Message from the President: Elections Matter

By Rachael Petro

If you have ever doubted the value of casting your ballot, wondering whether or not it makes a difference — doubt no more. Legislators elected by Alaskans last November converged on Juneau and passed a slew of pro-business legislation.

The newly seated 28th Alaska Legislature hit the ground running in January and finished its 90-day sprint in mid-April having passed over 70 percent of legislation supported by the Alaska Chamber.

Third Time’s a Charm

The single biggest issue tackled by the legislature this year was oil tax reform. This issue has been our top priority since the Fall 2010 and has also dominated discussion in each of the past three legislative sessions. While we hoped the third time would prove the charm — we worked hard along with our members and the legislature to make it so.

Senate Bill 21 (SB 21), while not perfect, improves Alaska’s position in the oil and gas market significantly. The Governor’s oil tax reform bill began making its way through five legislative committees they very first week of session. SB 21 passed on the final day of session having earned support by 65 percent of the legislature.

Given the state’s dependence on oil production, it was good to finally prove the charm — we hoped. The Alaska Chamber will continue to advocate for Alaska’s economic future and fight to preserve Alaska’s place in the world market.

Pro-business Progress

While the legislature spent the majority of its time on oil tax reform, many other business issues were discussed and advanced. In fact, 24 of the 34 pieces of legislation supported by the Alaska Chamber passed in the first year of the two-year 28th Alaska Legislature (see page 2).

Take a look at the variety of common sense, pro-business legislation that passed this year in Pro-business Progress.

Message from the chair: Chamber offers more than advocacy

By Renee Schofield

Alaska Chamber offers many benefits in addition to its mission to promote a positive business environment in Alaska.

As you may have noticed in the “Letter from the President,” the Alaska Chamber is active in changing the business environment through its advocacy efforts, but there is much more that it offers.

As you will read about in this issue, the Alaska Chamber also events that allow the membership access to educational opportunities, networking and the ability to tell others about business in Alaska.

The recent Pacific Northwest Outreach Trip allowed the attendees to network with each other at social and business events as well as members of the business community in Seattle and Tacoma.

During the trip, the delegation also had the opportunity to tell Tacoma-Pierce County and the Seattle Metropolitan Chambers of Commerce about barriers to a successful Alaska economy such as the attempt by activists, federal departments and some elected officials to limit economic opportunities through onerous regulation and attempts to cancel resource development in our state.

The Alaska Chamber membership has adopted many legislative positions that address these issues and active legislative advocacy is one part of a solution, but helping to educate our friends in the Pacific Northwest is also an important part of this process.

By educating business leaders in Washington about the importance of Alaska’s economy to theirs and how decisions made in their state can affect our economy, the Alaska Chamber is a much needed advocate for these issues abroad.

Finally, the Alaska Chamber also offers in-state events such as the upcoming Alaska Business Week, a Seward outreach trip in July and the annual conference, which will be held in Fairbanks this October.

I strongly encourage you to join us for these great events filled with opportunities to network, educate ourselves and others about Alaska business, advocate for a positive business environment in Alaska and ultimately have fun doing it.

Get involved today!
Alaska State Chamber of Commerce Legislative Accomplishments

2013 1st Year of 28th Alaska Legislature

Legislation Passed

1. HB 4 - In-State Gasline Development Corporation
   Allows the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) to advance an interstate pipeline to the construction stage.

2. HB 9 - Secured Transactions and Funds Transfers
   Adopts Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) reforms made in 2010 into Alaska law. The reforms govern secured transactions and personal property ensuring interstate secured transactions and fund transfers continue smoothly.

3. HB 15 - Commercial Motor Vehicle Requirements
   Re-defined the definition of interstate commercial vehicle by raising the weight threshold from 10,000 to 14,000 pounds, which relieves many small businesses from unnecessary government regulation.

4. HB 30 State Agency Performance Audits
   Restores regular performance reviews of State of Alaska programs and agencies that ended in 1983. Given the enormous growth of the Alaska state budget over the last decade and the need for fiscal restraint, HB 30 provides an important tool to policy makers.

6. HB 56 - Passenger Vehicle Rental Tax
   Removes the 10% tax on motorcycle rentals in Alaska that was unintentionally included in a 2003 bill on passenger vehicle rental taxes.

7. HB 57 - Entity Transaction Act
   Directs the Alaska Department of Administration to adopt regulations mirroring the new federal law that allows states to waive the road skills test for recent veterans who gained driving experience in uniform. This will ease the transition of service members into the private sector workforce.

5. HB 46 - Waive CDL Skill Test for Certain Veterans
   Allows state to waive the road skills test for recent veterans who gained driving experience in uniform. This will ease the transition of service members into the private sector workforce.

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Interesting, this exact same pro-business piece of legislation was introduced by former Senator Joe Paskvan in the 27th Legislature as SB 101. Even with a majority of Senators signing on as co-sponsors SB 101 never made it to the Senate Floor for a vote. One can speculate why a majority member’s bill, supported by a majority of the body didn’t move. Ultimately the conclusion is the same: there’s a fundamental problem. A problem which seems to have been fixed by November’s election.

When a body is so paralyzed it can’t move forward on a non-nonsense bill which clearly has enough support to pass, there’s a problem. Leadership matters. Elections matter.

Improving Alaska’s Business Climate

Of the legislation we supported this year there are a dozen or so which did not make it across the finish line (see above), and there will likely be more pro-business bills introduced in the second year of the 28th Legislature which will earn our support.

The success of our legislative agenda this year is truly remarkable, in no small part due to the pro-active actions taken by Alaska Chamber members who advanced a position for support at the Legislative Policy Forum, participated in the Legislative Fly-In, testified in committee, participated in the Legislative Affairs Committee, alerted staff to anti-business legislation, and erected pro-business legislatures.

Actions matter. Elections Matter. Working together we can continue to improve Alaska’s business climate.

Save the Date

2013 Rural Outreach
July 9-10
Seward, AK

Highlights

Motor Coach Trip to Seward
Windsong Lodge
Seward Welcome Reception
Icicle Seafood Tour
Cruise Ship Terminal Tour
Aurora Energy Coal Terminal Tour
Fox Island Dinner Cruise
Seward Pub Crawl
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fraudulent claims and allows electronic filing of information with the department. The commissioner agrees that the increase in Unemployment tax for employers and employees in years four and thereafter in the Fund’s solvency is not at risk.

9. HB 80 (SB 29) – Cruise Ship Wastewater Discharge Permits

Allows the Department of Environmental Conservation to issue wastewater treatment system permits in a manner that is consistent with other industries.

10. HB 84 - Military Training Credit/Temporary License

Requires the Division of Professional Licensing, University of Alaska and vocational educational facilities to examine the credentials of related military experience and credit the military experience toward educational and/or licensing requirements easing the transition of service members into the private sector workforce.

11. HJR 5 - 0 pose Genetically Engineered Salmon

Opposes the United States FDA’s preliminary finding in relation to genetically engineered salmon, and urges further examination of genetically engineered salmon prior to allowing them to be grown, harvested and sold in the United States.

12. HJR 6 - BLM Legacy Oil Well Clean Up/Awareness

Urges the Federal Bureau of Land Management to clean up legacy oil wells drilled between 1944-1981 and to open new areas of the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) to oil and gas leasing.

13. SB 1 (H 115) - Alaska Marine Highway

Establishes May 10 of each year as Alaska Mining Day honoring Alaska’s mining history and future.

14. SB 2 (H 114) – Interstate Mining Compact & Commission

Requests the legislature to join and participate in the Interstate Mining Compact Commission which serves as the spokesperson for mining states in Washington D.C. and works to represent the member states to executive branch agencies.

15. SB 7 (H 68) – Corporate Income Tax

Updates Alaska’s thirty-year-old corporate income tax code to incorporate changes due to the U.S. CPI inflation rate limiting the tax liability more evenly. Eliminates taxes for businesses with earnings of $25,000 or less.

16. SB 12 – Public Procurement

Updates the State of Alaska’s procurement code and protects several Alaskan procurement preferences that advantage Alaskan-based businesses over outside companies when all other factors are equal.

17. SB 21 (H 72) - OIL & Gas Production Tax

Reforms the State of Alaska’s oil tax structure by eliminating the steep progressivity of the ALES tax system increasing Alaska’s competitiveness in the worldwide oil and gas market.

18. SB 27 (H 78) - Regulation of Dredge & Fill Activities

Allows the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, to evaluate and seek priority for administering the 404 dredge and fill program.

19. SB 63 - Contracts for Preparation of Ballots

 Levels the procurement playing field so that all businesses may compete for a state contract with the State of Alaska’s Division of Elections.

