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Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 34 members present. Representatives Edgmon, LeDoux, Nageak, Tuck, and Vazquez had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Lynn be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Wilson. Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Father, calm our hearts and minds. We ask your spirit to lead us and guide us as we make the many daily decisions that come our way.

We thank you for working in our lives, thank you for your undeserved love, thank you for putting us in the time and place that you have planned for us. Thank you for the troubles and challenges that you send our way. We know they build our character and make us better people because of them.

Of course we don't enjoy the trials when they come, but when we look back on the timeline of our lives, we can see how we benefited from those same troubles and trials, and how we have learned to have more empathy and love for those who are going through similar circumstances.

Thank you, dear Lord, for always being here for us. Be with our loved ones, both here and away from the capitol.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Guttenberg.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 23rd and 24th legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Kito introduced Rebecca and McKenzie Dimond and Michaela Bentley, Guest Pages, from Douglas.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 5

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(TRA)

Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics for establishing safety guidelines and best practices.

The report was signed by Representatives Hughes and Foster, Cochairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Stutes, Claman, Ortiz, Millett, Hughes, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 5(TRA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HJR 5 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 65

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

"An Act relating to the disclosure of financial information by persons who are subject to the Legislative Ethics Act and by certain public officers, public employees, and candidates for public office."

and recommends it be replaced with:

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(STA) (same title)
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The report was signed by Representative Lynn, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Talerico, Stutes, Keller, Gruenberg, Kreiss-Tomkins, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 65(STA):

- 1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
- 2. Zero, Legislative Agency

HB 65 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 70

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The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

"An Act adding land and water to the Creamer's Field Migratory Waterfowl Refuge."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 70(RES) (same title)

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

Do pass (8): Johnson, Josephson, Herron, Hawker, Seaton, Olson, Tarr, Talerico

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 70(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 70 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 41

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

"An Act relating to sport fishing services, sport fishing operators, and sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 41(FSH) (same title)

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

Do pass (2): Ortiz, Stutes

No recommendation (2): Herron, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 41(FSH):

- 1. Zero, Legislative Agency
- 2. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 41 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 - Joseph "Lito" Cayabyab By Representative LeDoux; Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Richard Leroy Jones By Representative Wool

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 15

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 by the House Rules Committee by request:

Denouncing the decision to reverse the suspensions of the federal prosecutors who intentionally withheld evidence of innocence from the defense of Senator Ted Stevens; and honoring the service of Senator Ted Stevens.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 107

HOUSE BILL NO. 107 by Representatives GATTIS and Colver, entitled:

"An Act relating to the composition of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

HB 108

HOUSE BILL NO. 108 by Representative WILSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to a limitation on state statutes and regulations."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Resources Committees.

HB 109

HOUSE BILL NO. 109 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties and powers of the attorney general with respect to certain settlements directly related to oil and gas leases; providing exceptions for certain tax and regulatory matters; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources, Labor & Commerce, and Judiciary Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12, 2015, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the powers and duties

of the Attorney General to approve settlements related to matters involving disputes over oil and gas resources.

The bill would protect the public interest by requiring that, before approving a settlement on a matter related to the settlement of an action directly related to oil and gas lease matters under AS 38.05.005 - 38.05.990 (Alaska Land Act), the Attorney General must determine that the proposed settlement is limited to issues necessary to settle the action, does not settle unrelated matters, and does not alter constitutional, statutory, or regulatory procedures required by law.

This would not apply to settlements of oil and gas pipeline tariff matters, tax matters, or matters where the Department of Law performs the function of public advocate for regulatory affairs in matters before the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

My proposal would safeguard the public's interest in the development of our oil and gas resources and assure that our State's tremendous resources are developed fairly and without harmful compromise.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely, /s/ Bill Walker Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

"An Act declaring the Arctic policy of the state."

