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Alaska State Legislature



Senate President Lyda Green

April 14, 2008

Dear Senators,

Save. Protect. Build. Those three simple words sum up what we accomplished this session.

We passed a succession of bills addressing the major challenges and opportunities in Alaska. This achievement booklet outlines the legislation that saves, protects and builds for our generation and future generations.

We went on a “saving spree” this session by salting away billions of dollars in the state’s rainy day accounts. We crafted public policy solutions that benefit all Alaskans, from our “three legged stool” plan to helping urban and rural Alaskans lower their home heating bills.

I am most proud of the fact that we once again demonstrated how Democrats and Republicans can constructively work together for the common good of all Alaskans.

When I look back on my many years in the Alaska Senate, the 25th Legislature may go down as the most satisfying two years of my entire legislative career.

I also look forward to working with all of you during the interim and again next session.

Sincerely,

Lyda Green
Senate President

Save. Protect. Build. – Our 2008 Legislative Priorities

“Another word that can be used to describe our goals for the 2008 session is stewardship. When we use that word we mean stewardship of Alaska’s natural resources, finances and the well being of its people.” – *Senate Majority Leader Johnny Ellis*

The Senate Bipartisan Working Group made genuine progress on the issues that mean the most to Alaskans this legislative session. Its goals reflect the belief that we need to save the surplus, protect our citizens and build the state’s economy and infrastructure for current and future generations.

Saving the Surplus

The Alaska Senate went on a *savings spree* this session.

Deposits to the Constitutional Budget Reserve and the Statutory Budget Reserve were made under several different bills that brought the total amount of savings this session to five billion dollars.

- \$2.6 billion CBR deposit in the FY 08 supplemental budget
- \$1.0 billion SBR deposit in the FY 08 supplemental budget
- \$1.0 billion CBR deposit in the FY 09 operating budget
- \$400 million CBR deposit in the FY 08 capital budget

The “3-Legged Stool” – Education Funding, PERS/TRS Liability and Community Revenue Sharing

“I truly believe these three pieces of legislation will be the hallmark of the 25th Alaska Legislature. Large and small communities, both urban and rural, will realize a higher standard of living in the years ahead.” – *Senate President Lyda Green*

The Alaska Legislature created a three-pronged package of support for local governments this session. The bills will create new educational opportunities for Alaska's children, relieve the crushing financial burden caused by the shortfall in the public employees and teachers retirement systems and allow communities to place downward pressure on local taxes by receiving a portion of the state's enormous oil wealth.

Community Revenue Sharing (SB 72)

This legislation restores community revenue sharing at \$60 million per year over the next three years. It provides a formula that includes a basic amount for each community, and then a second portion based on population. The funding will help local communities pay for core government services. Funding for the next three fiscal years is included in SB 256, the supplemental budget, on which the House is expected to take action within the week.

PERS/TRS Unfunded Liability (SB 125)

SB 125 makes a commitment of more than \$400 million per year to the PERS/TRS unfunded liability. It also enacts uniform contribution rates of 22 percent for PERS and 12.56 percent for TRS.

Education Funding (HB 273)

House Bill 273 makes numerous improvements to the state's programs that provide aid to K-12 education. The changes include: \$100 increase per year over the next three years to the base student allocation (BSA); increases in funding for pupil transportation and intensive needs students; updating area cost factors over five years; and holding harmless school districts that are experiencing declining enrollment.

Pupil transportation: Adjusts funding for pupil transportation based on the most recent audits by the Department of Education & Early Development. Amounts will be adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index, or CPI, for Anchorage. The adjustment will sunset in 2011.

