

# HOUSE JOURNAL

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#### Sixty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

Representative Herron, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Millett and Claman be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Nathan Stearman of the Seventh-day Adventist Churches of Juneau and Sitka. Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Father, thank you for the privilege of coming to you on this beautiful Juneau morning on behalf of this body of representatives in the great state of Alaska. The issues facing them include matters of relatively ordinary business to those extraordinarily challenging decisions. They are each in great need of your guidance and providence for which I ask you today. Provide for them the will to do the hard things as required. Grant them the humility to work cooperatively with one another for the good of the people of Alaska. Enlighten their minds with wisdom to address the many complex issues facing them. Finally, Father, grant them discernment in deciding which matters need addressed now with urgency and

which ought to be left for later. In gratitude for your attentive interest and by the authority of Jesus Christ, I ask this petition. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Ortiz.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Herron moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 63rd and 64th legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 7 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Education Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Sheri D. Buretta  
John Davies  
Lisa M. Parker  
Andrew Teuber

as members of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

The report was signed by Representative Keller, Chair; and Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Talerico, Drummond, and Seaton.

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Christopher Cooke  
Mary Jane Michael  
Carlton Smith

as members of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees.

The report was signed by Representatives Neuman and Thompson, Co-chairs; and Representatives Saddler, Pruitt, Gara, Wilson, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Munoz, Gattis, and Edgmon.

The Health & Social Services Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Valerie Davidson

as Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services.

Dr. Steven (Craig) Humphreys

as a member of the State Medical Board.

The reports were signed by Representative Seaton, Chair; and Representatives Tarr, Stutes, Vazquez, Talerico, Foster, and Wool.

#### **HCR 4**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

##### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4**

Relating to the duties of delegates selected by the legislature to attend a convention of the states called under art. V, Constitution of the United States, to consider a countermand amendment to the Constitution of the United States; establishing as a joint committee of the legislature the Delegate Credential Committee and relating to the duties of the committee; providing for an oath for delegates and alternates to a countermand amendment convention; providing for a chair and assistant chair of the state's countermand amendment delegation; providing for the duties of the chair and assistant chair; providing instructions for the selection of a convention president; and providing specific language for the countermand amendment on which the state's convention delegates are authorized by the legislature to vote to approve.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Vazquez, Lynn, Keller

No recommendation (4): Talerico, Stutes, Gruenberg, Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHCR 4(STA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 4 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HCR 7**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7  
Proclaiming April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and  
proclaiming April 3, 2015, as Go Blue Friday.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7(STA)  
Proclaiming April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and  
proclaiming April 10, 2015, as Go Blue Friday.

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

Do pass (7): Talerico, Stutes, Gruenberg, Vazquez, Kreiss-Tomkins,  
Keller, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHCR 7(STA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 7 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**HJR 14**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14**

Making application to the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose a countermand amendment to the Constitution of the United States as provided under art. V, Constitution of the United States; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to make the same application.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Vazquez, Lynn, Keller

No recommendation (4): Talerico, Stutes, Gruenberg, Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 14(STA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HJR 14 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 15**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 15**

"An Act relating to credits toward a sentence of imprisonment and to good time deductions."

and recommends it be replaced with:

## CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 15(JUD)

"An Act relating to credits toward a sentence of imprisonment for certain persons under electronic monitoring."

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

Do pass (2): Claman, LeDoux

No recommendation (4): Millett, Keller, Gruenberg, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 15(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Administration
3. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
4. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 15 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 142**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 142

"An Act establishing Elders' Day."

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

Do pass (7): Talerico, Stutes, Keller, Gruenberg, Vazquez, Kreiss-Tomkins, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 142 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**HB 146**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

"An Act relating to a municipal tax exemption for certain subdivided property."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146(CRA)

(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Seaton, Tilton

No recommendation (5): Reinbold, Nageak, Drummond, Ortiz, Hughes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 146(CRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 146 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES****HB 118**

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 118

"An Act adopting the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; authorizing municipalities to establish programs to impose assessments for energy improvements in regions designated by municipalities; imposing fees; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(ENE)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (7): Claman, Talerico, Tilton, Nageak, Wool, Vazquez, Colver

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 118(ENE):

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 118 was referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

### INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Chugiak Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame Inductees on the 50th Anniversary of Chugiak High School  
By Senators Stoltze, MacKinnon; Representatives Saddler, Reinbold, Tilton

