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Good afternoon,

Today is day sixty-seven of this Legislature. This week, the Senate Finance Committee heard and held the following bills: SB 59: Appropriation Supplemental Fund; SJR 14: Constitutional Amendment, Permanent Fund, Earnings; SB 30: State Park Permits for Disabled Veterans; SB 54: Extend Architects, Engineer, Survey Boards, Registered Interior Design; and SB 61: Electronic Device Recycling. The committee also heard the following presentations: the Alaska Broadband Office, and the Alaska Energy Authority.

The Senate approved SB 80: Extend Boards. SB 80 extends the Board of Massage Therapists to June 30, 2030; extends the Alaska Commission on Aging to June 30, 2032; and extends the Marijuana Control Board to June 30, 2027. The bill has moved to the House and has been referred to the House Labor & Commerce Committee. It has been scheduled for public hearings next week.

I recently received an update from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Frontier Road project. This project is a 24-foot-wide gravel road between the Yukon and the Kuskokwim Rivers, 30-40 miles long. It will include barge landing and staging area at the two rivers. It is my understanding the department will hold community meetings this month on the project with Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Bethel, Aniak, Holy Cross and Russian Mission. The project is tentatively scheduled to start construction in 2028. This project will bring good economic opportunities our region.



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**PFD Deadline to apply Is**

**March 31, 2025**

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