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Sixteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 10:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members' excused absences be extended. There being no objection, the absences were extended as noted:

Representative Kohring – to evening plane time, today (page 123)
Representative Neuman – to evening plane time, today (page 123)

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Dan Wanders of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans,
we offer the following prayer.

Creator God, Creator of this great land and all that is good, we pray that the gift of your creativity can so infuse this House that problems can be experienced as opportunities, challenges as successes, differences among us as enrichments.

We pray that these representatives can so work together that public attitudes toward government are elevated, and constituents, especially the voiceless and overlooked, will know that they have been attended to.

We are thankful for the abilities and dedication of the support staff and ask your peaceful blessing upon all of them.

In this House, let truth be spoken, camaraderie be nourished, mutual respect be deserved, and nobility thrive. Keep all of us gathered here aware of our common humanity and our love for Alaska. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Samuels.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 15th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 30, 2007, was read stating the Senate appointed the following members to the ombudsman selection committee (AS 24.55.020):

Senator Cowdery
Senator Stevens
Senator Dyson

A message dated January 30, 2007, was read stating the Senate appointed the following members to the victims' advocate selection committee (AS 24.65.020):

Senator Huggins
Senator McGuire
Senator Therriault

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 18**

The Health, Education & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

"An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 18(HES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Seaton, Gardner, Fairclough, Wilson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 18(HES):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 18 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring – Charles Akers
By Representative Gatto

In Memoriam – Earl John Clabo
By Representative Gatto

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

HB 115

HOUSE BILL NO. 115 by Representatives Doogan, Buch, Crawford, Gardner, and Cissna, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation from the general fund to repay the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 37

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

"An Act establishing the first Saturday of every March as Susan Butcher Day."

with the:

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Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 37 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 37 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 37 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 37

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson

Excused: Kohring, Neuman

And so, HB 37 passed the House.

Representative Gruenberg gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on HB 37.

RECONSIDERATION

HB 37

Representative Gruenberg moved and asked unanimous consent that reconsideration of HB 37 be taken up on the same day. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 37 was again before the House in third reading.

Representative Gruenberg moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 37 be returned to second reading for the specific purpose of considering Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Guttenberg and Gruenberg:

Page 1, line 1, following "**Day**" (title amendment):

Insert "**; and providing for an effective date**"

Page 1, following line 11:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

Representative Gruenberg moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. There being no objection, it was so ordered and the new title follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37(efd add)

"An Act establishing the first Saturday of every March as Susan Butcher Day; and providing for an effective date."

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall HB 37(efd add) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 37(efd add)--RECONSIDERATION

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Buch, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Harris, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson

Excused: Kohring, Neuman

Absent: Crawford

And so, HB 37(efd add) passed the House on reconsideration.

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 37(efd add) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Samuels 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 – Barrow, 125th Anniversary, International Polar Year
By Representatives Joule, Harris, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Dahlstrom, Doll, Doogan, Fairclough, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson

In Memoriam – Cpl. Brendan Jon Smart
By Representatives Dahlstrom, Doogan, Harris, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Doll, Fairclough, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Kelly, Kerttula, LeDoux, Lynn, Meyer, Nelson, Olson, Ramras, Roses, Salmon, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Samuels 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 Cissna - from 8:00 p.m., February 2 to morning plane time, February 4

Representative Chenault - from 2:00 p.m., February 2 to evening plane time, February 4

Representative Dahlstrom - from 6:00 p.m., February 1 to morning plane time, February 7

Representative Gatto - from 12:30 p.m., February 1 to evening plane time, February 4

Representative Johnson - from noon, February 1 to morning plane time, February 5

Representative Meyer - from 2:00 p.m., February 2 to morning plane time, February 5

Representative Olson - from 6:00 p.m., February 1 to morning plane time, February 5

Representative Ramras - from 2:00 p.m., February 2 to morning plane time, February 5

Pursuant to AS 24.20.650, and in conjunction with the Senate President, the Speaker appointed the following public members to the Joint Armed Services Committee:

George Cannelos (reappointment)
Chick Wallace (reappointment)
Joel Casto

HB 18

Representative Kelly added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

"An Act amending the functions and powers of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education; and relating to the repayment provisions for medical education and postsecondary degree program participants."

HB 21

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to the proper disposal of the state flag."

HB 37

Representatives Holmes, Gara, Harris, Johnson, and Thomas added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37(efd add)

"An Act establishing the first Saturday of every March as Susan Butcher Day; and providing for an effective date."

HB 69

Representative Meyer added his name as cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(JUD)

"An Act relating to executive clemency."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 37

HB 37(efd add) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 1, 2007. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk