

More state time

Alaska Gov. Jay Hammond has ordered all state agencies which deal with the public in the state's capital to stay open to 5:30 p.m. weekdays in an effort to improve state agency public responsiveness.

Hammond ordered agencies which deal directly with the public to keep a crew of employees capable of directly answering public inquiries in all offices until 5:30 p.m.

He also authorized commissioners to employ flex-time, staggered working hours and even four-day work weeks, in limited instances.