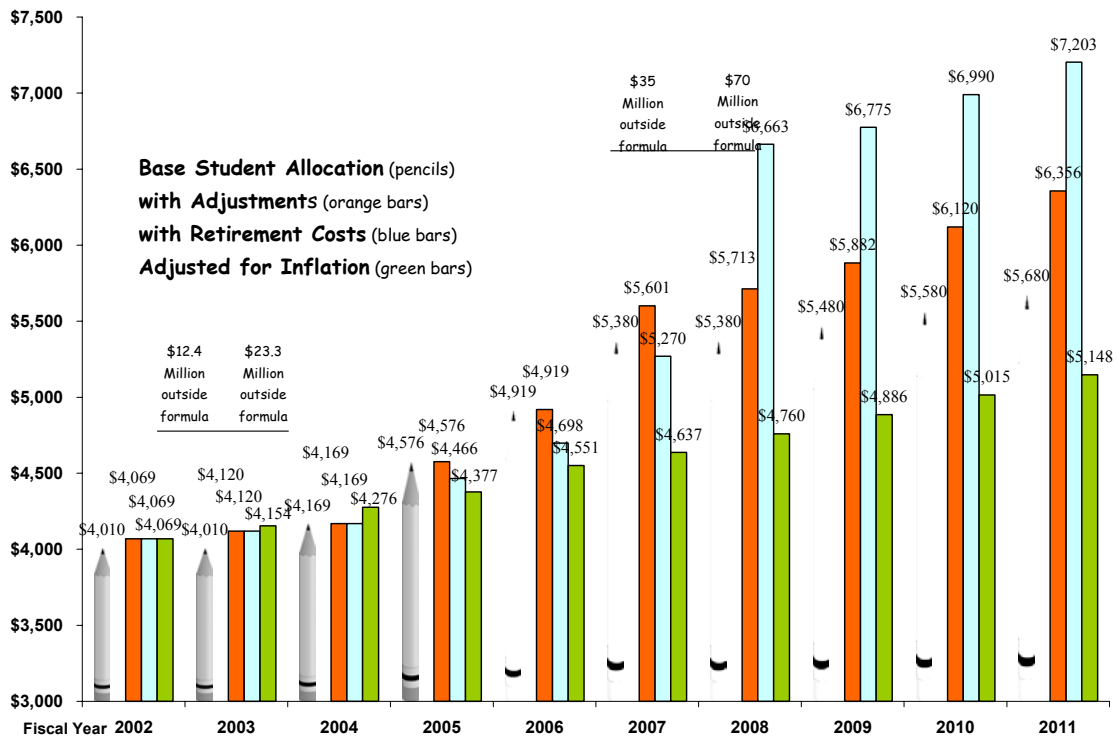
Declining enrollment: A New statute that provides for a step-down for declining enrollment over the three years. If the Average Daily Membership, which is the average daily full-time student equivalent, decreases by five percent or more from the previous year's ADM, the district can add 75 percent of the difference in the first year, 50 percent in the second year and 25 percent in the third year.

Intensive Needs Students: Currently, school districts receive five times the base student allocation for each intensive needs student. The bill increases that amount to nine times the BSA in FY09, 11 times the BSA in FY10 and 13 times the BSA in FY11. **District Cost Factors:** The bill will phase in 50-percent of the Institute of Social & Economic Research report's recommendation for cost factors in FY09, with the remaining 50 percent implemented over the next four years. District Cost Factors are the adjustments based on the dollar value needed to provide an Anchorage-area level of service.

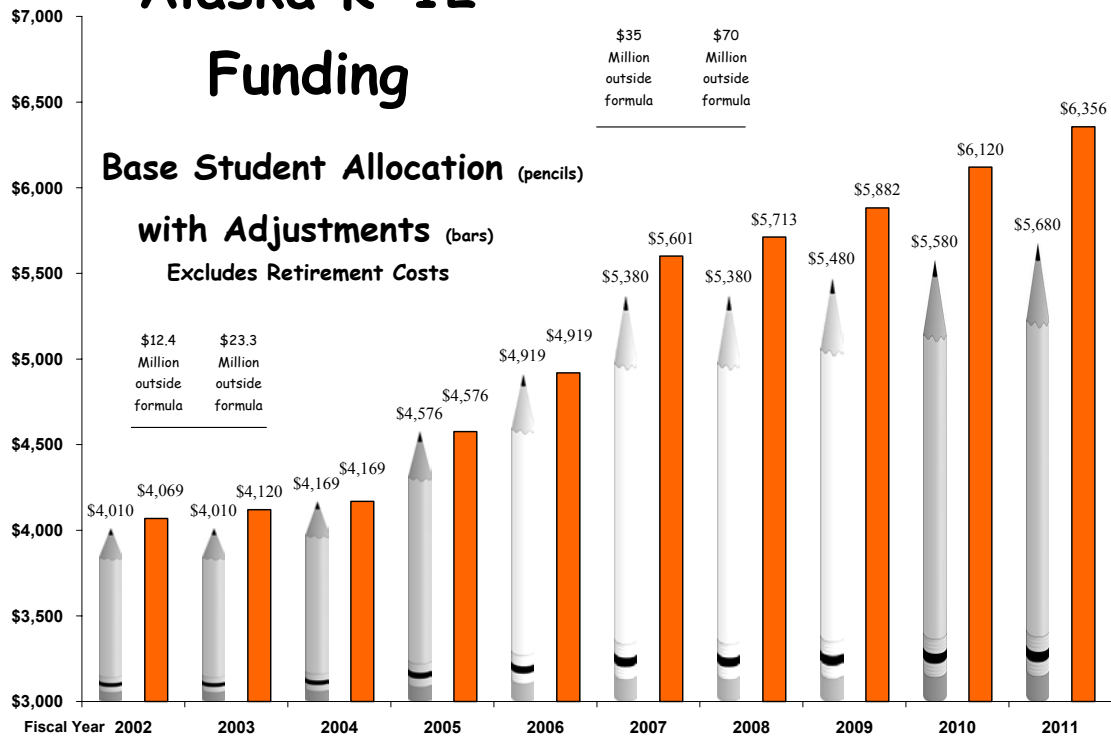
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Base Student Allocation: The bill will increase the BSA, which is currently \$5,380 per student, by \$100 per year from FY08 levels for the next three fiscal years, from \$5,480 in FY08 to \$5,680 in FY11.

