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Thirty-seventh Day

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

Roll call showed 39 members present. There was one vacancy.

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

Father, you are God and there is no other. We invite you into this sacred place. Thank you for your goodness and your grace that you show us today. We welcome your Holy Spirit's presence to penetrate our hearts, to help us to remain humble.

Thank you for this legislative body, for their sacrifice as they take care of the business of the State of Alaska. Guide these men and women as they govern the people with righteousness and holiness. These men and women are faced with difficult decisions: decisions that will affect your people; decisions of where to spend resources and where to cut back; decisions that have bearing on people's future.

Father, give them discernment for the day's agenda, guide and direct their hearts as they look out for the people's interests. Father, show them your will; show them how to work

together; how to cooperate with one another; and how to come into agreement for the good of the people of Alaska.

May your kingdom come and your will be done in these lives today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kawasaki.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 35th and 36th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Kito introduced Serena Drazkowski, House Page, from Juneau.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Alaska Student Loan Corporation 2015 Annual Report

Available at: https://acpe.alaska.gov/Publications

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A report of the Committee on Committees dated February 24, 2016, was read submitting amendments to the January 20, 2015, report (page 10). An additional report is on page 494. The amendments follow:

Committee on Committees: Gara replaced Gruenberg

Judiciary Committee: Tuck replaced Gruenberg

State Affairs Committee: Kito replaced Gruenberg

HR 4

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: Drummond replaced Gruenberg

The report was signed by Representative Chenault, Chair; and Representatives Johnson, Millett, Neuman, Thompson, and Tuck.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Commemorating - Stephen Edmond Mills, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame

By Representative Hawker

Honoring - Dick and Lavelle Betz, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame

By Representative Hawker

Honoring - Harold Esmailka, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame By Representative Hawker

Honoring - Linda Gilson By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - June Rogers By Representatives Kawasaki, Thompson

Honoring - Hugh Neff, 2016 Yukon Quest Champion By Senator Bishop

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage, 2015-2016 Seawolf Debate Program By Senator Giessel

Honoring - Valdez High School Girls Volleyball Team, 2015 3A State Champions

By Senator Dunleavy; Representative Colver

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 26

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26 by Representative Reinbold:

Urging the executive branch of state government and the judicial branch of state government to standardize all financial charts and graphs; and urging the Legislative Finance Division to review the formatting of financial charts and graphs used in committee hearings.

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

HJR 31

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 by Representatives Tarr, Gara, Kawasaki, Tuck, Kito, Drummond, and Guttenberg:

Supporting the overturning of the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, 558 U.S. 310 (2010); and urging the United States Congress to pass legislation overturning the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, thereby restoring free and fair elections in the United States.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 309

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309 by Representative Gara, entitled:

"An Act bearing the short title of the 'Corporate Tax Loophole Elimination Act'; establishing an individual income tax for the taxation of income from certain corporations that are not C corporations; relating to exemptions from the tax on corporations; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 335

HOUSE BILL NO. 335 by Representative Foster, entitled:

"An Act relating to compulsory school attendance; and relating to the crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor."

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

HB 336

HOUSE BILL NO. 336 by Representative Vazquez, entitled:

"An Act requiring surety bonds for providers of personal care services under the state medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

HB 337

HOUSE BILL NO. 337 by Representative LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act relating to taxes on marijuana."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 338

HOUSE BILL NO. 338 by Representative Seaton, entitled:

"An Act relating to the municipal property tax exemption on the residence of a senior, a disabled veteran, and a widow or widower of a senior or disabled veteran; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

HB 339

HOUSE BILL NO. 339 by the House Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to arson in the third degree."

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

HB 340

HOUSE BILL NO. 340 by Representatives LeDoux, Munoz, and Reinbold, entitled:

"An Act relating to the amount of retirement pay received by certain justices and judges under the judicial retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 341

HOUSE BILL NO. 341 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to awards of attorney fees and costs in civil actions and to parties exempt from giving a bond."