20. SB 65 (H 102) – Retirement Plans, Roth IRAs, Probate

Update State of Alaska laws pertaining to estate planning, trusts, retirement plan assets, and IRAs, and conforms Alaska law to Uniting and Strengthening Trusts Act remains a premiere state in which to establish trusts and estates.

21. SB 86 (H 188) - Approve Flint Hills Royalty Oil II Sale

Approved contract to Flint Hills Resources to purchase state royalty oil II sale that ensures that there is a stable supply of crude oil for refined products within the state.

22. SJ R 2 - Limit Federal Interference in State

Commends actions taken the State of Alaska Administration to protect the state from federal government incursion into the care and management of state natural resources and promote economic prosperity. Urges Congress and the President to limit federal government overreach into management of state resources.

23. SJ R 3 (HJR 7) - Endorsing ANWR Leasing

Urges Congress to open a portion of ANWR to oil and gas exploration and development.

24. SJ R 8 (HJR 9) - Mining/ Processing of Rare Earth Elements

Urges State of Alaska agencies and Congress to expedite consideration of permits required to increase exploration, extraction, processing and production of rare earth elements.

Legislation Remaining

1. HB 32 - Lines of Business on Business License

Allows purchase of a single business license for multiple lines of business.

2. SB 47 - Injunction Security: Industrial Operation

Requests the court consider the wages and benefits of workers as well as payments to contractors when an industrial operation is shut down by a court brought by public interest litigants.

3. HB 77 (SB 26) - Land Disposals/ Exchanges: Water Rights

Modernizes, clarifies and eliminates duplicative processes as they relate to the Department of Natural Resources permitting.

4. H 79 (SB 328) - Susitna State Forest: Sale of Timber

Creates a Susitna State Forest which would allow timber harvesting and other activities to Alaskans.

5. HJR 123 - Dedicated Transportation Fund/Public Transportation

Defines an Alaska transportation Fund.

6. HB 140 - Notice for Regulation Adoption

Requires costs to business and other state agencies be estimated during the adoption process for State administrative code and regulations.

7. HJR 10 - Constitutional Amendment: Transportation Fund

Allows Alaskans an opportunity to vote to re-instate a dedicated fund for transportation infrastructure.

8. HJR 16 - National O cean Policy

Urges Alaska to be exempted from the far-reaching federal policy to manage and zone activities in marine and coastal areas.

9. SB 55 - Insurer’s Use of Credit Scores

Allows insurers to consider a consumer’s credit information at renewal without the specific request of the consumer bringing Alaska’s statute into conformance with the other 49 states and improving the competitiveness of Alaska insurance policies.

10. SCR 2 - Acqu i re Tongass National Forest Land

Urges the governor to acquire land in the Tongass National Forest from the United States government by purchase or negotiation or by seeking amendment to the Alaska Statehood Act.

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2nd Alaska Hackathon provides many benefits to Anchorage, state

The Alaska Chamber recently participated in the 2nd Annual Alaska Hackathon as a sponsor with Ryan Makinster, Communications and Events Director also attending. The event was an opportunity for programmers, developers, business analysts, marketing specialists and other to donate a weekend working together to create new software solutions for non-profit organizations.

Many non-profits don’t have the resources for a dedicated development team, but there are many talented developers willing to give their time to make our home a better place through better use of data.

The second Alaska Hackathon was a great success with over 30 programmers and 10 different non-profits participating in the event and generating a wide range of really amazing projects over the weekend.

Here is just a sample of the things these amazing individuals managed to come up with in just one weekend:

* Mountain View Art Walk App, Anchorage Community Land Trust: Allows users to locate and scan Mountain View’s public art and architecture with their phone or tablet bringing up additional information on the piece such as videos, history, artist biographies and more! This app was developed using Augmented Reality technology and local data provided by the Anchorage Community land Trust.
* Weed Warrior App, Anchorage Park Foundation: Coders used geolocation data to allow Anchorage residents to identify and remove invasive species from Anchorage public parks with the help of their iPhone. Photos of suspected invasive weeds can be uploaded for experts to analyze and participants can tag the areas that they have already cleared of weeds.
* Donor Contact Database, Out North: This tool allows Out North to better track donor interactions and contact information online, allowing them to better manage and communicate with their supporters. It also provided them with templates and forms to make donating and participating in Out North projects easier both for the user and for Out North staff.

All of these collaborative projects are going to have a major impact on the community and its non-profits, but Hackathons also serve other important functions:

* These events are an excellent opportunity for local companies to scout tech talent.
* These types of events show the rest of the world that Alaska is a place that has a vibrant technology and innovation community.
* This also allows local coders to develop and hone their skills and meet others that share their interests.
* Most importantly, events like this help to build a coding community here in Alaska that is engaged and passionate about our state.

High-tech industries, such as software development, are critical for the growth and diversification of Alaska’s economy and through its sponsorship the Alaska Chamber helps make our a better place to live and work.

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New Federal Plan Is Bad For Business, Bad For Alaska

By Rachael Petro

It is no secret that businesses in Alaska are facing increasing challenges. Between rising fuel costs, domestic and global competition, decreased supply in the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, and burdensome federal regulations, those who live and work in the state fully understand the potential pitfalls to achieving the economic future that all Alaskans seek to secure. Simply put, the people of Alaska cannot afford new policies that further restrict our ability to access and develop the state’s natural resources.

With more coastline than all the other states combined, Alaska’s status as a maritime state makes it particularly vulnerable to efforts that seek to restrict marine activities.

Unfortunately, the Obama administration’s new National Ocean Policy appears to represent just such an initiative.

Through implementation of a zoning scheme known as “Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning” that is overseen by the Washington, DC-based National Ocean Council, human activities deemed incompatible with each other or the environment could be excluded from significant swaths of land both on and offshore.

Implementation will also be costly and could drive scarce resources away from programs that support the ability of Alaskan businesses to operate and support our citizens and communities. The federal officials who developed the policy previously acknowledged that the zoning plan in particular “would require significant initial investments of both human and financial resources.”

Importantly, the questions of who will make these significant investments and at what and whose cost remain unanswered.

In a disturbing acknowledgement, the National Ocean Council last year said that federal agencies had been asked how existing resources can be repurposed to support this initiative. Such concerns have been raised by countless citizens, businesses, and elected officials.

Here in Alaska, top state leaders, the congressional delegation, and local officials from across the state have spoken out loud and clear on behalf of their constituencies about the need for the administration to change course.

Rather than heed the warning calls, the federal government has nonetheless pushed forward with coastal and marine spatial planning in Alaska, already naming seven individuals from the Interior Department alone to take part in the effort.

The recent release of the Final Implementation Plan indicates that the administration intends to continue moving full steam ahead.

Indeed, recent decisions by the federal government to delay lease sales offshore Alaska to allow for more studies and move toward a “targeted” leasing approach in part to “reduce conflict” — one of the objectives of the coastal and marine spatial planning effort — indicate that the policy may already be harming the state.

Alaska’s future is America’s future.

Throwing up new obstacles to economic development will harm not only our state but the nation at large.

Let’s stand together with one voice and tell the federal government that Alaskans simply cannot afford a new and costly layer of regulation and bureaucracy that piles on additional costs, delays, and uncertainty.

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By Ryan Makinster
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Just as the State of Alaska has a long history with the Pacific Northwest, so does the Alaska Chamber. Alaska has always been dependent on Seattle and Tacoma for much of its goods and in many ways its human capital as well. Beginning in the days of the gold rush and continuing today — if it needs to be imported, it comes from the Pacific Northwest.

From mining suppliers and miners in the early days to vegetables, cars and entrepreneurs today, trade supplies Alaska and fuels its economic development.

In turn, Alaska provides crude for refineries in the Pacific Northwest as well as young, talented and ambitious workers looking to expand their horizons. It is these things, as well as geographic proximity, that bind the Pacific Northwest with Alaska. Similarly, the Alaska, Tacoma-Pierce County and Seattle Chambers of Commerce share a symbiotic goal of economic growth.

On April 30, The Alaska Chamber sent a delegation to the Pacific Northwest to continue a biennial tradition that exists to strengthen relationships with organizations, individuals and businesses that are closely linked to Alaska through our shared economies and trade.

As part of the trip, Alaska Chamber members met with the Tacoma-Pierce County and Seattle Chambers of Commerce to discuss shared issues and educate their members on the pillars of the Alaska economy. This included presentations by members of some of Alaska’s most important industries: health-care, oil and gas, transportation, mining and tourism.

In addition, the Alaska Chamber met with Washington Business Week to discuss their extensive education programs, which have already had an effect on Alaska and the Alaska Chamber. In previous trips to Washington the Alaska Chamber learned about the Washington Business Week program and working closely with the organization, developed the Alaska Business Week program.

