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November 5th, 2010



**SENATOR
JOHNNY ELLIS**

**BIPARTISAN STATE SENATE ORGANIZATION
FORMED**

***Senator Ellis Promoted to Chair of Powerful Senate Rules
Committee: Keeps Finance Seat***

Friends and Neighbors,

Now that the election is finally over and the dust has settled, Senators moved yesterday to put in place the Bipartisan Working Group's leadership team and committee chairmanships for the next legislative session which convenes on January 18th, 2011.

*Working hard
Solving problems
Getting things done*

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Follow me on:



I am pleased to report that I had the bipartisan backing of my Senate colleagues to be promoted from Majority Leader, a post I held for the last four years, to the position of Chair of the powerful Senate Rules Committee. This leadership position will allow me to continue to effectively advocate for the needs and interests of my constituents.



The newly organized Senate Bipartisan Working Group.

With 10 Democrats and 10 Republicans in the Senate a bipartisan sharing of power was necessary as we organized. There are currently 16 members of the Bipartisan Working Group, 15 of which were members of last session's Majority. Senator Gary Stevens of Kodiak will continue to serve as Senate President. At this time, only leadership, committee chairs and seats on the Senate Finance Committee have been decided. **I'm happy to report I have kept a seat on the powerful Senate Finance Committee.** The Senate Finance Committee will be co-chaired by Senators Lyman Hoffman and Bert Stedman. I will update you on my other responsibilities and committee memberships as decisions are made.

Senate Bipartisan Working Group Leadership Positions & Committee Chairs:

- **President:** Gary Stevens
Rules Chair: Johnny Ellis
Majority Leader: Kevin Meyer
Finance: Lyman Hoffman & Bert Stedman, Co-Chairs
- **Judiciary:** Hollis French

- **Labor & Commerce:** Dennis Egan
- **Resources:** Joe Paskvan & Tom Wagoner, Co-Chairs
- **State Affairs:** Bill Wielechowski
- **Legislative Council:** Linda Menard
- **Health & Social Services:** Bettye Davis
- **Community & Regional Affairs:** Donny Olson
- **Education:** Joe Thomas & Kevin Meyer, Co-Chairs
- **Transportation:** Albert Kookesh
- **Joint Armed Services:** Bill Wielechowski

By working together, the Bipartisan Working Group over the last four years has accomplished many great things; forward funding of education, paying back the constitutional budget reserve, investment in renewable energy projects, and billions of dollars in surplus savings, among others. The upcoming legislature has many big issues to tackle like controlling state spending, workforce development, improving education, and upgrading our substance abuse treatment programs. **I am honored to have the opportunity to once again be in a leadership position to guide work on these important challenges.**

Until next week,



Senator Johnny Ellis

P.S. Healthy Schools and Healthy Kids! Please stop by an all-day FREE family event on Saturday, November 13th from 12-4:00pm at Wendler Middle School. Learn more about healthy choices for your student! Guest speakers include Claire Barnett, Executive Director of the Healthy Schools Network and Dr. Thad Woodward, Pediatrician and Host of *Line One: Your Health Connection*. There will be free food, school supplies and art activities for students!

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