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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Porter at 10:05 a.m.

Roll call showed 35 members present. Representative Kohring had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representative Ogan was excused from a call of the House today due to illness. Representative Kookesh was absent and his presence was noted later. Representatives Masek and Moses were absent.

The invocation was offered by Pastor Daymond Geary of Restoration Grace Outreach Center. Representative Davies moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it appears below:

"When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will give you mighty inner strength through his Holy Spirit. In addition, I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love. May you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope." (Ephesians 3:14-20)

Father, pour out Your great love on each member of this body, his or her staff, office personnel, and each family member. Guide each one in the decisions to be made for the advancements of our state and for the welfare of all our citizens. Lord, protect each one from harm as we commit them this day to Your grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Foster.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 80th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HJR 10

A message dated March 27, 2001, was received stating the Governor is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies of the following resolution to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10(FSH)
Relating to the management of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands and Gulf of Alaska groundfish fisheries and the protection and restoration of the Steller sea lion.

Legislative Resolve No. 15

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 109

A message dated March 28, 2001, was read stating the Senate has passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 109
"An Act relating to failure by an election official to execute the voter's certificate on an absentee ballot or by a person authorized by law to execute the voter's certificate on a questioned ballot."

HB 109 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

A message dated March 28, 2001, was read stating the Senate has passed the following and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS**

SB 133

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 133(HES) am by the Senate Health, Education & Social Services Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to a two-year transition for implementation of the public high school competency examination and to establishing a secondary student competency examination as a high school graduation requirement; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Education and the Health, Education & Social Services and Finance Committees.

SB 137

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the allocation of money appropriated to the Alaska Human Resource Investment Council; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Department of Revenue
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Review and Report of Corporate Assets
June 30, 2000
(as required by AS 18.56.089)

Combined Financial Statements and Combining Schedules
June 30, 2000 and 1999

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 19

The Resources Committee has considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to fund the acquisition of high-resolution digital orthoimagery and digital elevation data for the entire state of Alaska.

The report was signed by Representative Scalzi, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Kerttula, Fate, Green, Chenault, Stevens, Scalzi

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Resources Committee/Dept. of Natural Resources

HJR 19 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 52

The Judiciary Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act relating to the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision and the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision; amending Rules 4 and 24, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Rokeberg, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Berkowitz, Kookesh, Rokeberg

Do not pass (3): Coghill, Ogan, James

No recommendation (1): Meyer

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections

HB 52 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 76

The Health, Education & Social Services Committee has considered:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76

"An Act authorizing the commissioner of health and social services to provide for the design and construction of psychiatric treatment facilities to replace the facilities of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(HES)

"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of certificates of participation to finance demolition of all or part of the existing facility known as the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and construction of a new facility to be known as the Alaska Psychiatric Institute; giving notice of and approving the entry into and the issuance of certificates of participation in a lease-purchase agreement for demolition of all or part of the existing facility known as the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and construction of a new facility to be known as the Alaska Psychiatric Institute; relating to construction of a facility to be known as the Alaska Psychiatric Institute; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Dyson, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (1): Dyson

No recommendation (2): Kohring, Stevens

Amend (4): Coghill, Wilson, Cissna, Joule

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSSSHB 76(HES):

1. Zero, House Health, Education & Social Services Committee

SSHB 76 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 77

The Health, Education & Social Services Committee has considered:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 77

"An Act relating to appropriations for the design and construction of a replacement facility or facilities for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute and for a grant to study the feasibility of locating certain health programs at the site of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO.
77(HES)

"An Act making an appropriation for a grant to study the feasibility of locating certain health programs at the site of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Dyson, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (1): Dyson

No recommendation (4): Coghill, Wilson, Stevens, Cissna

Amend (1): Kohring

SSHB 77 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 194

The Resources Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

"An Act relating to fees for commercial fishing licenses and permits; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Scalzi, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Kerttula, Chenault, Stevens, Fate, Scalzi

No recommendation (2): McGuire, Green

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 194 was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 64

The Health, Education & Social Services Committee has considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(FIN)

"An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II veterans."

(similar to HB 98)

The report was signed by Representative Dyson, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Coghill, Joule, Cissna, Wilson, Stevens, Dyson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development

CSSB 64(FIN) was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HB 88**

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 88

"An Act changing the name of the Alaska Pioneers' Home to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Home and of the Alaska Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Home Advisory Board; relating to services for veterans in the home; relating to the advisory board for the home; making other amendments to the statutes relating to the home; making conforming amendments to other statutes; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Chenault, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Hayes, Murkowski, Green, Cissna, Chenault

No recommendation (1): Kott

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

HB 88 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton
By Senator Pearce

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 220**

HOUSE BILL NO. 220 by Representative Kott, entitled:

"An Act establishing an exploration and development incentive tax credit for persons engaged in the exploration for and development of less than 150 barrels of oil or of gas for sale and delivery without reference to volume from a lease or property in the state; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Oil & Gas and the Resources and Finance Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Bryan Carey

By Representatives McGuire, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Green, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, Lancaster, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

Honoring - Misty Dutton

By Representatives Green, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

Honoring - Nick Bailey

By Representatives Green, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

Honoring - Andre Coulombe

By Representatives Green, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

Honoring - Orion Walters

By Representatives Green, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

Honoring - Tyler Don Davis, Eagle Scout

By Representatives Williams, Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Green, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Wilson; Senator Taylor

Honoring - John M. "Jack" Anderson, Outstanding Alaskan Award

By Senator Leman; Representatives Porter, Berkowitz, Bunde, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Davies, Dyson, Fate, Green, Guess, Halcro, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Joule, Kapsner, Kerttula, Kohring, Kott, Lancaster, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Mulder, Murkowski, Rokeberg, Stevens, Williams, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Berkowitz - from 7:00 a.m., plane time, April 4 to 6:34 p.m., plane time, April 8, 2001

Representative Coghill - from 7:00 p.m., plane time, April 12 to 9:34 p.m., plane time, April 16, 2001

Representative Whitaker - from 7:00 a.m., plane time, March 30 to 9:30 a.m., plane time, April 2, 2001

**The presence of Representative Kookesh was noted.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the citation, Honoring - Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton, be taken up as a Special Order of Business at this time. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton

By Senator Pearce; Representatives Porter, Bunde, Dyson, Fate, Green, Guess, Harris, Hayes, Hudson, James, Kott, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Murkowski, Mulder, Rokeberg, Scalzi, Stevens, Whitaker, Williams, Wilson

ENROLLMENT

HB 100

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 10:00 a.m., March 29, 2001:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 100(STA)

"An Act establishing the third Saturday of each June as Juneteenth Day."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

The following meeting has been changed as indicated:

Judiciary Committee

3/28 meeting

RECONVENE TO A CALL OF THE CHAIR

10:40 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative James moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 30, 2001. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk