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Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:32 a.m.

Roll call showed 32 members present. Representatives Edgmon, Higgins, Johnson, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Olson, and Reinbold had been previously excused from a call of the House today. There was one vacancy.

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Neuman's excused absence (page 1471) be amended to begin at noon today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Phil Campbell of Northern Light United Church. Representative P. Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Glorious Creator, on this Valentine's Day when the thoughts of many turn to love, I pray for the public servants gathered here whose focus must remain not on love, but on legislation. Keep them, therefore, attentive to their statecraft. But in addition, O God, I pray that they might enjoy the gifts that this day promises. May they be a reminder for them of what is truly important in life – your great gifts of joy, love, compassion, and peace. For ultimately, there need be no contradiction between law and love. Thus, O God, even as those in this chamber prepare for the work before them, allow them also, at day's end, to revel in the rest and renewal that

this day of love and the weekend ahead can offer to them and to us all. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hawker.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 23rd legislative day with the following correction and the journal for the 24th legislative day and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 9 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Under HB 276-MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER EMPLOYEES, page 1572, the Zero Fiscal Note should be by the Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development.

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Representative Munoz introduced Kalino Iha, Guest Page, from Juneau.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 71

A message dated February 12, 2014, was read stating the President granted limited powers of free conference to the Senate members of the Conference Committee considering:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(FIN)

"An Act requiring the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to file an annual report to the legislature regarding statewide and regional economic development projects and regional development organizations; extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(FIN)

"An Act requiring the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to report biennially on the vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for the weathervane scallop and Bering Sea hair crab fisheries; requiring the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to file an annual report to the legislature regarding statewide and regional economic development projects and regional development organizations; extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; extending the termination date of the authority of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to maintain a vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for the weathervane scallop and Bering Sea hair crab fisheries; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date under sec. 28, ch. 137, SLA 2002; and providing for an effective date."

The Speaker granted the limited powers of free conference as requested (page 1573).

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
2013 Annual Report
(as required by AS 44.81.200)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Alaska Student Loan Corporation
2013 Annual Report

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
2012 Annual Report

Dept. of Revenue
Tax Division
2013 Annual Report

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 231**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 231

"An Act eliminating the Department of Revenue's duty to register cattle brands."

The report was signed by Representatives Stoltze and Austerman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (8): Holmes, Neuman, Thompson, Edgmon, T. Wilson, Costello, Stoltze, Austerman

Amend (2): Guttenberg, Gara

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 231 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 244

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

"An Act extending the termination date of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Stoltze and Austerman, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (8): T. Wilson, Holmes, Neuman, Thompson, Edgmon, Munoz, Costello, Stoltze

Do not pass (1): Guttenberg

No recommendation (2): Gara, Austerman

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 244 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 284

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

"An Act relating to an interstate compact on a balanced federal budget."

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

Do pass (6): Millett, Gattis, Keller, Isaacson, Hughes, Lynn

No recommendation (1): Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 284 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 71

A letter dated February 12, 2014, was read stating the 2d Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference considering:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(FIN)

"An Act requiring the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to file an annual report to the legislature regarding statewide and regional economic development projects and regional development organizations; extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(FIN)

"An Act requiring the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to report biennially on the vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for the weathervane scallop and Bering Sea hair crab fisheries; requiring the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to file an annual report to the legislature regarding statewide and regional economic development projects and regional development organizations; extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; extending the termination date of the authority of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission to maintain a vessel-based limited entry fisheries system for the weathervane scallop and Bering Sea hair crab fisheries; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date under sec. 28, ch. 137, SLA 2002; and providing for an effective date."

is unable to reach agreement on amendments and requests that the committee be discharged and a new conference committee appointed.

The letter was signed by Representative Pruitt (Chair), LeDoux, Kawasaki; and Senator Coghill (Chair), Gardner, Micciche.

The Speaker discharged the House Conferees.

The Speaker appointed the following members to a Free Conference Committee to meet with a like committee from the Senate:

Representative Hawker, Chair
Representative Olson
Representative Josephson

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

HB 204

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 204

"An Act relating to a product development tax credit for certain salmon and herring products; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Feige, Kreiss-Tomkins, Olson, Seaton

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

SSHB 204 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 – Rose Miller
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Honoring – Lawrence "Woody" Widmark, Jr.
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Honoring – Service High School, 2013 All-State Football Team Members
By Representative Millett; Senator Meyer

In Memoriam – Robert F. Burgess
By Representative Higgins; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam – Elizabeth Clauson
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam – John Howard Clauson
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam – Virginia Demmert
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 275**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

"An Act relating to electronic publication of certain municipal notices and to publication and electronic distribution of reports by state agencies."

with the:	Journal Page
CRA RPT CS(CRA) 6DP	1533
FN1: ZERO(GOV/VARIOUS DEPTS)	1534
FN2: ZERO(GOV)	1534
STA RPT CS(CRA) 6DP	1571
FN2: ZERO(GOV)	1572
FN3: ZERO(GOV/VARIOUS DEPTS)	1572

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 275(CRA)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 275(CRA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 275(CRA) will advance to third reading on the February 17, 2014, calendar.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 21**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Opposing cuts to retirement benefits owed to members of the armed services of the United States; and urging the United States Congress to approve legislation allowing members of the armed services of the United States to receive promised retirement benefits.

with the:

Journal Page

MLV RPT 5DP

1574

FN1: ZERO(H.MLV)

1575

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 21 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

Representative Lynn objected.

Representative Lynn moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 21 be returned to the Rules Committee.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, HJR 21 would be returned to the Rules Committee.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Pruitt 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 – Ellen Frohlich, 2013 BP Teacher of Excellence

By Representatives Millett, Chenault, Costello, Drummond, Edgmon, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Higgins, Holmes, Hughes, Isaacson, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman,

Olson, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stoltze, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Meyer

Honoring – Mary Maureen Mitchell

By Representatives Kawasaki, Chenault, Costello, Drummond, Edgmon, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Higgins, Holmes, Hughes, Isaacson, Johnson, Josephson, Keller, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stoltze, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Kelly

Honoring – Bethel Regional High School Warriors, 2013 Class 1-2-3A State Wrestling Champions

By Representatives Herron, Chenault, Austerman, Costello, Drummond, Edgmon, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Higgins, Holmes, Hughes, Isaacson, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stoltze, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson; Senator Hoffman

Honoring – Art Mortvedt and the Flight of the Polar Pumpkin

By Senator Bishop; Representatives Chenault, Costello, Drummond, Edgmon, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Higgins, Holmes, Hughes, Isaacson, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stoltze, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

In Memoriam – John Thomas Kelsey

By Representatives Feige, Chenault, Costello, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Higgins, Holmes, Hughes, Isaacson, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stoltze, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

In Memoriam – Douglas F. Blossom

By Senator Micciche; Representatives Seaton, Chenault, Costello, Drummond, Edgmon, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg,

Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Higgins, Holmes, Hughes, Isaacson, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Stoltze, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Pruitt 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 Austerman – from 5:00 p.m., March 6 to 8:00 a.m., March 10

Representative Gattis – from noon, February 20 to 3:00 p.m., February 23 (amended from page 1539)

Representative Isaacson – from 8:00 p.m., today to 8:00 p.m., February 16; and from 6:00 p.m., March 20 to 2:00 p.m., March 23

Representative Josephson – from 5:00 p.m., February 21 to noon, February 24; and from 5:00 p.m., February 28 to noon, March 3

Representative LeDoux – from noon, February 21 to 10:00 a.m., February 23

Representative Nageak – from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., February 28

Representative Reinbold – from 3:00 p.m., February 28 to 7:30 p.m., March 2; and from 3:00 p.m., March 7 to 10:00 p.m., March 9

Representative Saddler – from 11:30 a.m., February 21 to 10:00 p.m., February 23

Representative T. Wilson – from noon, February 20 to noon, February 24

HJR 21

Representatives Isaacson, Hughes, Feige, and Tarr added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Opposing cuts to retirement benefits owed to members of the armed services of the United States; and urging the United States Congress to approve legislation allowing members of the armed services of the United States to receive promised retirement benefits.

HB 199

Representative Millett added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 199

"An Act relating to Department of Public Safety regulations allowing village public safety officers to carry firearms."

HB 216

Representative Foster added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 216

"An Act adding the Inupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Central Alaskan Yup'ik, Alutiq, Unangax, Dena'ina, Deg Xinag, Holikachuk, Koyukon, Upper Kuskokwim, Gwich'in, Tanana, Upper Tanana, Tanacross, Hän, Ahtna, Eyak, Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian languages as official languages of the state."

HB 244

Representative Costello added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

"An Act extending the termination date of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

HB 275

Representative Nageak removed his name as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 275(CRA)

"An Act relating to electronic publication of certain municipal notices and to publication and electronic distribution of reports by state agencies."

Representatives Holmes and Hughes added their names as cosponsors.

HB 281

Representative Keller added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

"An Act relating to prescription of drugs by a physician without a physical examination."

HB 284

Representatives Lynn, Isaacson, and Hughes added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

"An Act relating to an interstate compact on a balanced federal budget."

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Representative Kawasaki requested that the House members stand for a moment of silence to honor the life of Mike Stepovich, former Territorial Governor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

Personal Bill Deadline

4:00 p.m., 2/24

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 17, 2014. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk