature gave an additional \$1.9 million to address declining fish stocks in the AYK , South Central and Southeast regions.

### **Department of Education & Early Development**

- Continuing our 3-year commitment to increasing K-12 Foundation funding:  
FY11 \$ 57.5 million  
FY10 \$ 57.6 million  
FY09 \$ 117.2 million  
\$ 232.2 million – over 3-year commitment
- Funded \$2 million for the Pre-K program, (2-year pilot project)
- Added \$380.0 to the grants line for the department to allocate between Best Beginnings and the Parents as Teachers program
- Funded \$950.0 to base for Alaska Native Sciences & Engineering program.

### **Department of Health & Social Services**

- \$6.1 million for the adult preventative dental Medicaid services
- \$9 million for Bring the Kids Home, FASD treatment, and substance abuse and mental health programs and services
- \$1 million to stabilize funding to public health nursing grantees
- \$355.0 to foster care services including toward the prevention of homelessness, job training and foster parent recruitment, and school transportation to prevent mid-term transfers by students who are in foster care
- \$18.3 million to a variety of programs, such as, suicide response and post-intervention, home and community-based waiver compliance, peer navigators. Soteria-Alaska, eye and vision rehab for rural Alaskans and early childhood mental health.
- \$125.0 increment for the human services community matching grants

### **Dept. of Labor**

- Put the funding for the construction academy training to DOLWD base.
- Funded \$85.0 GF for workforce development and education.
- Funded \$585.0 GF for support of training and apprenticeships.



### **Department of Public Safety**

- \$1.5 million for 15 additional VPSOs. Last year the Legislature added 15 VPSO positions; including the FY10 and the FY11 position increases will bring the VPSO program to 81
- \$1.2 million and 5 positions to enhance highway patrol efforts
- \$700.0 for Domestic Violence victim services
- \$656.6 for continuing cold case investigations and illegal drug and alcohol enforcement

### **University of Alaska**

The Senate has given the University a \$16.8 million dollar GF increment over the FY 2010 adjusted base. These increments include:

- Funding the energy projects we started last year at the Governors requested level
- Added \$314.2 GF specifically for Anchorage Fixed Cost Priorities
- Added \$300.0 GF for the Marine Advisory Program
- Added \$75.0 GF for Alaska Summer Research
- Added \$150.0 GF for Individual Technology Based Math and the Summer Bridge Program



## **FISCAL YEAR 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET – CATCHING UP**

The Senate approached this year's capital budget process with three objectives in mind – saving before spending, putting Alaskans to work, and addressing our state's significant infrastructure needs. Alaskans can be confident that the budget we have sent to the Governor is responsible, appropriate and meets those initial objectives.

This year's capital budget appropriates \$3.08 billion for public safety, transportation, education and economic development projects around the state. The \$3.08 billion is made up of \$1.03 billion in federal funds, \$1.49 billion in general funds and \$0.56 billion in other state funds.

Over the past several years, the legislature has put a substantial amount of money in reserves. This session we continued that trend and set aside an additional \$1.5 billion - including \$1.1 billion to forward fund K-12 education, \$400 million to pay off the final debt to the Constitutional Budget Reserve and \$12 million in the Statutory Budget Reserve. At the end of this session's appropriation cycle, the state will have savings of nearly \$12 billion in addition to the Permanent Fund.

Two years ago, the FY09 capital budget contained \$2.3 billion in state spending. Last year, when revenue was tight, the Legislature trimmed the Governor's capital request by nearly \$500 million, limiting total state spending to just \$488 million dollars and denying millions of dollars in requests from communities all over the state. This year's capital spending level, of just over \$2 billion in state funds, is within historical norms and was not unexpected, given the bare bones budget we had last year.

Some of the important needs addressed in this year's capital budget include:

- \$500 million to refurbish, upgrade and improve the drivability of roads throughout the state
- \$400 million in proposed general obligation bond projects for education and educational research facilities – including \$200 mill in new construction for the University of Alaska
- \$290 million in airport improvements
- \$140 million for developing an Alaska natural gas pipeline
- \$97 million to improve rail access in Fairbanks and Mat-su
- \$91 million in village and municipal water and sewer projects
- \$76 million for a new crime lab in Anchorage
- \$60 million for a new Alaska Class ferry
- \$50 million in renewable energy grant funding
- \$50 million in cruise ship head-tax funded port side infrastructure projects
- \$50 million in fire, police and emergency management projects
- \$49 million in hydro electrical project planning and construction
- \$38 million in maintenance and construction for schools
- \$20 million for the Port of Anchorage expansion project
- \$16 million for community library construction
- \$15 million in wind, geothermal and other alternative energy projects
- \$13 million for the Blood Bank of Alaska's new facility in Anchorage



## **SIGNATURE LEGISLATION**

A complete list of all bills and resolutions that passed both houses this session is included at the end of this book. Listed here are some highlights of legislation sponsored by members of the Senate Bipartisan Working Group.

**1) Saving for the Future:** The Legislature forward funded K-12 education and built up its savings account to nearly \$12 billion. By fully repaying the state savings account, the Legislature made the Constitutional Budget Reserve whole for the first time in decades. The Senate took a fiscally conservative approach to chairing budget subcommittees, which proposed fewer employees and less spending than the Governor’s proposed budgets.

**2) Building a Strong Economy:** The Legislature ensured the state’s job market will continue to be strong by funding important road and infrastructure projects statewide. We also supported funding to repair and improve local area roads, to upgrade the Anchorage Senior Center, build the new Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, construct the Alaska Crime Lab, to expand the Blood Bank of Alaska, and repair potholes and ruts on area streets. The Legislature secured funding for a state air quality expert, important for continued oil and gas development. We also addressed current and future transportation needs, including airport, rail, marine highway, port expansion and natural gas pipeline projects with significant funding in the capital budget.