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

HB 342

HOUSE BILL NO. 342 by Representatives Josephson, Drummond, and Guttenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to marriage, adoption, birth certificates, state custody of a minor, divorce, dissolution, and legal separation;

replacing the terms 'husband' and 'wife' in certain statutes relating to loans, trusts, spousal immunity and confidential marital communications, probate and nonprobate transfers, life and health insurance, workers' compensation, and property ownership; and making conforming amendments."

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

HB 343

HOUSE BILL NO. 343 by Representatives Josephson, Kawasaki, and Guttenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to political expenditures by corporations; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 344

HOUSE BILL NO. 344 by Representative Seaton, entitled:

"An Act relating to the controlled substance prescription database; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

HB 345

HOUSE BILL NO. 345 by Representatives Claman, Munoz, and Kito, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 346

HOUSE BILL NO. 346 by Representatives Guttenberg, Tuck, and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act creating the Broadband Development Corporation; and establishing the Alaska Broadband Task Force."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 347

HOUSE BILL NO. 347 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the limitation period to commence a false claims action; relating to recovery for false claims for state or municipal funds; and amending Rules 4, 24, and 46, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

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

HB 348

HOUSE BILL NO. 348 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Gara, entitled:

"An Act ratifying an interstate compact to elect the President and Vice-President of the United States by national popular vote; and making related changes to statutes applicable to the selection by voters of electors for candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States and to the duties of those electors."

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

HB 349

HOUSE BILL NO. 349 by Representative LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act relating to sex trafficking."

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

HB 350

HOUSE BILL NO. 350 by Representative Vazquez, entitled:

"An Act relating to Alaska Pioneers' Homes and Alaska Veterans' Homes; and relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 351

HOUSE BILL NO. 351 by Representative Pruitt, entitled:

"An Act relating to adoption of regulations; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 352

HOUSE BILL NO. 352 by Representative Gattis, entitled:

"An Act relating to disciplinary sanctions imposed by the State Medical Board; restricting employees and representatives of abortion services providers, and affiliates of abortion services providers, from delivering instruction or distributing materials in public schools and providing civil penalties for violations; relating to revocation or suspension of teacher certificates; relating to the receipt of state funds by teachers and school board members; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 353

HOUSE BILL NO. 353 by Representatives Tarr, Gara, and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to the disclosure of the ingredients in cosmetics; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 354

HOUSE BILL NO. 354 by Representatives Kito, Gara, and Guttenberg, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; limiting the authority of certain persons who have been awarded certain legislative contracts to make a campaign contribution to a legislator or candidate for legislative office; prohibiting a legislator from awarding certain legislative contracts to certain contributors; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 355

HOUSE BILL NO. 355 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to annoying, dangerous, and potentially dangerous dogs; relating to keepers of dogs; and relating to the crimes of maintaining a dangerous dog and maintaining a potentially dangerous dog."

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

HB 356

HOUSE BILL NO. 356 by Representative Vazquez, entitled:

"An Act relating to the minimum expenditure for direct classroom instruction for school districts."

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

HB 357

HOUSE BILL NO. 357 by Representative Vazquez, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Education and Early Development; and relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

HB 358

HOUSE BILL NO. 358 by Representatives Neuman and Gara, entitled:

"An Act establishing a fisheries bycatch tax."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

HB 359

HOUSE BILL NO. 359 by Representative Neuman, entitled:

"An Act directing the governor to provide notice to the legislature regarding certain information related to regulations; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 360

HOUSE BILL NO. 360 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to self-storage facilities for personal property, including vehicles; distinguishing self-storage facility liens from another type of storage lien; and excluding self-storage liens from the treatment of certain unclaimed property."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 361

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 by Representative LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act requiring the establishment of a reading program in school districts for grades kindergarten through three; providing for student retention in grade one; and providing for a report on the reading program and on student retention."