Alaska K-12 Foundation Funding



Alaska K-12 Funding



PERS/TRS Unfunded Liability

The Bipartisan Working Group took an additional step towards paying down the unfunded liability when it passed the Pension Obligation Bonds bill.

Pension Obligation Bonds (HB 13)

Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) empower the state to utilize a proven pension liability financial mechanism that allows the state to reduce the cost of the paying off the unfunded liabilities already incurred by the public retirement systems. With current capital market conditions, pension finance transactions can result in substantial savings to the public treasury.

Pension finance transactions involve borrowing money in the international capital markets at a lower rate of interest than is earned when that money is invested by the state treasury in the public pension trusts. The proceeds of

the formal borrowing reduce the government's liability to the public pension trusts with no increase in the total financial obligations of the state.

HB 13 clarifies the ability of the state to include POBs in its strategy to reduce the cost of meeting unfunded pension liabilities. It also expands the authority of the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the state bond committee to support the state and other governmental employers in structuring such transactions.

POBs are an important measure allowing the state to reduce the ultimate cost of providing retirement benefits to public employees.

Responsible Operating and Capital Budgets

FY 09 Operating Budget (HB 310)

“The Senate Finance Committee has always believed that living within our means starts with slowing down the growth of the state operating budget. We started with Governor Palin’s version that was 17 percent larger than last year. After weeks of analyzing that budget we were able to trim that increase by nearly five percent.” - *Senate Finance Co-Chair Lyman Hoffman*

The Alaska Senate passed the state’s FY 09 operating budget, House Bill 310, after a thorough and complete review of all the spending increases proposed by the Palin administration.



Senate Finance Co-Chairs Bert Stedman and Lyman Hoffman discuss the operating budget during a March 21st news conference.

The Senate started its review by applying the following three principals to the FY 09 spending plan:

- No new state positions unless absolutely necessary
- Refrain from backfilling the loss of federal funds with state general funds
- Curb expansion of existing programs without sound justification

By applying these principals the Senate crafted a spending plan that curbs the growth of state government by \$208 million and saves as much of the budget surplus as possible and:

- Reduces Governor Palin's proposed operating budget increase from 17 percent to 11.5 percent
- Slashes the number of new state government positions in the Palin administration's proposed budget by half from 305 to 157
- Turned away the expansion of state programs proposed by the Palin administration for a savings of \$40 million

The FY 09 operating budget uses \$5.4 billion in general fund revenue.

FY 09 Capital Budget (SB 221)

“This capital budget achieves two of our major public policy goals, saving for the future and addressing Alaska’s critical infrastructure needs. This budget will help move the economy forward and drive private sector jobs. In addition to containing a significant number of the administration’s priorities, the budget includes important school, road and public safety projects that were requested by communities all across the state.” - *Senate Finance Committee Co-Chair Bert Stedman*.

The Alaska Senate passed a capital budget bill that will save, protect and build Alaska from Barrow to Ketchikan. Senate Bill 221, the state’s FY 09 capital budget, funds a wide range of public safety, transportation and education projects in a fiscally responsible manner that still saves billions of dollars of the state’s surplus oil revenue for a rainy day.

The FY 09 capital budget includes \$1.3 billion for general fund and G.O. bond projects.

Here is a proportional breakdown of the projects in the capital budget:

- **62%** were requested by the Palin administration
- **14%** are House additions
- **24%** are Senate additions

2008 Statewide Transportation G.O. Bond (HB 314)

This bond will appear on the November 2008 general election ballot. It asks voters to approve issuing \$315 million in general obligation bonds to pay for transportation projects across the state.

The Supplemental Budget Bill - Addressing High Energy Costs, Community Revenue Sharing, Capital Projects and the Senior Assistance Program

“With one bill we addressed several of the major issues this session.” - *Senate Finance Co-Chair Bert Stedman*

Supplemental Budget Bill (SB 256)

The supplemental budget bill, Senate Bill 256, was not a typical supplemental bill because this was not a typical session. This year the Senate creatively crafted the bill to include funding for a host of programs for the good of all Alaskans. It also salted away \$3.6 billion of the budget surplus (see Saving the Surplus, Page 3).