**3) Affordable and Reliable Energy:** **SB 220** was sponsored by the Senate Resources Committee as the Energy Omnibus; also known as the *Alaska Sustainable Energy Act*. The

bill is the product of a year's worth of work by the Resources and Energy Committees and contains multiple provisions covering a broad range of policies. The *Alaska Sustainable Energy Act* includes a broad range of policy tools designed to attract investment in Alaska's energy sector and stimulate the economy. The central tenets of the *Alaska Sustainable Energy Act* are to invest in energy efficiency, innovate and lead by example. Some of the primary provisions of the act are:

- **Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund:** Senate Bill 220 creates a revolving loan program to fund energy efficiency improvements in public buildings. School districts, municipalities, state government, and the University of Alaska will have access to low-interest loans to upgrade their facilities. Based on observations of the State's *Weatherization* and *Home Energy Rebate* programs, this fund could foster 1,500 to 2,000 jobs in the construction industry in Alaska. SB 220 authorizes the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to issue \$250 million in bonds to capitalize this critical new loan fund.
- **Help for Alaskan Families When Fuel Prices Soar:** SB 220 links benefits from the state's Heating Assistance Program to the price of oil, providing additional assistance to low-income families when fuel prices are high, Alaskans need help the most, and the state enjoys a significant surplus. This program is a supplement to the federal Low-Income Heating Assistance Program.
- **Loans for Alaskan Businesses:** SB 220 revitalizes the old Alternative Energy Loan Program within the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. The new program would provide loans up to \$50,000 to businesses for energy efficiency and alternative energy upgrades.
- **Nuclear Energy:** SB 220 levels the playing field for nuclear energy projects in Alaska, ensuring that as new technologies are developed, Alaska can consider them alongside other options. It also enables proponents of small-scale nuclear energy projects to apply for funding from the state's Power Project Fund.
- **Educating Alaskans on Low-Cost Ways to Save Energy:** SB 220 provides new authority to the Alaska Energy Authority to promote energy conservation, energy efficiency, and alternative energy through training and public education. The Authority plans to kick off a public education campaign in the coming year.
- **Southeast Energy Fund:** SB 220 expands the purposes for which this fund may be used, providing an improved mechanism for constructing generation and transmission projects in Southeast Alaska. Many communities in the region are still powered by high-cost diesel systems, despite the region's enormous hydropower potential.
- **Emerging Energy Technology Fund:** With the high cost of energy in many of our communities, Alaska provides a unique opportunity for innovation. The *Alaska*

*Sustainable Energy Act* would create a fund that would provide grants for testing energy technologies in Alaska. This fund would foster innovation and enable Alaskans to develop solutions to our energy challenges; create high-tech jobs and spur investment in our economy.

- **Leading by Example:** SB 220 requires the state to retrofit at least 25% of the largest state buildings by 2020 to reduce energy costs. The Department of Transportation and Public facilities has already begun to upgrade those buildings most in need. While annual saving for the first 8 buildings was expected to be \$278,000 a year, savings have averaged \$497,000, making this new requirement a significant money-saver for the state.
- **Coordinate and Consolidate State Energy Programs:** SB 220 tasks the Governor with evaluating how best to coordinate the State's energy departments and programs in order to avoid duplication of efforts. The Governor is directed to provide a plan to the legislature by January of 2011.

**4) Protecting our Revenue Stream: SB 305** The Senate Majority took the lead on decoupling natural gas taxes from crude oil taxes in advance of the May 1 start of open season on the large diameter AGIA gas pipeline. Under current Alaskan law oil and natural gas are taxed at one rate based on the combined BTU equivalent value of both commodities. However, as has been the case over the last several years, oil and gas can have vastly different economic value. Left alone, this tax structure could result in annual losses of up to \$2 billion to the state treasury. SB 305 provides the solution by separating oil and natural gas for purposes of calculating their production tax value. NOTE: Governor Parnell vetoed SB 305 on April 29, saying it would raise taxes on the industry.





**5) New Incentives for Oil & Gas Exploration: SB 309** makes several changes to Alaska's oil and gas tax system in order to encourage the exploration and development of Alaska's hydrocarbon resources. Senate Bill 309 revises the special Gas Exploration and Development Tax credit against Alaska's corporate income tax on oil and gas. The bill increases the credit from 10% to 25% and allows the credit to apply to work within an existing unit. The credit specifically applies to gas exploration outside the North Slope and is an important incentive to development in the Cook Inlet; where potential gas shortages threaten the energy security of the majority of Alaska's population.

The bill also makes two important revisions to Alaska's production tax system (most commonly known as ACES) by enabling small oil and gas explorers to sell credits back to the state and waiving interest on the underpayment of taxes when the underpayment is due to a retroactive regulation change by the department of revenue. These two changes create a level playing field for new companies that are exploring for oil and gas and repeal an aspect of ACES that contributed to instability for companies investing in Alaska.

Further, SB 309 institutes a modest royalty on geothermal development. Unlike traditional hydrocarbons like oil and gas or minerals, geothermal power cannot be exported and is a renewable resource that can be produced into perpetuity. SB 309 establishes a royalty rate on geothermal resources that mirrors the federal rate in order to ensure that development on state land is competitive. By instituting a competitive royalty rate, SB 309 opens the door to geothermal development and unlocks the potential this clean, renewable energy can bring to Alaska's economy.

Finally, SB 309 creates a new exploration incentive credit for offshore exploration in the Cook Inlet. Although Cook Inlet reserves are declining, there is significant potential for new discoveries in the underexplored offshore regions of the Inlet. The incentive in SB 309 creates a rush to explore the pre-tertiary strata by providing an incentive of 100% for the first, 90% for the second and 80% for third well drilled from a jack-up rig. This provision was first introduced by Senator Tom Wagoner and integrated into SB 309.

The changes to Alaska's oil and gas tax system in SB 309 are designed to facilitate investment in Alaska while ensuring that Alaskans receive the maximum benefit for their resources.

**5) Growing our Own Alaska Workforce:** The Senate Majority created and co-chaired the University Boosters Caucus, a bipartisan, bicameral caucus of 24 legislators who recognize the benefits of a strong statewide University of Alaska system. We also funded \$5 million for planning of a new engineering facility at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. The Legislature supported merit- and needs-based scholarships for hard-working Alaskan students.

**6) Fighting Substance Abuse:** We successfully advocated to fund treatment for chronic inebriates at the Secure Treatment Unit at the Clitheroe Center; provided matching grants for non-profit agencies in Anchorage; supported increased funding for therapeutic courts;

and worked to eliminate the wait list for treatment to overcome heroin addiction at the Narcotic Drug Treatment Center.