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

Honoring - Susan Bomalaski Ph.D.  
By Representatives Gruenberg, Gara

Honoring - Robert Ruffner  
By Representative Chenault

Honoring - Captain Daniel Oliver, 2014 Business Person of the Year  
By Representative Chenault; Senator Micciche

Honoring - Seward High School, 2015 Drama, Debate, and Forensics Team  
By Representative Chenault; Senator Micciche



Honoring - The Empty Chair Project  
By Representatives Kito, Munoz; Senator Egan

Honoring - McKibben Jackinsky upon Her Retirement from the  
*Homer News*  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Seaton

Honoring - Walt Wrede upon His Retirement as Homer City Manager  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Seaton

Honoring - 2015 Top Ten Kuskokwim 300 Finishers  
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Herron

In Memoriam - Alfena "Alfie" Norville  
By Representative Olson; Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Debra Sue Chesnut  
By Representative Guttenberg

In Memoriam - Sandra Laverne Hawkins  
By Representative Olson; Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Margaret-Ann Neufeld  
By Representative Reinbold; Senator MacKinnon

In Memoriam - Wayne E. Jones  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Seaton

In Memoriam - Lisa Emily Peger  
By Senator Coghill

#### **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

##### **HCR 11**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11 by Representatives  
TARR and Josephson:

Encouraging the governor to convene a Climate Change Task  
Force.

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

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

**HB 144**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 144 by Representative GARA, entitled:

"An Act relating to fees based on certain capital expenditures for oil and gas production and exploration, and fees based on the use of the James Dalton Highway by the operator of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System, to offset the cost of maintenance of the James Dalton Highway; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation, Resources, and Finance Committees.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Herron 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 - Dr. Stephen Atwater

By Representatives Olson, 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, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool; Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Dolly Farnsworth

By Representatives Olson, 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, Ortiz,

Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Julie Wood

By Senator Coghill; 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

In Memoriam - John Arthur Miscovich

By Senator Coghill; 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

In Memoriam - Delores "Dee Dee" Greene

By Senator Meyer; 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

In Memoriam - Gordon Harry Benedict

By Senator Huggins; 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 Herron moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Sense of the House regarding the Coastal Plain.

There was objection.

Representative Herron moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker stated that the Sense of the House would be considered March 27, 2015.

Representative Herron 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 11:30 a.m., March 26 to 8:30 p.m., March 29

Representative Johnson – from noon, April 3 to 10:15 a.m., April 6

Representative Stutes – from 9:00 a.m., April 1 to 8:00 p.m., April 5

Representative Neuman – from 1:00 p.m., March 26 to 9:30 a.m., March 30

Representative Ortiz – from 6:00 a.m., March 26 to 10:30 p.m., March 30

Representative Hawker – from 6:00 a.m., March 26 to 10:30 a.m., March 27

### **HB 105**

The Speaker removed the Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to the programs and bonds of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; related to the financing authorization through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority of a liquefied natural gas production plant and natural gas energy projects and distribution systems in the state; amending and repealing bond authorizations

granted to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

HB 105 is in the Resources Committee with a further referral to the Finance Committee.

**HB 109**

The Speaker removed the Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

"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."

HB 109 was removed from the Labor & Commerce Committee and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Herron moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Chugiak Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame Inductees on the 50th Anniversary of Chugiak High School, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Herron 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 - Chugiak Mustangs Sports Hall of Fame Inductees on the 50th Anniversary of Chugiak High School

By Senators Stoltze, MacKinnon; Representatives Saddler, Reinbold, Tilton, 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, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****HJR 16**

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16**

Urging the United States government to continue to work with the government of Canada to refer the issue of transboundary development in the Alaska-British Columbia region to the International Joint Commission, and to use any and all powers under the Boundary Waters Treaty to investigate the long-term, region-wide downstream effects of proposed and existing industrial development and to develop measures to ensure that state resources are not harmed by upstream development in British Columbia.

**HB 77**

Representatives Lynn, Stutes, Wilson, and Wool added as cosponsors to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 77**

"An Act relating to training regarding disabilities for police officers, probation officers, parole officers, correctional officers, and village public safety officers; relating to guidelines for drivers when encountering or being stopped by a peace officer; relating to driver's license examinations; and relating to a voluntary disability designation on a state identification card and a driver's license."

**HB 142**

Representative Edgmon added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 142**

"An Act establishing Elders' Day."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Herron moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 27, 2015. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk