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Hello Family, Friends and Neighbors,

On Tuesday, the Legislature convened the Second Regular Session of the 34th Alaska State Legislature. The Senate intends to continue to build upon the priorities set out last session. I continue as one of the tri-chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and I am responsible for the State Operating budget. Alongside tri-chairs Senator Stedman, who is in charge of the Capital budget and Senator Olson, who is responsible for bills/legislation.

As many of you are aware, this will be my last Legislative session. This year marks my 40th year as a state legislator. At this time, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to my wife and my family. A person cannot do this job without family support. They have always had my back and stood with me on my decisions.

I am fortunate to have all my staff returning this session. Tim Grussendorf is my Chief of Staff, Pete Ecklund is the Operating Budget Coordinator, Patricia Walker works with/for constituents and works on the Capital budget, Maridon Boario is my Finance Committee Aide and Sam Greely is the gatekeeper of my daily schedule. If you plan on visiting Juneau and would like an appointment, please try to contact the office in advance.



Above: Senators Hoffman and Olson during SB 113 veto override vote.

Below: Majority Press Availability 1/20/26



Have a Bill that you need to follow through the legislature?

BASIS is the tool to keep you attuned to every actions made by the legislature and executive branch. Bills can be searched by a number of metrics.

Search by: Bill number, Alaska Code, Statute Number or even keyword can be used to decipher which bill, and where the bill is at in the whole legislative process.

Below I linked some resources for anyone looking to learn more about the process in Juneau and how to follow along.

- How to Follow bills through out the Legislative Process:

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- Legislative Process in Alaska: [Click Here](#)

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