**7) Improving Health Care for Seniors:** Sponsored and passed SB 199, which changes the Medicaid Adult Dental program to allow eligible seniors to get their upper and lower dentures in a single fiscal year. This common-sense fix to a bureaucratic problem provides needed services in the most medically effective and cost effective way possible. Supported funding for a Medicare Clinic in Anchorage to address the shortage of primary care doctors for older Alaskans.

**SB 13**, which will ensure that more Alaskan children have access to quality health care, passed the legislature after years of effort. Sen. Wielechowski introduced legislation that would have covered even more children and pregnant women, but a compromise was reached that will at least ensure that another 1,277 children and 218 pregnant women can get medical attention when needed.

**SB 60** provides amendments to the Uniform Probate Code, with the aim of improving the ease of administration of wills, estates, and trusts for Alaskan residents. This bill creates a procedure for the establishment of will and trust validity before death; adds provisions allowing a trust-maker (settlor) to designate a representative who can represent and bind an incapacitated person in future proceedings relating to trust administration; clarifies property transfers involving a deceased spouse; and addresses venue proceedings if a decedent (person who has died) lives outside of Alaska, but held significant assets within the state.

**SB 63** amends and improves Alaska's trust provisions, allowing Alaska to remain competitive with other states. The bill clarifies that a creditor must establish by clear and convincing evidence that a transfer was made with intent to defraud a creditor. It also states that transfer restrictions are allowed even if the settlor has rights relating the appointment or removal of a trustee, a trust protector, or an advisor for the trust. Lastly, it states that transfer restrictions are valid if beneficiaries can receive discretionary distributions or if the settlor receives income or principal to pay income taxes due on income of the trust.

**SB 117** amends existing state law getting rid of an exception that permits large, efficient, high-volume discount sellers to sell cigarettes at below the minimum price set in Statute. This bill requires the Department of Revenue to set the same minimum price for all vendors, regardless of size, volume, or accounting practices.

**SB 144** provides an additional opportunity for residents to harvest a musk ox. It authorizes a second permit hunt for Alaska resident and subsistence hunters if a hunter doesn't get one under their first permit. The musk ox herd is healthy and able to accommodate a slightly higher harvest, and this legislation will help Alaskans to put food on the table to be able to get through the winter.

**SB 163 - Compensation for Injured Commercial Fishermen:** The Alaska Fishermen's Fund was established in 1951 and the maximum benefit was last set at \$2,500 in 1959. SB 163 updated the Alaska Fishermen's Fund limit to \$10,000 to help ensure that Alaska's fishermen have access to health care when injured while fishing. Also, for the first time since the Fund's creation, vessel owners will be able to file a claim for compensation for a portion of their protection and indemnity insurance policy deductible. The Fund is financed from revenue received from each resident and nonresident commercial fisherman's license and permit fee.

**SB 172** creates the Alaska Health Care Commission as a permanent body in the Department of Health & Social Services. The commission is comprised of 14 members, 11 of whom are voting members representing all aspects of health care and three of whom are ex-officio representing the Senate, House and Governor. The purpose is to provide recommendations for and foster the development of a statewide plan to address the quality, accessibility, and availability of health care for all citizens of the state.

**SB 195 - Maintaining Access to Popular Outdoor Recreation Opportunities in Interior Alaska:** By removing the sunset date from the Goldstream Public Use Area, access to one of the most popular outdoor recreation areas in Interior Alaska is guaranteed for generations to come. This effort was supported by over 250 Interior residents and many diverse user groups including the Alaska Outdoor Council, Alaska Dog Musers Association, Alaska Miners Association, Alaska Trails, Fairbanks Snow Travelers, Nordic Ski Club of Fairbanks, Alaska Trappers Association and the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

**SB 213 - Meals for School Kids:** The Alaska Senate approved a bill sponsored by Sen. Wielechowski to provide a state match for schools taking part in the federal Free School Breakfast and Lunch Program. SB 213 encourages more schools to provide nutritious meals for underprivileged children and allow schools that already do so to improve their programs. Alaska is one of the only states that do not help supplement the program, leaving many Alaskan kids struggling to learn on an empty stomach.

**SB 214/HB 6 - Increasing Penalties for Violent Crimes against Animals:** A bill introduced by Sen. Wielechowski, SB 214, to increase punishment for the most heinous crimes of animal cruelty, passed as part of HB 6, outlawing bestiality. This provision puts Alaska in line with 46 other states, leaving only three states without felony penalties for egregious acts of violence on animals. The links between domestic violence and acts of animal cruelty are well-documented, underscoring the need for harsh penalties for these violent crimes.

**SB 215 Providing Veterans with the Benefits They Have Earned:** A bill sponsored by Sen. Wielechowski, SB 215, will ensure that veterans and other residents of Alaska's Pioneer Homes receive the federal prescription benefits they have earned. An inconsistency between state and federal policies regarding the packaging of prescription medications created a bureaucratic mix-up which took months to resolve. Passage of this bill will prevent this problem from ever happening again.



**SB 219** establishes a traumatic or acquired brain injury program and registry within the Department of Health and Social Services. This bill authorizes the Department to collect longitudinal data on persons with a traumatic or acquired brain injury and it also creates a program that will seek to evaluate the effectiveness and availability of information and services for the prevention and treatment of traumatic or acquired brain injury. The bill also establishes case management services for traumatic or acquired brain injury to the optional services provided to recipients of Medicaid. SB 219 was accomplished through a collaborative effort with the Department of Health and Social Services and the Alaska Brain Injury Network.

**SB 235**, sponsored by the Senate Education Committee, authorizes the Department of Education and Early Development to compete on behalf of Alaska charter schools for facility maintenance and start-up grant funds nationally available through the U.S. Department of Education. Currently, Alaska and its charter schools are ineligible.

**SB 236**, sponsored by the Senate Education Committee, grants tax credits to encourage and reward individual and corporate contributions to Alaska's educational institutions, with the goal of facilitating greater cooperation between Alaska's business and education sectors. SB 236 enhances the current system so that cash contributions to an Alaskan educational or vocational institution will receive a tax credit of 50 percent for contributions up to \$100,000, a 100 percent tax credit for contributions between \$100,000 and \$300,000 and a 50 percent tax credit for contributions over \$300,000, with a maximum allowable credit accrual of \$5 million per year.

