

REP. CARL GATTO-DISTRICT 13-SESSION NEWS

Hello friends! I have several updates for you. We are anticipating the Governor's Production Profit Tax legislation which can be an important first step towards a gas pipeline. Also, the right of the people to vote on cruise ship taxes in the upcoming elections was upheld in court. The cruise ship companies had challenged the people's signatures but the court ruled in favor of the voters so you will likely have a chance to vote on this issue in a few months. For now, please feel free to participate in my online snap-poll:

<http://www.akrepublicans.org/gatto/index.php>

I will be putting more transportation and gasline information on my majority page within the coming weeks and will likely be sending out another update shortly. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Take care,

Carl

RECENT ACTIVITY IN JUNEAU: ETHICS BILL

We are working hard to improve the ethics act. Yesterday I supported the amendment which removed the \$5,000 fine for citizens who disclose an ethics complaint. I believe we made good, substantive, changes to strengthen the law without harming citizens.

BONE MARROW DONATION BILL

I introduced legislation which would allow 16 year olds with parental permission to be added to the bone marrow registry. Bone marrow is difficult to match and expanding the database with willing volunteers who have parental and physician consent can save lives of leukemia victims at no additional cost to the State of Alaska.

PALMER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

I have authored legislation requesting funds for construction of a new Palmer Senior Citizens Center. The need is clear and growing. I am hoping for strong community support to help our seniors.

CRUISE SHIP TAXES

Cruise Ship companies pay no taxes to the State of Alaska. Yet they create a tremendous burden to our infrastructure every year when they bring 1,000,000 tourists into our state. I continue to support requiring cruise ship companies to pay their fair share.

Students attending school outside of Alaska:

Do not register to vote, register your car, or do anything which indicates you do not intend to return to Alaska unless you do not intend to return. You could forfeit your PFD eligibility.

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