

Senator Gray-Jackson's Notes Turnagain Community Council October 7, 2021

Happy October everyone!

Autumn is finally upon us, and the leaves are quickly turning into beautiful colors and for some, the snow has arrived.

Fourth Special Session

With three special sessions behind us, we gaveled in for the 4th special session on October 4th. During the special session, I'll join other legislators to address:

- An act making appropriations for a supplemental 2021 PFD for eligible Alaskans.
- An Act related to the Permanent Fund Dividend program.
- SJR 6, HJR 7 or similar resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund
- SJR 5, HJR 6 or similar resolutions or acts proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.
- An Act relating to measures to increase state revenues.

After gaveling in and much deliberation, the House passed a resolution (HCR 40) that allows the House and the Senate to recess for a period of more than three days, requiring the House and the Senate to convene on at least one additional calendar on or before October 21st and authorizing the presiding officers to convene their respective bodies as needed during the 4th special session.

The Senate gaveled in but did not consider the resolution. The Senate adjourned until Friday, October 8th at 11:00 a.m. and House adjourned until October 8th at 2:00 p.m.

Legislative Council met on Oct 5th to implement guidelines for all legislative facilities which are to remain open under the following protocols:

- Face coverings/Mask are required in all legislative facilities regardless of vaccinations.
- Social Distancing is still strongly encouraged.



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- Cycle testing/Screening will continue to happen.
- In the event of a positive test, the Legislature will follow CDC guidance for those individuals.
- Mandatory legislative COVID-19 protocol signage will be properly displayed for the public and can be found on the legislature internet page at www.akleg.gov.

The Growing Crisis

As we continue to see the number of COVID-cases increase, we must be mindful to do our part in stopping the spread. I encourage you to stay current on CDC guidelines, practice social distancing and wear your mask. Remember, free testing and vaccines are still being offered at various sites across Anchorage.



Always representing your interests!

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