**SB 237** addresses the way in which the State of Alaska funds school construction for both Rural Education Attendance Areas (REAA) and Municipal districts. SB 237, sponsored by the Senate Education Committee, makes permanent a program the legislature has, up to now, kept running through regular reauthorizations. It also codifies in statute a system for the equitable distribution of school construction funds it has historically attempted to achieve through the yearly budgetary process.

**SB 243** modernizes Alaska's regulatory and royalty regime for geothermal resources. While Alaska has significant potential for geothermal development, the State's regulatory and royalty regimes were designed decades ago. Senate Bill 309 divides the regulatory authority over geothermal development between the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The division in SB 309 is similar to the one that exists in every other oil producing state; with the AOGCC regulating the exploration and development of geothermal resources and the DNR overseeing the leasing of land and unitization.

**SB 248** requires corporations and labor unions to report their contributions and expenditures in elections. In the wake of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, Alaska is facing participation by corporations and unions for or against candidates in its elections for the first time. Because this activity had been banned in state law, there are currently no reporting requirements in law for these groups.

SB 284, sponsored by the Senate Judiciary Committee, addresses Alaska law to be sure that the public is fully informed of the contributions and expenses of these new participants, both in reports to the Alaska Public Offices Commission and in all communications with the public during a campaign.

**SB 261** provides for a rural representative on the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, by specifying that one of the three public member seats be designated as a rural seat. The objective is to designate someone from a small rural community with significant alcohol problems.

**SB 266 - Increased Emergency Compensation for Victims of Violent Crimes** This bill increased the amount of emergency compensation that a victim of a violent crime can receive from \$1,500 to \$5,000. This money can be used to transfer victims out of harm's way, reimburse for lost wages and cover the cost of counseling after a traumatic event. SB 266 provides the first emergency compensation increase since 1975 and has no fiscal impact on the state.

**SB 277** reduces the regulatory obstacles to renewable energy development in Alaska. Currently, Alaska's regulatory system creates barriers to the private sectors investment in renewable energy generation. SB 277 strikes an important balance by clarifying that an independent power producer that sells electricity generated from renewable energy to a regulated utility is exempt from regulation. By streamlining a duplicative regulatory system, SB 277 opens the door to private sector investment and attempts to jump start the green economy in Alaska.

**SB 279 - Improve Mortgage Lending Regulations** – This bill, along with regulations promulgated when the bill becomes law, will bring Alaska's mortgage lending law into compliance with the new federal law and national licensing system and registry. For consumers and state regulators, one of the primary advantages to joining the Registry is the sharing of information about mortgage lenders and loan originators among states, as well as the ability to conduct joint exams with other states for out-of-state mortgage lenders doing business in Alaska, including those which operate via the Internet. The Registry also increases and centralizes information available to state regulators, the industry and consumer about the mortgage lending companies and professionals. The use of a national licensing database is also beneficial to the mortgage lending industry, making it easier to track mortgage loan originators and creating a uniform, electronic application process for licensing.

**SB 294** extends the current sport fish guide licensing program for another year. Scheduled to sunset, Alaska's sport fish guide licensing program sets minimum standards for sport fish guides and requires guides to report catch data to the Department of Fish and Game. Continuing the program will ensure that managers have access to the data they need to protect Alaska's precious fisheries resources.

**SB 303 - Justice for Injured or Killed Workers:** SB 303 was sponsored by the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee to correct a problem in the worker's compensation law

which currently extends immunity beyond the real employer/employee relationship. With this legislation there is no double dipping by the injured worker as there is a statutory obligation for the injured person to repay the compensation benefits from any recovery. This legislative solution to the problem, approved on a 19 - 1 vote in the Senate, would allow the injured worker to recover damages from the person directly responsible for their negligence, recklessness, criminal negligence or other at fault conduct. It is from these recovered damages that the injured worker would be required to repay the Worker's Compensation carrier.

**SR 9** This resolution named a committee room in the new Thomas B. Stewart Legislative Office Building in honor of Senator William Beltz, who was the first Senate President in our state.

