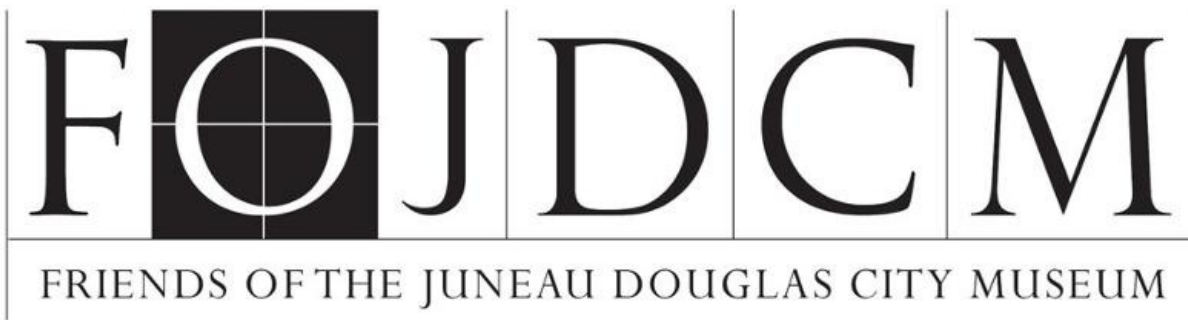


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LEGISLATORS SET HOT PACE

February 3, 1957--The 23rd Territorial Legislature got off to a flying start this week after organizing for business in record time and with a record absence of friction.

With Senator **Victor C. Rivers** of Anchorage serving as President of the upper house and Representative **Richard Greuel** of Fairbanks as Speaker of the lower, the Legislature already had 75 bills and a clutch of memorials and resolutions before it, as the week ended.



1957 House ASL-Groups-Legis-05



1957 Senate ASL-Groups-Legis-05

Calendars in both houses were full and the Senate had already passed seven measures and the House five. Democrats wielding a 23-to-3 majority in the House and one of 11-to-5 in the Senate took a firm grip on the working committees, keeping all chairmanships in the party.

Senator **Robert E. Ellis** of Ketchikan was appointed chairman of the important Senate Finance Committee and predicted the Territorial budget can be balanced with in the present tax structure plus a property tax on holdings that are outside of cities and school districts. Representative Ken Johnson of Anchorage, his opposite number in the House as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was making no comments for the record.

Some of the major pieces of legislation which are certain to figure prominently in deliberations during the 60-day session are already being considered in House and Senate committees.

They included a new workmen's compensation act, amendments to last session's fiscal procedures act, a proposal to reorganize the Territorial government by creating the office of Administrative Governor, and a graduated tax on salmon.

Both houses meet at 10 o'clock each morning and at two each afternoon. Between times, and afterwards, committees are holding working sessions. A public hearing on a bill to grant fiscal autonomy to school districts will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening in the House chamber.



Victor C. Rivers (1905-1959) was a civil engineer, practicing in Fairbanks and Anchorage. He was a territorial Senator from 1937 to 1941, 1947-1951, and 1957-1959. He was also a delegate to the Alaska Constitutional Convention. UAF-1983-185-

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Richard J. "Dick" Greuel 1928 - 2013 was a Fairbanks radio announcer and businessman. He served on the Fairbanks City Council, and in the Alaska House from 1953 to 1961. He ran for the U.S. Senate in 1974, but lost to Mike Gravel in the Democratic primary. He is shown here in 1954, with Senator "Bob" Bartlett. UAA-hmc-f1-03



Bob Ellis (1903-1994) founded Ellis Air Transport in Ketchikan in 1936. (It was later merged with Alaska Coastal and then with Alaska Airlines). He served as Mayor of Ketchikan and in the Territorial Senate from 1955 to 1959. He and his Waco are pictured here in Sitka in 1937. ASL-P337-007