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Camai!

Keeping in touch with folks from home during the legislative session is very important to me. It is my goal, through these periodic flyers, to alert you to action on the legislative front.

Equally important to my goal of staying in touch is the way so many of you reach out to make your voice heard here in Juneau.

Many people travel to Juneau to advocate for the interests of our region. You are some of the most effective voices in relaying the impact of decisions made by lawmakers on our lives at home. Visitors from home are always the highlight of my day, my personal touchstones, keeping me connected to home. Quyanna!

Phone calls, letters of support or opposition, and teleconferenced testimony on bills or budget proposals are also very helpful. There are numerous ways to track legislative action these days, some of which are new, so I thought I'd provide a quick recap:

For information or to send a public opinion message, call the closest Legislative Information Office:

Bethel - 543-3541

Dillingham - 842-5319

If you have computer access to the web, find information from the legislative home page:

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/>

From the legislative home page you can access bill information from the BASIS system:

<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>

New this year, available through a link on BASIS, is live coverage of legislative hearings. You can also access it directly through the KTOO site:

<http://www.ktoo.org/gavel/stream.cfm>

Letters and faxes continue to be important ways to communicate your message. For messages you want to send directly to another legislator, I'm sending you reference pages that list contact information, committee assignments, and the budget subcommittees sheet which I've prepared in past years. You can always send your message through my office, with a request to pass it along.

My best wishes, and I hope to hear from you as legislative action picks up steam this session.

Mary

Visitors from Home



Bethel Council members and City Clerk were in Juneau for AML meetings. We had a great visit, catching up on issues and news from home. With me are Dario Notti, Colleen Soberay, Jerry Drake, Carl Berger, and my staff, Pat Jackson and Katie Rael.



A visit from Mary Pete, Valerie Davidson and Kylie prompted talks about subsistence and local health issues.



John McIntyre stopped by for a quick visit, in Juneau for ARANDAP meetings. It was great to hear news of the Billy McCann Inhalant Treatment Center. My inhalant bill, introduced last session (HB 114), is in the House Finance Committee. I am working to get a hearing scheduled.