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Good afternoon,

Today is the eighteenth day of this session. This week, the Senate Finance Committee received presentations from the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities on the Marine Highway and from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget on the FY26 Supplemental budget.

In addition, the committee heard and moved Senate Bill 34: Repeal 90 Day Session Limit and Senate Bill 20: CPR Curriculum. Both bills now move to the Senate Rules Committee to be considered for calendaring before the full Senate. The Senate Finance Committee also had its first hearing on Senate Bill 104: Vehicles/Boats; Transfer on Death of Title. This bill remains in the committee.

Today and tomorrow, February 5-6th, the Senate Finance Tri-Chairs, Senators Stedman and Olson and I, plus Senator Cronk and Representative Frier are in Sitka and have scheduled meetings with Mt. Edgecumbe High School officials. In addition, we will also meet with Charles Clemment/CEO of South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC).

Next week, there will be a Joint Session on February 11, 2026, to hear the annual State of The Judiciary address from Chief Justice Susan Carney. Everyone have a good week, stay safe over the Super Bowl weekend!

2026 Summer High School Internship Program

Alaska Federation of Natives is announcing the US Senator Lisa Murkowski's Washington DC office is now accepting applications for the High School Graduating Senior and College Intern Coordinators summer program.

Interns assist in the day to day clerical and administrative tasks within the office such as directing mail, speaking with constituents, and assisting staff with projects. Candidates are asked to possess strong writing and research skills. Interns will gain insight into the workings of the Senate office and how the legislative process works.

For more information about the program you may contact Angelina Estrada-Burney. Please note the application deadline for interested students is **March 23, 2026**

High School Internship Application: https://www.murkowski.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/2026_high_school_intern_information_and_application_form.pdf

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