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Senate Democrats Pick Leadership

ANCHORAGE – Senate Democrats met today and announced minority leadership and committee assignments for the 23rd Alaska Legislature. Senator Johnny Ellis (D-Anchorage) will continue as Minority Leader for the caucus. Ellis brings 16 years of legislative experience to the post.

"Senate Democrats are committed to work with all Alaskans, with the Murkowski-Leman administration, and with our colleagues across the aisle," said Sen. Ellis. "The issues confronting Alaska are too big to get caught up in partisan rancor."

Senator Kim Elton (D-Juneau) is Minority Whip. Senators Lyman Hoffman (D-Bethel) and Donny Olson (D-Nome) were selected to serve on the Senate Finance committee.

Democrats also emerged with picks for Senate standing committees:

Rules: Ellis, Sen. Georgianna Lincoln (D-Rampart)

Committee on Committees: Ellis, Sen. Bettye Davis (D-Anchorage)

HESS: Davis, Sen. Gretchen Guess (D-Anchorage)

Judiciary: Ellis, Sen. Hollis French (D-Anchorage)

Resources: Elton, Guess

State Affairs: Davis, Hoffman

Labor & Commerce: Davis, French

Transportation: Lincoln, Olson

C&RA: Elton, Lincoln

Armed Services: Guess

Regulation Review: French

Leg. Council: Lincoln

LB&A: Hoffman

Ethics: Elton

The first session of the 23rd Alaska Legislature begins January 21, 2003.

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