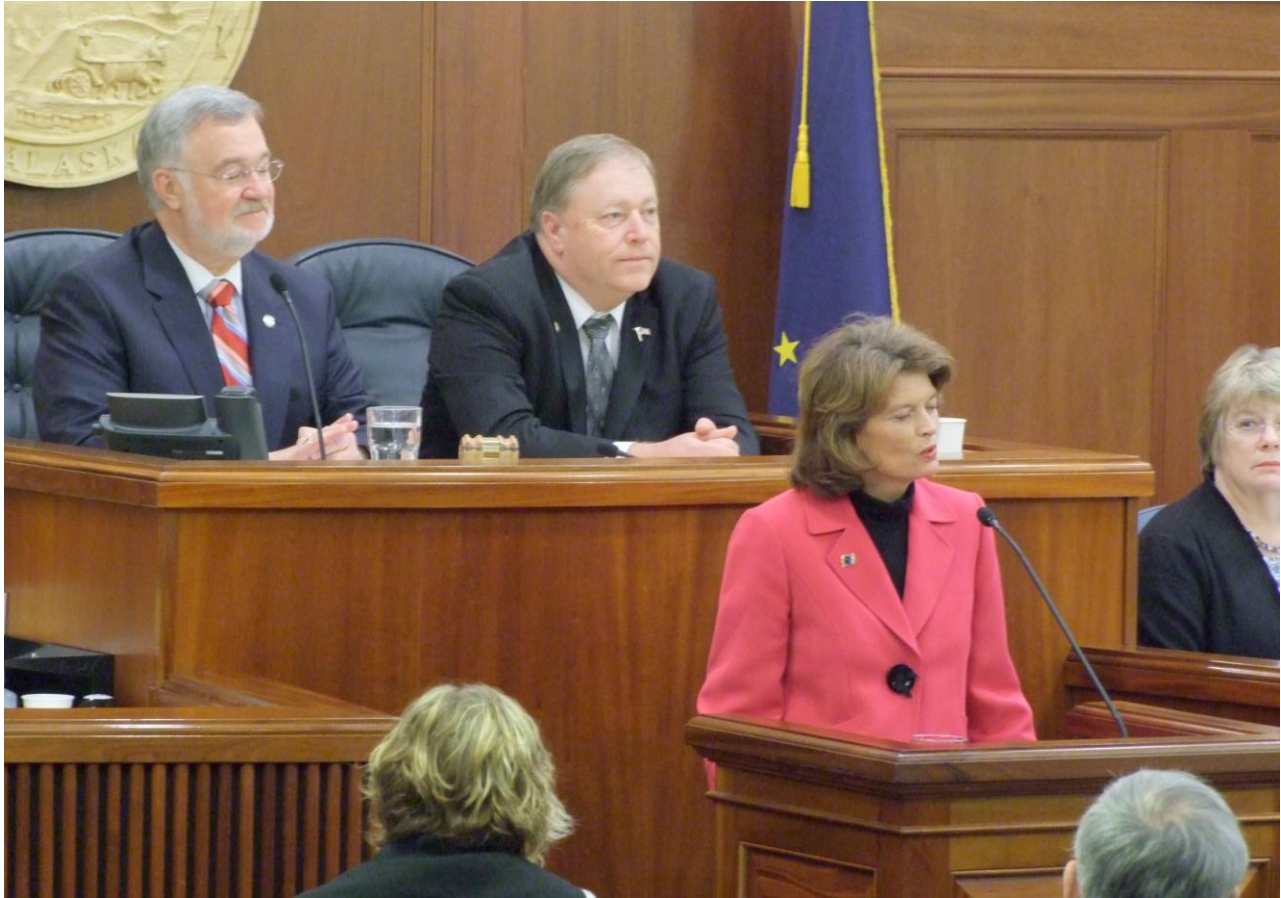
**SJR 21** Sponsored by the CR&A Committee, this resolution proposes to expand the legislature by four new House seats and two new Senate seats. SJR 21 is on the ballot in November.

**HCR 22** Northern Waters Task Force, a collaborative effort of the Senate & House CR&A Committees, was adopted via HCR 22. The task force will bring Alaska to the table with federal agencies to develop planning and management policies for northwest and arctic coastal areas that are becoming ice free.

**Coastal Development** - The CR&A committee held a hearing on Arctic Industrial Development and Safety measures. The committee heard from industry & local officials on ways to improve the safety of offshore drilling and exploration , including adopting best management practices like using "local" marine pilots for vessels operating beyond the 3 mile limit.

**Susitna Dam Presentation** – The Alaska Energy Authority made a presentation to the Senate and House Resources Committees about the current status of the Susitna Dam and the ongoing studies. The AEA discussed the updated designs, lesser impacts and financing scenarios that are available. They also described the economic viability and benefits of an appropriately sized hydroelectric project for Alaska.





## **FOCUS ON THE MILITARY AND VETERANS**

### **Statement –**

2010 was a good year for our military and veterans in the Alaska legislature. We passed good laws protecting and supporting service-members and veterans, and we defended former achievements. With the establishment of the Legislative Veterans' Caucus in 2009, we built a vehicle for making good things happen fast. Additionally, we continued to ensure military and veterans are well heard and integrated in state government by hosting briefings from the Army, Air Force, National Guard, Marine Corps, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Alaska Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council.

We encourage service-members, veterans, and anyone who supports our military to contact us with your proposals and concerns. Let's keep the momentum going!

### **Events**

#### **March 29 – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Statement Signing**

Legislators signed statements of support for the Guard and Reserve. We support service-member's USERRA rights, and encourage employers to stand by National Guardsmen and Reservists when they come back from combat.

### **April 16 – Recognition of Harry Kito KIA, 9 July 1967, in Vietnam**

Members of the Alaska Legislature presented a donated drawing of Harry Kito to his brother Sam Kito. Harry Kito was killed in action on 9 July 1967 in Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. Sam Kito is a well respected half Japanese, half Tlingit Alaskan who was held in an American internment camp during World War II. Sam was later involved in achieving the Alaska Native Settlement Act, and he remains active in many other Alaska Native issues.

### **June 24 – Veterans Summit in Wasilla, Alaska**

The Veterans Summit brings together a large number of key veterans to assist the state government in establishing beneficial changes that affect veterans in Alaska.

## **Legislation**

### **Veterans Loan Program – Sale of Tax Exempt Bonds**

At no cost to Alaskans, Alaska offers the AHFC Veterans Mortgage Loan program. This program is available to honorably discharged veterans within 25 years of their separation date. It is made possible by the sale of federally-authorized, and state guaranteed, tax-exempt bonds. We encourage Alaskans to continue this no-cost program by going to the ballot and supporting the \$6 million AHFC Veterans bond package this fall.

More information on the Veterans Mortgage Loan program is available at [www.ahfc.us](http://www.ahfc.us).

### **Military Child Custody**

Recently, Alaska passed America’s most comprehensive Military Child Custody Statute, effectively stopping courts from using a parent’s military duties as an excuse to permanently take children away from those who serve, and offering a clear directive on how to handle child custody when a parent is a deploying service member. This was the Veterans’ Caucus’s No. 1 priority piece of legislation in 2010 and we are proud that it passed before the Fort Richardson deployments this summer.

### **Naming Veterans Way**

The Legislature recently passed HB 226 (also a Veterans’ Caucus priority) renaming Bogard, Seldon and East Colony Schools Roads “Veteran’s Way.” In addition to honoring our veterans, the name change will limit confusion by giving the road one name instead of three.

### **“Bridge of Honor” - Medal of Honor recipient, Master Sergeant James Bondsteel**

We recently worked with DOT to put up an appropriate sign on the Glenn Highway, Knik River Bridge leading into the Mat-Su. For many years the inbound Knik River Bridge was labeled the “James Bondsteel Bridge of Honor.” Few people know that Master Sergeant James Bondsteel was a Vietnam Army veteran and a Medal of Honor recipient, or that MSGT Bondsteel died in a car wreck on the Knik River bridge in 1987. We are proud to honor a great American veteran!