Energy Assistance – The double edged sword created by high oil prices means thousands of Alaskans are struggling to pay their home heating bills this winter. The supplemental budget makes \$200 million available to low-income households for home weatherization improvements. It provides another \$100 million for an energy rebate program. The money covers home energy efficiency improvements and will be made available to all Alaskan homeowners. Alaskans need energy assistance now.

Community Revenue Sharing – SB 256 allocates \$60 million per year for three years to local communities to help pay for a wide range of primary government services at the local level. If oil falls below \$60 per barrel, the program will phase out over a three year period. Revenue sharing puts downward pressure on local taxes and keeps more of that local money in the local economy.

Capital Projects – A primary responsibility of all legislators is to help the communities they represent obtain state funding for necessary capital projects like transportation corridors, public safety and other essential services.

Without state assistance, local tax payers would have to shoulder the entire burden. Many small communities around the state simply cannot afford to do that.



Senate President Lyda Green discusses capital projects in the supplemental bill for her home district with OMB Director Karen Rehfeld, Governor Sarah Palin and Chief of Staff Mike Tibbles.

That is why the House and Senate included \$70 million for some of the capital projects that were vetoed last year by the Palin administration. These projects were requested by local governments and community groups last year and are still needed today. Capital spending is also an economic stimulus to communities because it creates private sector jobs.

Initially, the Palin administration objected to having the projects in the supplemental, but after meeting with lawmakers about the projects the Governor decided to let 53 projects remain and asked the Legislature to place another 155 projects in the regular capital budget bill with an FY 2008 effective date of April 13th 2008. The Governor did veto 16 projects in the supplemental but she agreed to consider some of those in a future budget bill.

Senior Benefits - Alaska's needy seniors will get some sorely needed financial assistance under SB 256. The bill provided future funding for the

Senior Assistance Program that was expanded last year to help more financially disadvantaged seniors meet their basic living expenses.

Long Term Fiscal Plan

Long Range Fiscal Plan (HB 125)

HB 125 imposes a duty on Governors to annually submit a long-range fiscal plan to the Legislature. The bill requires the Governor to annually provide a ten year forward estimate of the state's major sources of revenue and uses of funds, in addition to the annual spending plan for the next fiscal year.

Education Funding

Library Grants (SB 119)

Sponsored by Senator Donny Olson

SB 119 establishes both the public library construction and major expansion grant program and the school library collection development grant program. Both programs are subject to appropriation. The construction grant program would match up to 50% of the cost of new library construction or major expansion, local governments will be responsible for securing a match of at least 20%, the remainder can be provided by private donors. This program is open to all publicly owned and operated libraries in the state.

The public school library collection development grant program establishes a maximum grant of \$3,000 for a fiscal year to eligible public school libraries for books, magazines, audio-visual materials, and electronic subscriptions. These grants are for expenditures above and beyond expected school funding support for the libraries.

Public School Bond Debt Reimbursement (HB 373)

HB 373 extends the program for state reimbursement of school construction and maintenance bonds issued by municipalities up to November 30, 2010. The state will reimburse 60 percent of the bonds so local governments can afford the educational facilities needed to provide a good education.

Addressing High Energy Coats

Expanding Home Energy Conservation and Weatherization Programs (SB 289)

Sponsored by Senator Lyman Hoffman

SB 289 expands two home energy and weatherization programs operated by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to help Alaskan families cope with record high home heating costs.

The bill provides \$200 million for the Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Program to serve 17,400 households.

- Focus weatherization work on energy-efficiency improvements.
- Directs weatherization work to items that will save the most energy. Typical improvements include air sealing, insulating and improved heater efficiencies
- Extends income eligibility for home energy efficiency programs from 60% to 100% median income (Family of 4 = from about \$46,000 to \$76,560)
- Low income Alaskans will continue to receive the priority focus of the programs

The bill provides another \$100 million for the Home Energy Rating Rebate Program. Homeowners will seek financing or use their own money.

- Homeowners would need an as-is and Post-Energy Rating. The Home Energy rebate would be in a step-approach as energy star ratings (1 Star to 5 Star) are increased
- Increase Energy Star Ratings of Home: 1-step increase, \$2500; and \$500/add'l step
- Maximum \$5,000 rebate
- Expected 30% reduction in home energy costs
- State cost - \$100 million
- Homeowner investment - \$175 million

Improvements include ventilation, water and space heating, insulation, windows and doors, foundations, lighting, safety and installing Energy Star-Rated Appliances. The funding for both programs is provided for in the FY 09 capital budget.

Renewable Energy Fund (HB 152)

House Bill 152 creates a renewable energy fund and deposits \$50 million per year over the next five years into the Renewable Energy Fund. The Alaska Energy Authority would administer the fund through grants for renewable energy projects. AEA would then submit the grants to the Legislature for funding as part of the capital budget process.