The weeklong summer camp educates high school students about business, leadership and entrepreneurship. Young Alaskans from across the state will convene on the University of Fairbanks (UAF) campus June 1 to participate.

In a similar vein, event attendees learned more about an industry-driven, STEM-based curriculum called Core Plus. STEM programs focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and have elements that could be replicated in Alaska. Core Plus is being introduced this year at 23 schools across the state of Washington, including 19 high schools and four middle schools. The curriculum covers soft and hard skills for advanced manufacturing and industries with similar skill and knowledge requirements.

Speakers included Bret Hinton with the Boeing Aerospace Academic Alignment Team. Bret designed the base of the curriculum with Boeing instructors. Another was Shep Siegel, the director of the engineering-oriented Project Lead the Way program for the states of Alaska and Washington.

The Alaska Chamber delegation also had the opportunity to visit many businesses that have a close relationship with Alaska. Members visited the Port of Tacoma, Carlisle Transportation, TOTE, American Fast Freight and Vigor Shipyards.

A group not known to let a lot of work get in the way of a little fun also took in a Tacoma Rainier’s game, a tour of Lemay-America’s Car Museum and enjoyed a Seattle Mariners game in a suite provided by Liberty Mutual Group.

And just as the Alaska Chamber realizes the importance of travelling to visit their business partners and sister organizations, the Tacoma-Pierce County and Greater Seattle Chambers of Commerce have made it a point to visit Alaska.

Delegations from our neighbors to the south are regular attendees of the Alaskan Chamber Fall Conference. Through presentations and participation, they educate Alaska Chamber members on our shared issues and discuss ideas that are mutually beneficial for both regions.

Last October, the Tacoma-Pierce County and Greater Seattle Chambers were active in planning the event and participated in the Pacific Northwest Business Roundtable.

The roundtable, like its counterpart at the recent Pacific Northwest Trip, offered attendees the opportunity to learn about industries in Seattle and Tacoma that have ties to Alaska and are an integral part of the shared Washington-Alaska economy. Moderated by Port of Tacoma Commissioner Don Meyer, the roundtable included panelists Fred Kiga of Vigor Industrial, Joe Plesh of Trident Seafood and Louise Bray with Schnitzer Steel.

The conference attendees also heard from other PNW speakers including Richard Berkowitz of the Transportation Institute, Glenn Reed of the Pacific Seafood Processors Association and Tom Pierson of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce.

On October 15, the Alaska Chamber Fall Conference will convene in Fairbanks to discuss issues important to its members, the Alaska business community and its Pacific Northwest partners. A robust discussion of threats and opportunities to the respective economies of Washington and Alaska, as well as ideas to grow those economies, will hold an important place at the event. The close participation of all three chambers will help our states succeed.

More information on past and future events can be found at www.AlaskaChamber.com.
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Denali Brewing Company began as two dreams coming to Alaska from the fertile craft beer craft grounds of Oregon in 1996, general manager Sassan Mos- sanan just knew that Talkeetna was thirsty for a brewery of its own. During the ensuing years, he made several attempts at filling the obvious gap. Along the way he also owned and managed the tracks from town, established a successful construction company, and found time to help his customers do the same.

All the while, brewer Boe Barnett was living 250 miles north of Talkeetna, the Goldstream Valley outside Fairbanks, Alaska. He was teaching English at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, writing and publishing poetry, and brewing more beer than any one person should ever be allowed to consume on his own.

He too had made several attempts at opening a local brewery. Ideas ranged from brewing in a little red cabin next to the main dog mushing trail through the heart of Goldstream Valley, to a more conventional operation located in the city’s industrial zone. The idea of brewing in a hip little town like Talkeetna, however, was too good to pass up.

The current incarnation of Denali Brewing Company was created in December of 2007, when the two partners met over a keg of Boe’s homebrewed pilsner.

Sassan spoke of his passion for the brewery business of Talkeetna and how its proud, independent minded citizens had, for years, been yearning for a brewery of their own. Boe spoke of his desire to bridge the gap between beer geeks and regular folks who just like to drink beer.

Fast forward to late winter of 2009. Boe and his family are now calling Talkeetna home.

Denali Brewing Company has found its own home up Main Street in downtown Talkeetna. The dream of bringing craft beer to the northern Susitna Valley is being turned into a reality.

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