### **Purple Heart Day**

Please remember to celebrate August 7<sup>th</sup> as Purple Heart Day, in honor of American service-members who were wounded in combat. In past years the governor made an annual proclamation establishing August 7 as Purple Heart Day; this year we permanently established it in Alaska.



The Purple Heart is the oldest U.S. Military award, originally created by General George Washington.



#### **HJR 16 Veterans Federal Procurement Preference**

This resolution encourages the federal government to fully implement the 3 percent veteran’s procurement preference. The 1999 Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act, and the 2003 Veterans Benefit Act, established sole source contracts and a federal 3 percent procurement goal granted to small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans. According to the Small Business Administration, currently, only four out of 24 federal agencies nationwide are achieving the 3 percent goal.

#### **HB 24 State Procurement Preference for Alaska Veterans**

Qualifying Alaska Veterans Owned Businesses can now receive a 5 percent procurement preference up to \$5000.

#### **SB 215 Veterans Home RX Drug Benefit**

This bill requires the Alaska Veterans and Pioneer home to accept drugs as they currently come packaged by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For a short time last year the Veterans Home stopped accepting VA drugs because they weren’t packaged properly.

#### **HB 360 Military Youth Academy: Student Records**

House Bill 360 requires school districts to provide the names, addresses, and dates of attendance of students who have dropped out of high school to the Director of the Alaska Challenge Youth Academy. A high school diploma is an essential first step for the youth of Alaska to become productive members in our communities. Children who drop out or are expelled from school are unlikely to return to the classroom on their own. It is essential that these at-risk children are presented with every opportunity to enroll in a program that will help them finish their high school diploma or complete their General Education Diploma (GED).

### **HJR 24 Federal School Lunch Program**

This resolution encourages the federal government to not count the Basic Allowance for Housing when calculating income in the School Lunch program. Not counting BAH will enable some military families that are living off the base to qualify for the school nutrition programs.



## **PRIORITIES AND PLANS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM**

### **Education and Postsecondary Task Force**

The Legislature gave significant consideration to one of Gov. Parnell's top priorities, his merit-based scholarship proposal, and passed a framework for the program. However, a clear funding mechanism for it could not be identified, and other factors, such as a needs-based component, will require further study. As a result, the Legislature agreed to establish an interim task force to provide recommendations to the 27<sup>th</sup> Legislature when it convenes in January, 2011.

### **Legislative Budget & Audit Committee**

The Legislative Budget & Audit Committee has committed to addressing several issues before the beginning of the 27<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature. The Chairman, Sen. Kevin Meyer, will be working with the Vice-Chair, Rep. Mike Hawker, to begin a systematic review of the Statewide Single Audit by department. It is the goal of LBA to get a closer look at some departments that have continuing audit issues and put on the record what is happening and how the concerns are being addressed. LBA has been tasked with reviewing the status of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board. The past several audits have shown systemic issues that need to be addressed and with the passing of SB 234 (ABC Board's one-year extension) the committee will hold hearings to determine if sufficient progress has been made to address the key audit issues and to evaluate if the Department of Public Safety is the correct department to support the ABC Board. The 2010 Capital Budget has further directed LBA to conduct an RFP for the purpose of an electrical power procurement practices study and design for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. Other possible RFPs include a review of the state tax credit structure and additional expert services relating to the Legislature's prospective outlook on Alaska's gas tax regime. We will continue to address audit requests from the Legislature and make available consultants currently under contract to assist members as needed. A busy interim to be sure but one that will hopefully result in a better informed, better prepared legislature in January 2011.



**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**  
**THAT HAVE PASSED BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE**  
**IN THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 26<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE:**

Note: Status as of May 10, 2010

Title change concurrent resolutions have not been included in this list.

<b>BIL</b>	<b>SHORT TITLE</b>	<b>SPONSOR(s)</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<a href="#"><u>HB 6</u></a>	CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	LYNN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 10</u></a>	MUNICIPAL TAX EXEMPTIONS	** GRUENBERG, CHENAULT	CHAPTER 10 SLA 10	05/01/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 14</u></a>	ALASKAN MALAMUTE AS STATE DOG	GARDNER	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	05/06/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 20</u></a>	FISHERIES LOANS:ENERGY EFFICIENCY/AMOUNT	EDGMON, BUCH	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 24</u></a>	PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE FOR VETERANS	** FAIRCLOUGH, GATTO	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 36</u></a>	INITIATIVES: CONTRIBUTIONS/ PROCEDURES	** JOHANSEN, MILLETT	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 50</u></a>	LIMIT OVERTIME FOR REGISTERED NURSES	** P.WILSON, GARA	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 52</u></a>	POST-TRIAL JUROR COUNSELING	KERTTULA	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 70</u></a>	FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM	GATTO	CHAPTER 11 SLA 10	05/04/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 73</u></a>	FIREFIGHTER/EMT LICENSE PLATES	LYNN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 90</u></a>	AIDEA: BONDING/TAXATION/RECORDS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 98</u></a>	ALCOHOL: MINOR CONSUMING/LOCAL OPTION	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10

<a href="#"><u>HB 101</u></a>	EXEMPTIONS: LIFE INSURANCE; ANNUITIES	COGHILL	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 108</u></a>	PROP. FORECLOSURE/EXECUTION/TRUST DEEDS	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 110</u></a>	PSYCHOLOGISTS' LICENSING & PRACTICE	HERRON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 114</u></a>	USE STATE TRANS FACILITY FOR DISASTER AID	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 126</u></a>	EXTEND/RESUME STATE CUSTODY OF CHILDREN	GARA	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 162</u></a>	SOUTHEAST STATE FOREST	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 168</u></a>	TRAUMA CARE CENTERS/FUND	COGHILL	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 184</u></a>	DEBT AUTHORIZATION FOR UNIVERSITY	KELLY	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 186</u></a>	AK FIREARMS EXEMPT FROM FED. REGULATION	KELLY	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	05/06/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 190</u></a>	CHILDREN'S TRUST	FAIRCLOUGH	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 210</u></a>	IZEMBEK STATE GAME REFUGE LAND EXCHANGE	EDGMON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 226</u></a>	NAMING VETERANS' WAY IN MAT-SU	KELLER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 245</u></a>	LICENSING FOR OPTOMETRY	THOMAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/12/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 251</u></a>	VEHICLE LIENS/TOWING/STORAGE/TRANSPORT	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HB 253</u></a>	MECHANIC/MATERIALMEN LIENS	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a>	MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER AWARENESS	** KELLER,	CHAPTER 9	05/01/10

