



## ► CANADA RELATIONS COMMITTEE



Have you met Alaska Senator Tom Begich? A Co-Chair of the CSG West Canada Relations Committee, he will work with Alberta Member of the Legislative Assembly Nathan Neudorf to facilitate member dialogue and collaborative solutions to issues faced throughout the region. We look forward to supporting the committee's efforts in the coming years.

### **WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE EMERGING CANADA RELATIONS ISSUES IN THE WEST?**

One of the most pressing issues is normalizing border relations in the midst of the current pandemic. This includes addressing focused attention on areas of citizen travel, tourism, and commerce. Beyond pandemic response, two additional areas of focus require focused attention – resource allocation and energy. Fisheries, timber, water, and energy industries require assurance of adequate resources while also looking for energy related solutions addressing oil and gas, pipelines, and alternative sources for production.

### **WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT?**

Located within Anchorage, District J is likely the most diverse senate district in America. Drawing from numerous populations from around the world, there are over 100 languages spoken in district schools.

### **WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT WOULD FIND INTERESTING?**

Most people may not realize that I am a professional musician and published poet.