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Good morning,

Today is the sixty-seventh day of this session. This week the Senate Finance Committee heard and moved the following bill: SB 163: Repeal Certain Inactive Funds/Accounts, SB 167: Criminal Conviction Overturned, Receive Past PFD, SB 170: Gaming: Electronic Pull-Tabs, SB 164: Eliminate Tax Discounts, SB 21: Alaska Work & Save Program, Retire, Savings Board, SB 55: TRS Contr Rate, PERS/TRS Social Security or SBS. All these bills now move to the Senate Rules committee for consideration to be scheduled to come before the Senate.

In addition, the Senate Finance Committee heard and held the following bills: SB 246: Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, Reg Interior Design, SB 274: Permanent Fund POMV Available for Appropriation, SB 227: Tax Compact Sales Tax Oil & Gas Tax, SB 196: Behavioral Health Crisis Surcharge & Fund, and HB 78: Retirement Systems Defined Benefit Option. All these bills remain in the Senate Finance Committee for further consideration.

And finally, the committee heard one presentation from the Department of Revenue on the State's Savings, Reserves, and Investment Funds.

This week, the Senate considered and approved the following bills: HB 194: Approve Marathon Petro Royalty Oil Sale and HB 289: FY25 Supplemental Budget. The Senate amended HB 194, which now needs concurrence from the House for the changes. If the House concurs, the bill will be sent to the Governor; if the House does not concur, it comes back to the Senate to remove the changes. If the Senate does not remove the changes, a conference committee could be appointed. HB 289 will now be transferred to the Governor for his signature.

Next Tuesday, March 31st is the last day you can apply for your PFD. And U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski is scheduled to speak to us in a Joint Session.

Housing Alaskans Public Private Partnership (HAPPP)

Grant Applications for round 4 of top off funding is available to deploy funding quickly to: housing projects that are ready to break ground, are scheduled for completion in 2026-2027, or that will expedite and accelerate housing projects in the Western Alaska storm impacted communities. Applications are due April 13th at 5:00pm. Details below on the grant application. [HERE](#)

NextGen Internships

Under graduate and graduate students interested in hands on experience in agriculture, natural resources, communications, and research are encouraged to apply for paid summer internships through the University of Alaska Fairbanks NextGen program. More information about the internship program can be found: <https://www.uaf.edu/ces/initiatives/nextgen/internships/index.php>

Apply for your 2026 Permanent Fund Dividend. Deadline to apply is March 31st, 2026.

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