The bill also creates the Alaska Heating Assistance Program within the Dept. of Health & Social Services to expand home heating assistance for lower-income Alaska families. The program would base its eligibility guidelines on 150-225% of the federal poverty level for Alaska, serving an estimated 3,800 additional households statewide. The Legislature has funded \$10 million in the capital budget for the program. This allocation would work in concert with the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which the state funds to obtain a federal match.

The Senate amended the bill to include:

- A legislative task force to continue discussing long-term policy goals
- A project evaluation process within the Alaska Energy Authority, or AEA
- A state-run energy assistance program for lower-income families to help them pay their utility bills

In order to assure that detailed regulations and controls are put in place to administer the fund, HB 152 calls for an advisory committee comprised of legislators to help AEA evaluate the benefits and feasibility of projects that apply for grants from the fund.

Moving Forward on a Gas Pipeline Project

Resolution Calling on Governor Palin to Include an In-State Gas Pipeline to the AGIA Process (SCR 22)

“It becomes clearer and clearer each day that a massive gas pipeline project from the North Slope through Canada could be many years away. Alaskans are asking us to change course and also look at a bullet line and other in-state pipeline options that deliver a plentiful and more affordable energy

supply to Alaskans. An in-state project could break ground sooner rather than later.” - *Senate Resources Committee Chairman Charlie Huggins*

The Alaska Legislature is calling on Governor Sarah Palin to consider more options for bringing North Slope natural gas reserves to market.

It calls on the administration to amend its call for a special session to include in-state gas pipeline proposals and to formulate a plan for the distribution of natural gas throughout the state.

Building an in-state pipeline does not mean other projects like the Alaska Highway route can't go forward. Legislators want to use a special session to explore all options. An in-state pipeline could solve the energy generation problem, create new jobs through value added manufacturing and relieve Alaskans from the crushing financial burden high energy prices are having on Alaskan families.

Gas Pipeline Hearings – The Senate Resources Committee held a series of hearings throughout the 2008 session on issues related to a gas pipeline project. Unsuccessful applicants for the AGIA license testified before the committee on the merits of their application. Enstar gave a presentation on its plan for a bullet line from the North Slope to Southcentral Alaska and members of the Palin administration's gas pipeline team updated the committee on the review it is undertaking on TransCanada's AGIA application.

The Resources Committee will be the first Senate committee to will review any pipeline project proposals whether it is an AGIA application, a bullet line proposal or the Denali Pipeline Project.



Senator Kim Elton answers a question from Juneau Empire reporter Alan Suderman at a Senate Bipartisan Working Group news conference.



Senators Johnny Ellis and Bill Wielechowski with members of the UAA Women's basketball team during a citation presentation for the men's and women's teams in the state Capitol Building on April 4th. The UAA men's and women's teams made it to the Final Four of the NCAA Division Two National Tournament this season.

Public Safety

The Alaska State Senate VPSO Task Force

“If the Task Force recommendations are implemented, relief is coming to rural Alaska. The VPSO Task Force did a remarkable job coming up with succinct recommendations to improve public safety in rural Alaska. Public protection is the highest priority of any government and that wasn't happening and our attempt was to guarantee this for all Alaskans.”

Senator Donny Olson, Chair

The VPSO Task Force completed its final report to the Senate in January after holding many hearings throughout rural Alaska on how to improve public safety in the state's most remote communities.

The Task Force issued a list of findings and recommendations in its report that focused predominately around making improvements that would address the difficulty with recruitment and retention of VPSOs and the resulting impact on public safety in rural Alaska.

The main recommendations from the report are to:

- Increase the pay by approximately \$4.50 per hour (starting pay would go from \$16.55 per hour to \$21 per hour),
- Increase the number of authorized VPSOs by 60 over a four year period.
- Provide a small stipend of \$1,000 per VPSO to each community with a VPSO, to mitigate the cost of maintaining the public safety building and equipment used for public safety purposes in the community.

Other recommendations direct the Department of Public Safety and the regional Non-profits that manage the VPSO contracts to work in collaboration to develop a long range plan, a trauma debriefing program to support and assist VPSOs after traumatic incidents, to improve the public safety facilities and equipment, and to pursue alternative solutions to the problem of providing acceptable housing for the VPSOs.

Senator Hollis French Senator Fred Dyson, Walt Monegan, Commissioner of Public Safety, Alaska Attorney General Talis Colberg, Loretta Bullard, President of Kawerak, Inc., and Myron Naneng, President of the Association of Village Council Presidents were also members of the Task Force.

