

# Alaska State Legislature

*Interim: (June-Dec)*  
716 WEST 4TH AVENUE, SUITE 600  
ANCHORAGE, AK  
99501-2133  
(907) 269-0129  
FAX (907) 269-0128



*Session: (Jan-May)*  
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 208  
JUNEAU, AK  
99801-1182  
(907) 465-4859  
FAX (907) 465-3799

**JOHN HARRIS**  
*Speaker of the House*

September 16, 2008

Senator Kim Elton, Chairman  
Alaska Legislative Council  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Elton:

It is imperative that the Legislative Council convene a meeting within a week for the purpose of discussing the status of the investigation currently underway by Stephen Branchflower.

Mr. Branchflower is under contract with the Legislative Council "to investigate the circumstances and events surrounding the termination of former Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan and potential abuses of power and/or improper actions by members of the executive branch." Further, Mr. Branchflower is charged with preparing a final report – including recommendations – in a timely manner.

The political landscape certainly has changed since this investigation was authorized by the Legislative Council on July 28, 2008. What started as a bipartisan and impartial effort is becoming overshadowed by public comments from individuals at both ends of the political spectrum. A meeting of the Council is now warranted to ensure that this investigation remains and concludes in the impartial and timely manner we agreed upon.

The Legislative Council should receive an update from Mr. Branchflower, and should discuss procedures for the receipt and consideration of the report.

My office has notified all House members. I am hereby calling for a convening of a quorum of the Legislative Council by Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Harris".

*for* Representative John Harris  
Speaker of the House

Cc: Members of Legislative Council  
Senator Hollis French  
Stephen Branchflower