



Session has begun and we are hard at work



The 30th Alaska State Legislature gaveled in Tuesday, January 17 and work began in earnest the next day. We ran hard during the campaign and I can assure you the our pace has not slowed. If anything, my pace has increased.

The House Republicans have been actively participating in budget subcommittee meetings, reviewing the budgets for the state. I am working on the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Department of Resources budgets.

Priority No. 1 is a careful review of the budget to find areas where savings can be found and budget cuts can be made.

Its time Alaska focuses on the budget we can afford and not the government we want.



Participated in the Alaska Right to Life rally on the Capitol steps with Reps. Taleico, Saddler and Sen. Micciche. The right to life must be protected for all.



My first office duty as your representative was signing the oath of office with Lt. Governor Byron Mallott. Now its time for the heavy lifting to begin.

I've Introduced Important Legislation

I hit the ground running, introducing key legislation that will impact the lives and safety of the people of District 9, and all Alaskans.

[House Bill 6](#) - Establishing the Jonesville Public Use Area

This legislation is designed to address the lawless and dangerous behavior of some, that has turned a popular Sutton recreation area into what is described as "Mad Max" theater. For additional information click [here](#).

[House Bill 65 & 66](#) - Restoring portion of Permanent Fund vetoed by Governor Walker

This is the House companion legislation to Senator Mike Dunleavy call to reinstate the portion of the Permanent Fund Dividend vetoed by Governor Walker in June. The framers of the PFD wanted the people of Alaska to benefit directly in the mineral wealth of the state and to protect the people against overspending by elected government officials. Find out more about this [legislation](#).

[House Joint Resolution 2](#) - Adjusting the Constitutional Spending Limit

In 1982 voters approved a Constitutional amendment (Article IX, Section 16) which set an appropriations limit for the Legislature. At the time it was set at \$2.5 billion, adjusted annually for inflation - making the current spending limit at \$10.1 billion,. HJR 2 simply calls for the limit to be reset to \$4.0 billion. Find out more [here](#).



Co-Sponsoring legislation to make a better Alaska

HB 10 - Children in Need of Aid/Protection

Rep. Tammie Wilson's bill the requires the Office of Children's Services to treat all children equally when interacting with families.

HB 12 - Non-emergency removal of Child

Rep. Tammie Wilson legislation that requires the Office of Children's Service to obtain a court order when removing a child from parental custody for a non-emergency reason.

HB 16 - Drivers License Requirement; Disability ID and Training

Rep. Steve Thompson bill the requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to offer a voluntary sticker on a drivers license to identify those with a disability that is not visible and requires police officers to be trained with how to interact with those individuals.

HB 67 - Food Stamps: Work Requirements; Time Limits

Reinstates the federal work requirements in order to be eligible for food stamps. Does not eliminate subsistence exemptions.

HB 68 - Food Stamps & Child Support Services

Requires good faith efforts on paying child support to be eligible for food stamps.

HJR 4 and HJR 5 - Endorsing ANWR Leasing

Similar resolutions introduced by both Rep. Dave Talerico and Rep. Dean Westlake calling for the opening of the ANWR Coastal Plain area for Oil and gas Exploration.

HJR 6 - Support Road between King Cove and Cold Bay

A resolution introduced by Rep. Bryce Edgmon call for the US Congress to authorize the construction of a road between King Cove and Cold Bay.



The New House Majority's solution to solving the Alaska budget situation take money out of the wallet of every Alaskan. Through an Income tax, sales tax and increased motor fuel tax. Alaskans work hard for their money and taking money from them is not the solution.

Braving the weather to stand up for life



While I attended the Public Hearings for SB 1&2 Saturday morning in Juneau, my wife attend the Right to Life March in Palmer. I appreciate all who attended the event.

District 9 Richardson Highway Projects

MP 110 - Tazlina Wayside Riverbank Stabilization - \$1 million contract awarded to Scarsella Brothers Construction in November. Work to begin this spring.

MP 235 - Ruby Creek Bridge Replacement - \$10 million contract awarded to Great Northwest Construction- Construction work to begin in may 2017.

MP 24-35 - Resurfacing and Repair - \$9 million contract awarded to Quality Asphalt and Paving. The project is under construction and work is expected to be complete in summer of 2017. MP 30-33 will take longer as deep culverts need to be replaced.



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