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REP. JOHNSON AND FELLOW REPUBLICAN HOUSE MEMBERS CONVENE THE 2018 SESSION

Capitol Report



Your Representative
DeLena Johnson

DISTRICT 11 – GREATER PALMER, ALASKA

DAY#1 My Message to the House: “90 DAYS”

-Rep. DeLena Johnson-Given before the Alaska House of Representatives January 16, 2018

Mr. Speaker, Fellow Representatives and friends. Good afternoon, and welcome back!

It’s great to be here today to usher in a new session and new opportunities. In fact, it is opportunity that I want to talk about now.

In February last year, I introduced House Concurrent Resolution Six.

In summary, this resolution gives us the opportunity to limit our focus to appropriating, raising, and allocating state revenue until we pass a state operating budget onto the Senate.

Setting aside other matters until we have addressed the budget is not just a necessary and proper path, it is a seminal opportunity to do the right thing for Alaskans.

The people of my district, and of our state have made their wishes clear. They want a budget passed within the first 90 days of this session.

I don’t take this as a suggestion. I take it as a mandate from those we serve to our ability to do the business

of the people, with diligence and on time.

Resolution Six outlines the measures necessary to accomplish this goal, but it is the members of this chamber who must embody its spirit and intent.

It is we in the House who must honor the will of the citizens of Alaska, by taking the opportunity to set a clear course, and to produce an operating budget by our 90th day of the session.

Rep. Johnson sits on the following:

House Committees

- ✓ RESOURCES
- ✓ STATE AFFAIRS
- ✓ ENERGY

House Finance Subcommittees

- ✓ NATURAL RESOURCES
- ✓ ADMINISTRATION
- ✓ UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA
- ✓ ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



Rep. Johnson speaking in the House



Rep. Johnson with constituents
Chuck & LuAnn Kaucic

“NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGES”



STATE BUDGET - DO IT IN 90 DAYS

Governor Walker has submitted his \$10.65 billion total budget for the next fiscal year (FY-19). Rather than cutting expenses, this budget actually proposes increased spending in agency operating budgets and unrestricted general fund expenditures. This is simply unacceptable, and I will be working closely with the other members of our Mat-Su delegation to look for ways to reduce this budget and to argue strongly against any payroll, wage, or other taxes that diminish your standard of living.

TAXATION - NO NEW TAXES

While we're on the subject of taxes, my stance has always been clear. Simply taxing away government inefficiency is not an answer. State government must rein itself in, assess its critical needs, and outsource projects to the private sector to grow our economy. I will never support any plan that makes Alaskans bail out bloated state government.

CRIME - REPEAL SB91

As your representative in the House, I have been outspoken in my objection

to both SB-91 and SB-54. Patching up a defective law will not work. We need sound anti-crime legislation passed this session.

Let me assure the residents of the Palmer area, I have heard your calls for action on crime and I will be working closely with our Mat-Su lawmakers and others in the House to address this issue head on.

Ultimately, I believe SB-91 should be replaced with statutes that more effectively target crime and have no loopholes. **That is why I have put forth House Bill 311 to keep what is good about SB91, while repealing what is not.**

MY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Repeal SB91
2. Pass a Sustainable Budget during 1st 90 days of session
3. Increased Funding for Public Safety
4. Full Funding for our Pioneer Homes

MY CURRENT BILLS & RESOLUTIONS

1. HB241 – No Budget = No Per Diem
2. HB311- SB91 Repeal
3. HB208 – Trust Reform
4. HJR15 – Oppose Federal ID Requirements
5. HCR6 – 90 Day Budget

I serve you, the citizens of District 11. I want to hear your voices & opinions so I can best represent you in Juneau. Let yourselves be heard!



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