The report, testimony from the hearings and other information used by the Task Force to conclude its report can be found on the Senate Bipartisan Working Group's website at www.ak.senate.org

Sex Offender e-Mail Registration (SB 185)

Sponsored by Senator Bill Wielechowski

“Anyone capable of abusing or kidnapping a child gives up some personal freedoms and privacy even after release from prison. We know that the

internet is the new hunting ground for sexual predators so our laws need to guard children and adults from being victimized.” - ***Senator Bill Wielechowski***

Alaska has the highest rate of internet use in the nation and one of the highest rates of sex offenders. Senate Bill 185 requires convicted sex offenders to register their e-mail addresses, instant messaging addresses and any other internet communication identifiers with the Alaska Department of Public Safety. SB 185 also gives judges the ability to require these offenders to wear electronic monitoring devices for the entire duration of probation or parole.

Prescription Database Bill (SB 196)

Sponsored by Senate President Lyda Green

“We have to stem the tide of prescription drug abuse. A prescription drug database is a strong tool to proactively engage the problem. We have to make sure these powerful medications are properly used and left out of the hands of drug dealers and abusers.” – ***Senate President Lyda Green***

Medical experts say opiate-based medications intended to relieve pain are abused at an alarming rate. The Prescription Database bill creates a prescription drug database monitoring program that doctors, pharmacists and hospitals can use to make certain medications are being used properly and law enforcement personnel can use to stop illegal distribution and abuse.

Patient privacy is protected. Law enforcement and government agencies can only access the database with a court order. At least 40 other states have launched similar programs. The state can tap into federal funds to lower the program’s overall cost.

Omnibus Crime Bill (SB 265)

Sponsored by Senator Lesil McGuire

“Protecting Alaskans from all forms of criminal behavior is always at the top of my legislative priorities. I am proud that my legislation became the omnibus crime bill that made so many sound changes to the state’s criminal code.” – ***Senator Lesil McGuire***

The Legislature rolled several crime bills into Senator McGuire’s legislation to bar convicted sex offenders from receiving a Permanent Fund Dividend if

they do not keep their personal information current on the state Sex Offender Registry. The result is an omnibus crime bill that makes more than a dozen changes to the state's criminal code to meet the constantly changing needs of law enforcement and the judicial system to fight criminal behavior and protect citizens.

Here are a few highlights from the omnibus crime bill:

- Bars convicted sex offenders from receiving a PFD if they are out of compliance with the state Sex Offender Registry
- Makes a third offense for bootlegging in 15 years a class C felony
- Requires pawnshops located in cities with a population above 5,000 to keep electronic records of all transactions to help law enforcement track down stolen property
- Requires computer technicians to report any child pornography found on a computer to law enforcement
- Allows the state to pursue court ordered restitution from anyone convicted of unlawfully taking game

SB 265 also includes funding for a special investigator, prosecutor, and computer technician to address the growing problem of internet sex crimes in Alaska. Over 1400 computers have been identified in the state as containing child pornography and in 2007 there was over 10,000 internet transactions in Alaska involving images of child pornography.

Ignition Interlock for DWI Offenders (HB 19)

HB 19 requires DWI offenders to install and maintain an ignition interlock device on the vehicle they intend to drive. The device analyzes the person's blood alcohol content (BAC) and prevents the car from being started if the person's BAC is above a set level.

Safe Surrender Bill (HB 29)

The "Safe Surrender" bill allows a mother to lawfully surrender a newborn child under 21 days old to a law enforcement officer or hospital employee.

The baby can also be handed over to an emergency medical technician or fire department employee acting within the scope of their duties.

Personal Information Protection Act (HB 65)

The Personal Information Protection Act places restrictions on the use of Alaskans' personal information by others and gives individuals more control over their own personal and financial information. It also addresses the increasing risk to Alaskans as personal information is collected, distributed, and discarded by the private sector and governmental entities.

The act makes several key changes to protect personal information:

- Alaskan consumers will be able to place a freeze on their credit file. This is one step to prevent identity thieves from opening accounts in a victim's name.
- Provides one of the strongest social security number provisions in the country.
- Requires businesses to truncate credit card numbers on the merchant copy of the credit card receipt. This will help cut down on the amount of credit card fraud that usually occurs at restaurants.
- Alaska becomes the 43rd state to implement a notice of breach & security freeze legislation.
- This is a carefully crafted bill that will help ensure that legitimate businesses can continue to engage in operation in Alaska.

Barring Deceptive Promotional Checks (HB 182)

Businesses send promotional checks in the mail or in other offers for as little as three to four dollars, which when cashed, commit the person into a contract for other goods or services. Typically, consumers often mistake the checks to look like a rebate, refund, or payment of some nature because of the way they are packaged.