<a href="#"><u>262</u></a>	MONTH	HERRON	SLA 10	
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>273</u></a>	MUNICIPAL GENERAL GRANT LAND	P.WILSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>274</u></a>	ESTABLISHING PURPLE HEART DAY	** DAHLSTROM, GARDNER	CHAPTER 2 SLA 10	03/22/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>276</u></a>	FORT ROUSSEAU CAUSEWAY HIST PARK	P.WILSON	CHAPTER 3 SLA 10	03/30/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>277</u></a>	EMERGENCY USE OF EPINEPHRINE	P.WILSON, LYNN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>280</u></a>	NATURAL GAS: STORAGE/ TAX CREDITS	HAWKER, CHENAULT	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/28/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>287</u></a>	UNIFORM ACT: PROPERTY INTEREST DISCLAIMER	RAMRAS, GRUENBERG	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>292</u></a>	GRANTS TO DISASTER VICTIMS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>294</u></a>	USE, REGULATION, AND OPERATION OF BOATS	NEUMAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>300</u></a>	APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>302</u></a>	APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>306</u></a>	STATE ENERGY POLICY	ENERGY	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>307</u></a>	SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS	HOLMES	CHAPTER 4 SLA 10	03/31/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>315</u></a>	PUBLIC ACCOUNTING	LABOR & COMMERCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>319</u></a>	CONCEALED HANDGUNS/ FED FIREMARMS FORMS	HAWKER	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	05/06/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>324</u></a>	FAILURE TO APPEAR; RELEASE PROCEDURES	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	05/10/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>326</u></a>	SUPPLEMENTAL/OTHER APPROPRIATIONS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	CHAPTER 13 SLA 10	05/08/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a>	MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AND CHILD	THOMAS	AWAIT	04/18/10

<a href="#"><u>334</u></a>	CUSTODY		TRANSMIT GOV	
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>336</u></a>	ELECTRIC & TELEPHONE COOPERATIVES' VOTING	STATE AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/10/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>342</u></a>	EXTEND BOARD OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS	T.WILSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>344</u></a>	SALMON PRODUCT DEVELOP. TAX CREDIT	THOMAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>345</u></a>	SAM SCHUYLER MEMORIAL BRIDGE	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>349</u></a>	SUICIDE PREVENTION COUNCIL MEETINGS	FAIRCLOUGH	CHAPTER 5 SLA 10	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>354</u></a>	AK CAPSTONE AVIONICS REVOLVING LOAN FUND	KELLER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>355</u></a>	CRIMINAL FINES FOR ORGANIZATIONS	GRUENBERG	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>357</u></a>	AK RAILROAD CORP. LAND SALES	STOLTZE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>360</u></a>	YOUTH ACADEMY: STUDENT RECORDS	DAHLSTROM	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>363</u></a>	AIDEA MEMBERSHIP	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>365</u></a>	FISH PROCESSOR FEES, LICENSES, RECORDS	MILLETT	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>366</u></a>	MOTOR CARRIER INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENTS	JOHNSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>369</u></a>	IN-STATE PIPELINE/COORDINATOR /TEAM	CHENAULT	CHAPTER 7 SLA 10	04/26/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>376</u></a>	EXTEND BD OF PSYCHOLOGIST & PSYCH. ASSOC.	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a> <a href="#"><u>377</u></a>	VOLUNTEER AMATEUR SPORTS OFFICIALS	STOLTZE	CHAPTER 8 SLA 10	04/30/10
<a href="#"><u>HB</u></a>	CITATIONS	HAWKER	AWAIT	04/13/10

<u>386</u>			TRANSMIT GOV	
<u>HB 408</u>	MISCONDUCT INVOLVING WEAPONS	JUDICIARY	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/15/10
<u>HB 416</u>	PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS	LABOR & COMMERCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<u>HB 421</u>	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SALARIES	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<u>HB 424</u>	G.O. BONDS:EDUC./LIBRARY/RESEARCH FACIL.	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<u>HCR 2</u>	IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE	RAMRAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<u>HCR 10</u>	OPPOSE FED. CONTROL OF STATE LAND & WATER	HAWKER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<u>HCR 20</u>	SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH	FAIRCLOUGH	LEGIS RESOLVE 34	04/13/10
<u>HCR 22</u>	ALASKA NORTHERN WATERS TASK FORCE	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<u>HJR 16</u>	DISABLED VETERANS PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE	GATTO	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	03/12/10
<u>HJR 24</u>	FED. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM/MILITARY	RAMRAS	LEGIS RESOLVE 32	04/15/10
<u>HJR 26</u>	STATEHOOD/ANCSA LAND SURVEY FUNDING	FAIRCLOUGH	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<u>HJR 40</u>	COOK INLET/KACHEMAK BELUGA POPULATION	MILLETT	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/15/10
<u>HJR 45</u>	OPPOSE FEDERAL CAP AND TRADE LEGISLATION	STOLTZE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/19/10
<u>HJR 46</u>	SUPPORTING DENALI COMMISSION	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	LEGIS RESOLVE 31	04/15/10

<a href="#"><u>HJR 47</u></a>	SMALL VESSEL CARGO EXEMPTION	JOHANSEN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HJR 48</u></a>	CRIME VICTIMS FUND PRESERVATION ACT	KERTTULA	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HJR 49</u></a>	OPPOSING EPA CLEAN AIR ACT REGULATIONS	STOLTZE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>HJR 51</u></a>	PROPOSED FED. MORTGAGE LICENSING REGS	KELLER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>HJR 53</u></a>	HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG	RLS BY REQUEST OF MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/07/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 10</u></a>	MEDICAID/INS FOR CANCER CLINICAL TRIALS	DAVIS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 13</u></a>	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY	DAVIS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 24</u></a>	LOUIS MILLER BRIDGE	STEDMAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 25</u></a>	RICHARD DEWEY DUVALL FERRY TERMINAL	STEDMAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 59</u></a>	LOW- SPEED MOTOR VEHICLES	STEDMAN	CHAPTER 1 SLA 10	02/16/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 60</u></a>	UNIFORM PROBATE CODE; TRUSTS, WILLS	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/15/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 63</u></a>	TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS ON TRUSTS	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 83</u></a>	VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEE	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 110</u></a>	PRESERVATION OF EVIDENCE/DNA I.D. SYSTEM	FRENCH	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	05/03/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 117</u></a>	PRICE OF CIGARETTES	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB</u></a>	MUSK OXEN PERMITS	OLSON	AWAIT	04/16/10