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

HB 362

HOUSE BILL NO. 362 by Representative Pruitt, entitled:

"An Act transferring duties among departments in the executive branch of state government; relating to the duties of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 363

HOUSE BILL NO. 363 by Representative Vazquez, entitled:

"An Act extending the exemption from regulation by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska for certain facilities or plants generating energy from renewable energy resources."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 364

HOUSE BILL NO. 364 by Representatives Kawasaki and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act establishing a state bank; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 365

HOUSE BILL NO. 365 by Representatives Seaton, Kito, and Edgmon, entitled:

"An Act relating to the permanent fund dividend disbursement; relating to the taxation of income of individuals; relating to tax credit against the individual income tax in the amount of a permanent fund disbursement; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 366

HOUSE BILL NO. 366 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial fishing entry permits; establishing regional community permit banks and regions for certain commercial fishing permits; relating to commercial fishing entry permits and regions leased and controlled by a regional community permit bank; relating to the duties of the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 367

HOUSE BILL NO. 367 by Representatives Wool and Gara, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting an insurer from using a consumer's credit history in underwriting, rating, or determining premiums or eligibility for insurance coverage."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 368

HOUSE BILL NO. 368 by Representative Hughes, entitled:

"An Act relating to the preparation, electronic distribution, and posting of reports by state agencies; limiting the number of special assistants in the executive branch; changing the amount of the required employee contribution to health care premiums for certain state employees; establishing an award for state employees who report or suggest certain efficiencies; relating to retirement incentives for members of the defined benefit plan of the Teachers' Retirement System of Alaska and the defined benefit plan of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

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:

In Memoriam - Michael Harris Miller

By Senators Costello, Egan; Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, 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 - Stanley Ralph Harrington

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

In Memoriam - Robert B. Turkington

By Senator Stevens; Representatives Seaton, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Guttenberg,

Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, 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 Lynn – from 11:50 a.m., February 24 to 11:27 p.m., February 28 (amended from page 1667)

Representative Vazquez – from noon, February 25 to 9:47 p.m., February 28

Representative Colver – from 6:00 p.m., February 26 to 10:00 p.m., February 28

Representative Thompson – from 7:30 a.m., February 26 to 4:30 a.m., February 29 (amended from page 1667)

Representative Tuck – from noon, February 25 to 10:30 a.m., February 29

Representative Guttenberg – from 7:00 p.m., February 24 to 11:30 p.m., February 25

Representative Claman – from noon, February 25 to 10:00 a.m., February 29

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins – from 7:45 a.m., February 26 to 10:30 p.m., February 27

HJR 30

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

Urging the American Psychiatric Association to change the term "post-traumatic stress disorder" or "PTSD" to "post-traumatic stress injury" or "PTSI"; and urging the governor to support usage of the term "post-traumatic stress injury."

HB 66

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 66

"An Act relating to providing medical insurance coverage to certain surviving spouses and dependent children of peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

HB 188

Representative Hughes added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 188

"An Act relating to financial accounts for persons with disabilities; relating to financial institutions; relating to property exemptions; relating to securities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 234

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for mental health benefits provided through telemedicine."

HB 280

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 280

"An Act relating to new defined benefit tiers in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

HB 284

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 284

"An Act relating to social media privacy of employees and applicants for employment; and providing for an effective date."

HB 323

Representative Millett added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 323

"An Act creating the Alaska marijuana education, prevention, and cessation grant program and the Alaska marijuana prevention youth services fund; and relating to the duties of the Alaska Children's Trust Board."

HB 324

Representative Millett added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 324

"An Act relating to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board."

HB 328

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 328

"An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date."

HB 331

Representative Millett added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide an explanation of benefits for medical assistance services."

HB 332

Representative Millett added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

"An Act relating to the procedure for medical assistance fraud investigation and the suspension of provider payment."

HB 334

Representative Millett added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

"An Act relating to visitation and child custody."

SB 23

Representative Millett added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 23(JUD)

"An Act relating to opioid overdose drugs and to immunity for prescribing, providing, or administering opioid overdose drugs."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 26, 2016. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Crystaline Jones Chief Clerk