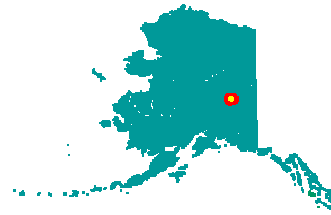


Legislative Update

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The 1st Session of the 26th Legislature has come to a close. The Legislature adjourned on April 19, 2009, with no special session looming. This session saw 36 House Bills and 25 Senate Bills passed. These Bills will now be sent to the Legislative Affairs Agency, Legal Services where any needed corrections will be made and signatures gathered before being transmitted to the Governor for review and action. The Governor has 20 days, excluding Sundays, to sign, veto, or let the bill become law without her signature. Some of these bills have already been signed into law. Those are indicated by an asterisk (*). Other introduced bills that did not get passed will be taken up when the 2nd Session of the 26th Legislature convenes in January 2010.

Of interest to Delta may be what happens to the language in the capital budget that changes Delta's \$1 million loan (in regards to settling litigation stemming from the prison contract breach) to a grant. Whether Governor Palin veto's it is yet to be seen.

The Delta LIO will remain open until around May 8. Please stop in or call with any questions you may have. Have a great summer!

House Bills Passed

HB 2 Birth Certificate For Stillbirth
HB 26 Medicaid for Adult Dental Services
HB 49 Eminent Domain: Recreational Structures
HB 63 Council Domestic Violence: Members, Staff
HB 78 Extend Board Of Public Accountancy
HB 81 Approp: Operating Budget/Loans/Funds
HB 83 Approp: Mental Health Budget
HB 86 Extending Veterinary Board
HB 88 Extend Bar Assoc. Board Of Governors
HB 93 Do Not Call Registry--Mobile/Cell Phones
HB 100 Joseph C Williams, Sr., Coastal Trail*
HB 102 Uniform Commercial Code/Liens/Contracts
HB 104 Workers Comp. Medical Treatment Fees*
HB 105 Step Program
HB 106 Village Public Safety Officers
HB 109 Educ. Loans: Supplemental & Family Education
HB 113 Supplemental/Capital/Other Appropriations
HB 121 Municipal Air Quality Property Tax Credit
HB 123 Suicide Prevention Council
HB 129 Power To Revoke Real Estate Licenses
HB 134 Cruise Ship Wastewater Discharge Permits
HB 137 Compact: Education Of Military Children
HB 139 Allow Screen Devices In Utility Vehicles
HB 141 Compact For Juveniles; Interstate Council
HB 151 Use, Regulation, And Operation Of Boats
HB 152 2009 Revisor's Bill
HB 156 Allowing Certain Landfill Fee Waiver
HB 170 Repeal Authority For Day Fines
HB 172 Education Loans & Loan Fund
HB 175 Insurance Labor & Commerce
HB 177 Marine & Motorized Recreational Products
HB 199 Approps: Non-Transportation Stimulus
HB 201 Concealed Handgun Permits
HB 215 Teachers' Salaries: School Experience
HB 221 Mortgage Lending Regulation
HB 222 Med. Ins. Eligibility/Nondiscrimination

Senate Bills Passed

Senate Bills Passed Continued...

SB 1 Alaska Minimum Wage
SB 3 CFEC As Information Resource
SB 29 Naming Thomas B. Stewart Leg. Office Bldg
SB 45 Veterans' Cemetery/Fund/Plates/Preference
SB 48 Public Meetings/ Muni Service Area BDS
SB 50 Iditarod Registration Plates*
SB 57 Charter School Funding
SB 58 Marmot Day
SB 72 Child Safety Seats & Seat Belts
SB 75 Budget: Capital, Supp. & Other Approps
SB 77 Extend Joint Armed Services Committee*
SB 88 Power Cost Equalization
SB 89 Retirement Benefits: Territorial Guard
SB 96 Child Support/ Cash Medical Support
SB 111 Intrastate Air Service Certificates*
SB 114 Board Of Architects, Engrs, & Surveyors
SB 116 Approp: Energy Assistance
SB 125 AK Aerospace Corporation
SB 133 Electronic Health Info Exchange System
SB 142 Transfer Railroad Land To DOTPF: Fairbanks
SB 148 Liability For Tribal Road Construction
SB 165 Authorizing Transfer Of Railroad Land
SB 170 Unemployment Compensation
SB 177 Sport Fish Guide Licenses/Kenai River
SB 183 Grant Authority For Air Quality

Concurrent Resolutions Passed

(Expresses the wish of both houses. Used for the internal business of the Legislature, suspension and amendment of the Uniform Rules, requesting action of executive agencies and interim committees, fixing the time and place for joint assemblies, and to establish joint committees.)

HCR 1 Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems
HCR 7 Decoration Of Honor
HCR 11 Sexual Assault Awareness Month
HCR 13 Accept Fed. Economic Stimulus Payments

HCR 16 Proclaiming Senator Daniel Inouye Day
HCR 17 Suspend Uniform Rules For SB 183

SCR 1 Brain Injury Awareness Month: March 2009
SCR 8 Suspend Uniform Rules For HB 172
SCR 9 Suspend Uniform Rules For HB 102
SCR 10 Suspend Uniform Rules For HB 175
SCR 11 Suspend Uniform Rules For HB 215

Joint Resolutions Passed

(Expresses the view or wish of the Legislature to the President, Congress, U.S. Government agencies, or other state Governments. It is required for proposing or ratifying amendments to the U.S. Constitution or proposing amendments to the State Constitution.)

HJR 7 Endorsing ANWR Leasing
HJR 9 Centennial Of Flight Celebration
HJR 10 Veterans' Health Care
HJR 11 Projects for Economic Stimulus Package
HJR 12 Ground-Based Midcourse Defense System
HJR 17 Oppose H.R. 45 in Congress
HJR 18 Opposing ANWR Wilderness Designation
HJR 19 Oil Tanker Escort Vessels/Oil Spill Anniv
HJR 22 Urging Us to Ratify Law of the Sea Treaty
HJR 25 Hydroelectric Power; Renewable Energy
HJR 27 State Sovereignty
HJR 28 Oppose Restrictions On Oil/Gas Activities
HJR 31 Support Soldiers' Burial Designations

SJR 3 Firearms In National Park
SJR 5 AK Territorial Guard Retirement Benefits
SJR 10 Adopt S. 371 In Congress
SJR 16 Offshore Oil & Gas Revenue
SJR 17 Designating 2009 As The Year Of Army NCO

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