<u>144</u>			TRANSMIT GOV	
<u>SB</u> <u>159</u>	WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUNERAL EXPENSES	PASKVAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<u>SB</u> <u>163</u>	FISHERMEN'S FUND	PASKVAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<u>SB</u> <u>171</u>	PERM. FUND DIV. FOR DECEASED/CONTRIBUTION	MEYER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<u>SB</u> <u>172</u>	ALASKA HEALTH CARE COMMISSION	OLSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<u>SB</u> <u>194</u>	MINORS: ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS/ I.D. CARDS	MEYER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<u>SB</u> <u>195</u>	MAKE GOLDSTREAM PUBLIC USE AREA PERMANENT	THOMAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<u>SB</u> <u>199</u>	MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DENTURES	ELLIS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<u>SB</u> <u>209</u>	STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS; REGULATIONS	MENARD	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<u>SB</u> <u>215</u>	PIONEERS HOME RX DRUG BENEFIT	** WIELECHOWSKI, OLSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/10
<u>SB</u> <u>217</u>	AHFC: VET. BONDS/BLDG	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<u>SB</u> <u>219</u>	TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY:PROGRAM/MEDICAID	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<u>SB</u> <u>220</u>	ENERGY EFFICIENCY/ ALTERNATIVE ENERGY	RESOURCES	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<u>SB</u> <u>221</u>	SCHOLARSHIPS/ LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCES	STEVENS	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/30/10
<u>SB</u> <u>222</u>	SEX OFFENSES; OFFENDER REGIS.; SENTENCING	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/30/10
<u>SB</u> <u>230</u>	BUDGET: CAPITAL, SUPP. & OTHER APPROPS	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE	AWAIT TRANSMIT	04/18/10

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<a href="#"><u>SB 234</u></a>	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BD	MEYER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 235</u></a>	CHARTER/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FUNDING	EDUCATION	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 236</u></a>	TAX CREDITS FOR EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS	EDUCATION	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 237</u></a>	SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION DEBT REIMBURSEMENT	EDUCATION	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 238</u></a>	MEDICAID FOR MEDICAL & INTERMEDIATE CARE	DAVIS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 239</u></a>	IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES/DUI/CHEM. TEST	MEYER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/15/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 243</u></a>	GEOHERMAL RESOURCE:ROYALTY/PERMIT/FEE	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 247</u></a>	EXTENDING BOARD OF PHARMACY	OLSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 248</u></a>	EXTEND BD OF MARITAL & FAMILY THERAPY	OLSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 257</u></a>	YOUTH COURTS AND CRIMINAL FINES	EGAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 258</u></a>	DENTAL CARE INSURANCE/PREFERRED PROVIDERS	HUGGINS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 261</u></a>	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BD MEMBERS	OLSON	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 262</u></a>	EXTEND BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS	RLS BY REQUEST OF LEG BUDGET & AUDIT	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 263</u></a>	EXTEND BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS	RLS BY REQUEST OF LEG BUDGET & AUDIT	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 265</u></a>	2010 REVISOR'S BILL	RLS BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE	AWAIT TRANSMIT	04/17/10



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<a href="#"><u>SB 266</u></a>	VIOLENT CRIMES EMERGENCY COMPENSATION	THOMAS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 269</u></a>	ECON. STIMULUS BONDS: REALLOCATION/WAIVER	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/15/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 270</u></a>	AK HOUSING FIN CORP DIVIDEND	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 272</u></a>	RENTAL CAR CHARGES	HUGGINS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/15/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 274</u></a>	WILLIAM JACK HERNANDEZ FISH HATCHERY	DYSON	CHAPTER 6 SLA 10	04/22/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 277</u></a>	PUB. UTILITY EXEMPTION: RENEWABLE ENERGY	ENERGY	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
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<a href="#"><u>SB 284</u></a>	CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES	JUDICIARY	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 292</u></a>	PAWNBROKERS	HUGGINS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 294</u></a>	SPORT FISH GUIDE LICENSES	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 300</u></a>	AIDEA: LOANS/FINANCING/RURAL D.I. FUND	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/14/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 301</u></a>	POWER PROJECT FUND	RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/17/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 305</u></a>	SEPARATE OIL & GAS PROD. TAX/ DEDUCTIONS	FINANCE	VETOED BY GOVERNOR	04/29/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 307</u></a>	SHELTERS FOR RUNAWAY MINORS	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	CHAPTER 12 SLA 10	05/06/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 309</u></a>	OIL & GAS TAX CREDITS/ PAYMENTS	RLS BY REQUEST	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/28/10
<a href="#"><u>SB 312</u></a>	VESSEL PASSENGER TAX	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10

<a href="#"><u>SCR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>5</u></a>	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 10	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/20/10
<a href="#"><u>SCR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>12</u></a>	FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS DAY	MEYER	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>SCR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>13</u></a>	SUPPORTING SENIOR CAREGIVERS	BUNDE	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/16/10
<a href="#"><u>SCR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>14</u></a>	FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH	EGAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/12/10
<a href="#"><u>SJR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>21</u></a>	CONST. AM: INCREASE NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS	COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/18/10
<a href="#"><u>SJR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>22</u></a>	FEDERAL PREEMPTION OF SALMON MANAGEMENT	HUGGINS	LEGIS RESOLVE 33	04/15/10
<a href="#"><u>SJR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>27</u></a>	FED. FUNDING: DOMESTIC SEAFOOD MARKETING	EGAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/06/10
<a href="#"><u>SJR</u></a> <a href="#"><u>28</u></a>	ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF TURKEY	MEYER	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/10