Journal Page

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FN1: ZERO(DEC)	157
FN2: ZERO(DEC)	157
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FN4: ZERO(LEG)	157
STA RPT CS(EDA) 3DP 1NR 2AM	183
FN1: ZERO(DEC)	183
FN2: ZERO(DEC)	183
FN3: ZERO(DHS)	183
FN4: ZERO(LEG)	183

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

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1(EDA) (same title)
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There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Ortiz, Guttenberg, and Gara:

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Page 4, line 11, following "culture": Insert ", language,"
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with the:

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative Saddler objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representatives Reinbold and Keller:

Page 3, lines 27 - 28: Delete all material.

Representative Reinbold moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative Guttenberg objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 1(EDA) am Second Reading Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Colver, Gattis, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Neuman, Pruitt, Reinbold, Wilson

Nays: Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, Millett, Munoz, Olson, Ortiz, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Wool

Excused: Edgmon, LeDoux, Lynn, Nageak, Tuck, Vazquez

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 1(EDA) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 1(EDA) am was read the third time.

Representative Hawker placed a call of the House.

The Speaker stated the call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 1(EDA) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 1(EDA) am Third Reading Final Passage

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Foster, Gara, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Wool

Nays: Gattis, Wilson

Excused: Edgmon, LeDoux, Lynn, Nageak, Tuck, Vazquez

And so, CSHB 1(EDA) am passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**Representative Thompson, who was excused (page 173), left the Chamber.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 13

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Urging the United States Department of the Army to maintain the current level of its combat-capable structure in the state and not to take structural realignment actions with regard to Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

with the: Journal Page

MLV RPT CS(MLV) NT 7DP 184 FN1: ZERO(LEG) 185

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

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(MLV)

Urging the United States Department of the Army to maintain and strengthen the current level of its combat-capable structure in the state and not to take structural realignment actions with regard to Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 13(MLV) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHJR 13(MLV) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 13(MLV) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 13(MLV) Third Reading Final Passage

YEAS: 33 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 7 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Tilton, Wilson, Wool

Excused: Edgmon, LeDoux, Lynn, Nageak, Thompson, Tuck, Vazquez

And so, CSHJR 13(MLV) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Millett 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:

Commemorating - Black History Month 2015

By Representatives Tarr, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Lars Spurkland

By Representatives Claman, Chenault, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool; Senator Gardner

In Memoriam - Will Troyer

By Senator Micciche; Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Millett 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 Edgmon – from 5:30 a.m. to 8:20 p.m., February 22

Representative Pruitt – from 6:00 p.m., February 27 to 10:00 p.m., March 1

Representative Millett – from noon, February 27 to 10:45 p.m., March 1

Representative Ortiz – from noon, February 20 to 10:30 p.m., February 22

Representative Claman – from:

5:00 p.m., today to noon, February 16

5:00 p.m., February 20 to noon, February 23

5:00 p.m., February 27 to noon, March 2

HJR 5

Representative Tilton added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

HJR 13

Representatives Keller, Saddler, Josephson, Tilton, Johnson, Hughes, Wilson, Olson, Chenault, Pruitt, Millett, and Neuman added their names as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(MLV)

Urging the United States Department of the Army to maintain and strengthen the current level of its combat-capable structure in the state and not to take structural realignment actions with regard to Fort Wainwright and Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson.

HB 1

Representatives Josephson, Olson, Neuman, Guttenberg, and Stutes added their names as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1(EDA) am

"An Act declaring the Arctic policy of the state."

HB 23

Representative Edgmon removed his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"An Act relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts in public schools."

HB 35

Representatives Foster, Wool, Stutes, and Tarr added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

"An Act establishing March 27 as Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day."

HB 81

Representative LeDoux added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

"An Act relating to an exemption from the regulation of construction contractors."

HB 97

Representative Gattis added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

"An Act relating to application requirements for the Alaska performance scholarship program."

HB 98

Representative Gattis added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

"An Act relating to an exemption from jury duty for teachers; and amending Rule 15(l), Alaska Rules of Administration."

ENGROSSMENT

HJR 13

CSHJR 13(MLV) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 1

CSHB 1(EDA) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Herron moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 16, 2015, for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Suzi Lowell Chief Clerk