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## Ramras Champions Legislation

(JUNEAU) – Representative Jay Ramras (R-Fairbanks) wrapped up the second session of the 24<sup>th</sup> Alaska Legislature with a flurry of legislation passing the final hurdle. “I had legislation that had been held in their last committee. In the final days they began to move quickly and were passed on the Senate Floor. I really wanted several of these bills to pass, especially those brought to me by residents of District 10,” Representative Ramras said.

Heading to the Governor for his signature this summer:

HB 109 – expands the requirement so all newborns are tested for hearing loss. Those found to have a hearing impairment will have their families directed to treatment programs and early intervention services.

HB 149 – introduced to battle the growing Meth problem in Alaska. The bill was held up in the House after radical changes made in the Senate that added controversial marijuana provisions to the language.

HB 268 – extends safety measures provided to police and ambulances. When an emergency vehicle is stationary on the side of the road helping someone, the driver of an oncoming vehicle is required to pull over away from the emergency vehicle as far as is safe. HB 268 expanded emergency vehicles to include tow trucks and animal protection vehicles.

HB 269 – allows a person who is voluntarily trying to clean up an environmentally damaged area that may have been the result of a previous owner to seek restitution from that owner.

HB 334 – makes it easier for developers to seek financing when they are trying to refurbish a deteriorated building such as the Polaris Building in downtown Fairbanks. The ten-year tax break allows the developer to work and spend money on the project while not receiving any income.

HCR 4 – a companion resolution to HB 149 that creates the Meth Watch program in Alaska. Meth Watch is a joint private and government effort to educate Alaskans especially young people about the dangers of methamphetamine.

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