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Greetings,

Today is the forty-sixth day of the session. This week the Senate Finance Committee heard and moved the following bills: HB 289: FY25 Supplemental budget, HB 194: Approve Marathon Petro Royalty Oil Sale, SB 104: Vehicles/Boats Transfer on Death Title, and SB 23: Civics Education. These bills moved to the Senate Rules committee and three of them. HB 289, SB 23 and SB 104 have been calendared before the Senate for consideration. HB 194 remains in the Senate Rules committee awaiting floor scheduling.

In addition, the Senate Finance Committee heard and received public testimony on the following bills: SB 178: Expand Early Intervention Services, SB 93: Early Education Programs, and HB 78: Retirement Systems; Defined Benefit Opt. All these bills remain in committee.

This week, the Senate considered SB 89: Physician Assist Scope of Practice and SB 140: Fire Station Grant Program. These bills were approved by the Senate and have been transferred to the House for their consideration. In addition, the Senate has calendared for Monday's floor session, SB 23: Civics Education, SB 104: Vehicle/Boats Transfer on Death Title and HB 289: FY25 Supplemental budget.

The Senate Finance Subcommittees have started their reviews of the state agencies budgets. I believe, the House Finance Subcommittees have started their close-out process. Next Tuesday, March 10, 2026. US Representative Nick Begich will be in Juneau to give his annual address to the Legislature.

Good luck to all mushers in the Iditarod - go Pete! Have a good weekend!

**Association of Alaska Housing Authorities – Emerging Leaders Program**

AAHA is looking for 25 participants for the Emerging Leaders Program to meet in person over four multiday sessions in 2026-27. The program is designed to prepare the next generation of tribal housing leaders. Applicants should have at least a basic understanding of NAHASDA and aspirations of holding a position of authority or influence in Tribal Housing.

Early to mid career professionals employed (or endorsed) by a Regional Housing Authority who are ready to take their leadership skills to the next level and make a lasting impact in Tribal housing development.

Further details on the program and how to apply can be found: [HERE](#)

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

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King Cove Mayor Warren Wilson, Deputy Administrator Amber Jusefowytch and Administrator Gary Hennigh met with Senator Hoffman on Thursday February 19th, 2026