HB 182 amends the state's Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act by adding the offering of promotional checks by mail or other means as an unfair or deceptive act and practice. The Department of Law will be able to pursue legal action to protect Alaskan consumers, many of whom believe that promotional checks are given with no strings attached.

Firefighters Protection Bill (HB 200)

This legislation adds disease presumption to workers' compensation claims for volunteer and professional firefighters. The bill lays out specific qualifiers including, but not limited to, health exams, tenure and level of education that must be met to qualify for the presumption when filing a workers' comp claim. Firefighters are exposed to chemicals, smoke and toxins while protecting Alaskans in the line of duty. This bill protects firefighters if that exposure leads to illness later in life.



(L to R) Senators Hollis French, Charlie Huggins and Lesil McGuire listen to testimony during a meeting of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Repeat Domestic Violence Offenders (HB 307)

This bill increases penalties for repeat domestic violence offenders for certain domestic violence penalties to a class C felony on the third conviction. Alaska leads the nation in the rate of women killed by men, and more than 6,000 cases of domestic violence were reported here in 2005.

HB 307 targets repeat offenders. It also only applies to domestic violence incidents that occur within a 10-year period, so all three offenses must occur

after the law is enacted and within 10 years of one another. The bill is supported by the Alaska Peace Officers Association and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

Amicus Brief Regarding Right to Bear Arms (SCR) 13

Sponsored by Senate President Lyda Green

The U.S. Supreme Court heard a landmark Second Amendment case this year. *District of Columbia v. Heller*, goes to the core of an individual's right to keep and bear arms. The plaintiff in the case won a lawsuit against the District of Columbia over its laws preventing individuals from owning handguns. The District of Columbia is appealing the lower court's decision to the Supreme Court.

The resolution urged the Palin Administration to file an Amicus Brief to the Supreme Court that declares Alaska's support for the plaintiff in the case.

Brain Injury Awareness Month (SCR 17)

Sponsored by Senator Lesil McGuire

Traumatic brain injury occurs when physical trauma causes brain damage. About 800 Alaskans suffer these types of injuries each year and an estimated 12,000 Alaskans have suffered a brain injury.

The victims usually have long term, even life long disabilities. 60 percent of combat veterans admitted to Walter Reed Medical Center who served in Iraq have a traumatic brain injury resulting from explosions, gunshot wounds, motor vehicle accidents or falls.

SCR 17 raises awareness of traumatic brain injuries in our state. Senate Concurrent Resolution 17 establishes March 2008 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

National Crime Victim's Week (HCR 21)

This resolution supports National Crime Victim's Week, to be observed April 13-19.

In 1994, Alaskan voters amended their constitution to assure the rights of crime victims, which shows the high level of support among the public. The week-long, national observance in mid-April is an appropriate action Alaskans can take to show we care about crime victims.



Senator Hollis French introduces a guest during a Senate floor session.

Federal Funding for DNA Testing (HJR 34)

HJR 34 is a resolution that urges the U.S. Congress to re-authorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program. It asks Congress to fund the program at current or increased levels to help state and local governments incorporate DNA analysis further into their criminal investigations.

Workforce Development

Film Incentive Program (SB 230)

Sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Johnny Ellis

“Opportunities to bring a new industry to our state are few and far between, and the time is right for Alaska to make this move. Alaska’s primary competition for filming locations is British Columbia, and the shifting exchange rate has weakened the Canadian film industry, while at the same time a number of film projects about Alaska are coming on to the radar.” -

Senate Majority Leader Johnny Ellis

Although Alaska is the most photogenic place in the world, it is not on the radar for the film and television industries because it is one of only five states without an incentive program.

The Film Incentive Program authorizes the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to issue transferable tax credits against corporate income tax liability to film producers for 30 percent of qualified expenditures in the state on qualified projects, with a 10 percent bonus for Alaska hire and a 2 percent bonus for rural or winter spending. It also establishes a film office in Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development.

By implementing the best practices of incentive programs around the country, the bill would attract millions of dollars in investments and create high-paying local jobs while promoting tourism and improving Alaska's image to the rest of the world.

Vocational Education Accounts (HB 2)

This legislation creates the Vocational Education Account within the state general fund to help pay for classes and programs in schools and educational institutions statewide.

The bill also increases the percentage of unemployment insurance funds that are dedicated to technical and vocational education programs throughout the state. With this increase, the bill allocates approximately \$10,000,000 to the University of Alaska and a number of regional training centers with technical and vocational education programs.

Tax Incentives for Vocational Education (HB 61)

House Bill 61 targets vocational education programs by offering incentives to businesses who invest in Alaska's secondary schools. It offers a tax credit when a cash contribution is made by a business to a local school, school district, or state funded vocational program.

The bill received strong support from industry, unions, and academic institutions alike and from the house and senate; where the votes were unanimous in both bodies.

