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## **Rauscher's Report**

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### **The 34th Alaska State Legislative Session Mid-February 2026 Update**

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We are now on Day 25 of the legislative session. Over the past few weeks, I've had the opportunity to engage with Alaskans across the state and in my district to discuss issues important to them and their communities. Please continue reading to hear more about what's going on in Juneau!

I have been receiving various emails and calls with concerns over HB 93. I have deep concerns with this bill myself. As you may know, when I was in the State House last year (before being appointed to this Senate Seat) I voted "needs amending" when I sat on House Resources. My reasoning then, is still the same today. HB 93 needs to be amended to reflect the "over 500 residents" that will lose their "resident hunting status" in the state of Alaska. Pilots who fly overseas should not have the days they are gone count against their allowed limits. Missionaries who must be gone overseas, English translators and teachers on assignment in foreign countries, overseas construction workers, contractors, and consultants must also be allowed to be gone longer than their allowed exemption. My concern is these professions should not have the days they are gone counted against their allowable limits. These residents must have an exception to the 90 and/or 180-day limits as many currently have in Alaska. Immediate family dependents who still live here in state, and have homes or apartments here in Alaska, many pay property taxes on those homes as well as buy, register and insure their cars here, have children in school here (which many play sports), buy sport gear for their children, purchase clothing and food here, pay their utility bill here, pay services like garbage pick up here, and many other costs

food here, pay their utility bill here, pay services like garbage pick up here, and many other costs to keep their home here. It seems the state is looking to make more money off of them by charging them for an out of state hunting license and making them pay \$15,000.00 for a big game guide. What is next, out of state driving licenses or work visas? This needs to be amended.

Read about HB 93 here: [HB0093A](#)

Another matter that has been brought to my attention is SB 206 and SB 203, both of which are gun bills and have been receiving a lot of attention. I have received a lot of correspondence concerning both bills.

SB 203 is concerning because it redefines prohibited weapons with rather loose descriptions of what is prohibited. This may lead to different interpretations, if passed. It will also allow individuals to be prosecuted if they possess or use the updated definition of a "prohibited weapon" at the state level. If prosecuted, you would lose all your guns. It SB 206 is concerning because bullying is not defined. Each school writing their own anti-bullying anti-gun measure for parents is concerning. Parents being notified to incorporate gun safety measure because one child wants to cause trouble for another child seems intrusive which leads to problems that weren't anticipated when writing the bill.

Read about SB 206 here: [SB0206A](#)

Read about SB 203 here: [SB0203A](#)

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### My Bills:

Since January, I have introduced another bill: SB 230 Jonesville Public Use Area. This bill would add in a section of land that was initially left out of the Jonesville PUA. The bill has been referred to the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee and the Senate Resources Committee. It is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee on Tuesday, February 16th at 1:30 pm.

Read about SB 230 here: [SB0230A](#)

Watch live here: [Alaska State Legislature](#)

My other bills, SB 228 Public Schools Opioid Awareness Program and SB 229 Campaign Finance Reports, are currently awaiting hearing dates in committee. We have submitted a hearing request for SB 228 and hope to have it heard soon.

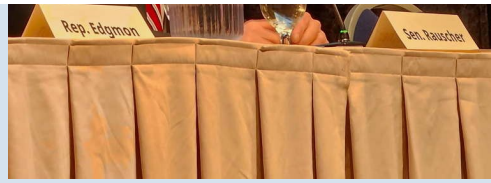
Read about SB 228 here: [SB0228A](#)

Read about SB 229 here: [SB0229A](#)

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### Mid-February in Photos





I participated in the Alaska Power Association State Legislative Conference panel which brought together state legislators with electric utility companies to discuss matters important to Alaska's electric utilities.



It was a pleasure to meet with the Mat-Su Homebuilders who flew into Juneau and gave me updates on the current housing market!



It was great to have my friends from Copper Valley Electric come visit me in Juneau!



This week, the Senate and House had a joint session to hear the State of the Judiciary Address from Chief Justice Susan M. Carney.





Food & Farm Caucus met this week for their first meeting of the session. This week was Food Security week, it was great to see so many folks in the room!

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As always, my door is always open if you have any questions, concerns, or comments. If you want to set up a meeting, please contact my office at 907-465-4859 or send me an email to [sen.george.rauscher@akleg.gov](mailto:sen.george.rauscher@akleg.gov).

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