

Bill Thomas 18-22 January 2016

Monday: Had lunch with Robert Venables and listened to a presentation by Senator Anna MacKinnon, Co-Chair Senate Finance(Capital Budget). She gave a presentation on "Getting to 'YES' in tough times". Will figure out my new scanner and send you her presentation when I figure it out. Later that night attended 2 fundraisers, for both Majority and Minority. Talking to many Legislators and Staff on why I'm here, many already knew.

Tuesday: Watched a joint meeting of House Education. They had a presentation on Every Student Succeeds Act, this replace No Student Left Behind, was confusing and Commissioner Hanley, told me confusing but a little better than No Student Left Behind. Spent the rest of day visiting with Legislators.

Wednesday: Watched House Finance with David Teal(Legislative Fiscal Analyst) giving a presentation on FY 2017 Governor's Budget and Fiscal Summary. Later watched Pat Pitney (Director of Legislative Finance, works for Governor) give an overview of 2017 Operating Budget. A lunch presentation by Diane Kaplan from Rasmuson Foundation on a "New Survey of Public Opinions on Alaska's Budget Deficit", this was interesting.

Thursday: 7 am presentation by Transportation Commissioner Luiken, about Department overview on Mission, , Core Services , Performance Results/Measures. Later that day Department of Transportation gave a presentation on the Marine Highway System to the House Transportation Committee, Albert Kookesh was there and Robert Venables(Chairman of Marine Transportation Advisory Board). Same presentation that was given in Haines when they were there but with results of Budget cuts(Governor's Cuts) , Legislature will review budget later. And plan to run nine vessels this next fiscal year. With the idea of selling The Taku, since it will cost too much to license and get ready to run again(about 4million dollars)

Friday: Attended Senate Finance Subcommittee meeting, had the year overview and this year's Governors budget proposal.(Haines has about 32 Fish and Game jobs, full and part time)

Meet with Senators Stedman, Hoffman, Stoltze, Stevens, Egan and Staff, Micciche, Bishop, Kelly. Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Foster, Edgmon, Gara , LeDoux, Hawker, Heron, Keller, Nageak, Olsen, Thompson(Staff) Wool.

If you need any information let me know, and if you know when you or Mayor is coming let me know so I can set up meetings.

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