Affordable Housing

Alaska Housing Trust Fund (SB 231)

This legislation is an effort to alleviate homelessness in Alaska. It grants the state the authority to expand programs to number of Alaskans without a place to call home. It also provides extra funding for homeless programs.

Senate Bipartisan Working Group Webpage

The Senate Bipartisan Working Group maintains a website containing a wealth of information about the working group and its legislative activities. News releases, video clips and radio actualities are all just a few mouse clicks and keystrokes away.

Each Senator has a page on the website with their biographical information, detailed information on all the bills and resolutions they have worked on the past two years plus constituent newsletters and a lot more.

Go to www.aksenate.org to reach the webpage.

Bills/Resolutions Passed Both House and Senate 1st Session 25th Legislature

PRIME BILL	CURRENT SHORT TITLE	STATUS SPONSOR(s)	STATUS	DATE
HB 18	POSTSECONDARY MEDICAL & OTHER EDUC. PROG.	MEYER	CHAPTER 5 SLA 07	03/28/07
HB 21	THE STATE FLAG	** HARRIS, HAWKER	CHAPTER 3 SLA 07	03/15/07
HB 22	EXTEND BAR ASS'N BOARD OF GOVERNORS	STOLTZE, RAMRAS	CHAPTER 31 SLA 07	07/02/07
HB 34	SALES BY WINERY LICENSEE	LEDOUX	CHAPTER 18 SLA 07	05/31/07
HB 35	EXTEND BOARD OF MIDWIVES	KAWASAKI, WILSON	CHAPTER 12 SLA 07	05/11/07
HB 69	EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY	SAMUELS	CHAPTER 1 SLA 07	02/20/07
HB 87	CITIZEN ADVISORY COMM ON FEDERAL AREAS	KELLY	CHAPTER 40 SLA 07	07/03/07
HB 90	CRIMES/ALCOHOL/DRIVERS LICENSES	SAMUELS, STOLTZE	CHAPTER 24 SLA 07	06/25/07
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SB 259	EFFECTIVE DATE: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LAWS	RLS BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/08
SB 260	2008 REVISOR'S BILL	RLS BY REQUEST OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/10/08
SB 263	ARCHITECTS, ENGRS, SURVEYORS	THOMAS	AWAIT	04/10/08

	BD/EXEMPTION		TRANSMIT GOV	
SB 265	OMNIBUS CRIMINAL BILL/ PFDS	MCGUIRE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/12/08
SB 285	STATE INTERVENTION IN SCHOOL DISTRICT	STEVENS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/10/08
SB 289	HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION	HOFFMAN	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/08
SB 303	SANITATION AND WATER GRANTS	RLS BY REQUEST	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/12/08
SB 305	RECORKING WINE SERVED WITH A MEAL	LABOR & COMMERCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/09/08
SB 306	BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS	RESOURCES	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/08
SCR 13	AMICUS BRIEF REGARDING RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS	GREEN	LEGIS RESOLVE 28	03/07/08
SCR 14	PERIANESTHESIA NURSES WEEK: FEB 2008	GREEN	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/07/08
SCR 15	UNIFORM RULES: EDUC. STANDING COMMITTEE	STEVENS BY REQUEST JT LEG EDUCATION FUNDING TASK FORCE	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/01/08
SCR 17	BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH: MARCH 2008	MCGUIRE	LEGIS RESOLVE 29	03/07/08
SCR 18	DECORATION OF HONOR	WIELECHOWSKI	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	04/07/08
SCR 20	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 13	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/04/08

SCR 21	JOINT TASK FORCE ON COOK INLET SALMON	RESOURCES	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/08
SCR 22	NAT GAS DEVEL AUTH: IN-STATE GAS PIPELINE	RESOURCES	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/06/08
SCR 26	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 165	RLS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/09/08
SCR 28	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 196	JUDICIARY	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/08
SCR 29	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 166	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/08
SCR 30	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 368	STATE AFFAIRS	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/08
SCR 31	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 373	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/08
SCR 32	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 152	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/08
SCR 33	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 417	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/11/08
SCR 34	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 2	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/08
SCR 35	SUSPEND UNIFORM RULES FOR HB 65	FINANCE	AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV	04/13/08
SJR 11	SUPPORTING U.S. VETERANS' HEALTH CARE	WIELECHOWSKI	TRANSM TO GOVERNOR	03/21/08

[SJR 12](#) CRUISE SHIP PORT TIMES: JONES ACT THERRIAULT TRANSM TO GOVERNOR 03/27/08

[SJR 17](#) OFFSHORE OIL & GAS REVENUE WIELECHOWSKI AWAIT TRANSMIT GOV 04/09/08