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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:36 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Knopp, Millett, and Reinbold had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Gordon Blue of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

Eternal God, fountain of wisdom: by your Word all things were created; without your Word, not one thing is made. This teaches that nothing is so difficult, O Lord, as to create something new, yet in difficult times this is what we are called upon to do. Bless this House and inspire them, Lord, recalling the words of the Psalm: *I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.* (Psalm 40:1-2)

Creator God, you have filled the world with your grace: mercifully look upon the efforts of the women and men

working here and guide them. Refresh them with the beauty of your creation, fill their hearts with gladness in their work together, make of them a blessing of the people, and a gift to the future generations of Alaskans. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Fansler.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 25 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 8 to hear the State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice Craig Stowers.

A message dated January 25 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 22 to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

A message dated January 25 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 24 to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration
Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and the
Alaska Public Employees Association-Supervisory Unit
January 17, 2017
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

The Speaker referred the monetary terms to the Finance Committee.

A letter dated January 19 was received from Craig Stowers, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating that he nominated the following public member to serve on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics pursuant to AS 24.60.130:

Joyce M. Anderson

The Speaker referred the appointment to the Judiciary Committee.

Local Boundary Commission
Statement of Decision on Reconsideration
City of Manokotak
Received January 25, 2017
(pursuant to art. X, sec. 12, Constitution of the State of Alaska)

The Speaker referred the Statement of Decision on Reconsideration to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee, and it will be published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2.

Alaska Court System
Annual Report FY 16
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Feasibility Study for the Privatization of Alaska Juvenile Justice
Facilities
January 2017
(as required by Chapter No. 25, SLA 16)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Feasibility Study of the Privatization of the Alaska Psychiatric
Institute
Final Report
January 25, 2017
(as required by Chapter No. 25, SLA 16)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Alaska Pioneer Home Pharmacy Privatization Feasibility Study
January 26, 2017
(as required by Chapter No. 25, SLA 16)

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Technical and Vocational Education Program Report
State Fiscal Year 2016
http://labor.alaska.gov/awib/2016_TVEP_Report.pdf
(as required by AS 23.15.835)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Alaska Marine Highway Fund
Annual Financial Report FY 2016
(as required by AS 19.65.070)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 16

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

"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."

The report was signed by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Johnson, Wool, LeDoux, Knopp, Birch, Tuck, Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
3. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 16 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HJR 5**

The House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Urging the United States Congress to pass legislation to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development; urging the United States Department of the Interior to recognize the private property rights of owners of land in and adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; relating to oil and gas exploration, development, production, and royalties; and relating to renewable and alternative energy technologies.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(AET)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Tuck, Josephson, Talerico, Westlake

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

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HJR 5 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Roger McKinnon
By Representatives Thompson, Wool

Honoring - 2016 Kodiak High School Boys Swim Team
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

Honoring - Kodiak High School Boys Track Team, 2016 Alaska State
Champions
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Shirley M. Berns
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Melvin Ray Chya
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - William Arnold Tingley
By Senators Stevens, Micciche

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 8

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representatives Foster and
Fansler:

Urging the Alaska Congressional delegation to introduce bills to
provide for the exemption of legally acquired walrus, mammoth,
and mastodon ivory from laws that ban the sale, use, and
possession of ivory.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 83

HOUSE BILL NO. 83 by Representatives Kito, Tarr, and Tuck,
entitled:

"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."

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

HB 84

HOUSE BILL NO. 84 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to a municipal property tax exemption."

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

HB 85

HOUSE BILL NO. 85 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the general grant land entitlement for the Petersburg Borough; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 86

HOUSE BILL NO. 86 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to nonrenewal of occupational licenses for default on a student loan."

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 51**

Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent to be removed as prime sponsor and add the House Transportation Committee as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

"An Act relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from small commercial passenger vessels in state waters; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered. HB 51 was reprinted today.

Representative Tuck 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 Neuman – from 1:00 p.m., today to 10:00 a.m., January 31

Representative Ortiz – from 6:00 a.m., January 28 to 10:00 p.m., January 29

Representative Spohnholz – from 6:30 p.m., today to 10:00 p.m., January 29

HB 5

Representative Westlake added as a cosponsor to:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5

"An Act relating to payment of health benefit premiums for a surviving spouse and dependent child of certain peace officers and firefighters who die in the line of duty; and providing for an effective date."

HB 16

Representatives Ortiz, Rauscher, Kawasaki, Sullivan-Leonard, and Chenault added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 16

"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 23

Representative Westlake added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"An Act relating to major medical insurance coverage under the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska for certain surviving spouses and dependent children of peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

HB 37

Representative Guttenberg added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

"An Act relating to accrual of service in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska by a peace officer or firefighter while the peace officer or firefighter is unable to work and is receiving workers' compensation benefits; and requiring the state to make certain contributions under the defined contribution retirement plan of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska for a peace officer or firefighter who is unable to work and is receiving workers' compensation benefits."

HB 44

Representative Ortiz added as a cosponsor to:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 44

"An Act requiring a legislator to abstain from taking or withholding official action or exerting official influence that could benefit or harm an immediate family member or certain employers; requiring a legislator to request to be excused from voting in an instance where the legislator may have a financial conflict of interest; and providing for an effective date."

HB 51

Representative Ortiz added as a cosponsor on January 25 to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

"An Act relating to the regulation of wastewater discharge from small commercial passenger vessels in state waters; and providing for an effective date."

HB 82

Representatives Ortiz, Westlake, and Stutes added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 82

"An Act relating to vehicle registration; relating to off-road system restricted noncommercial drivers' licenses; relating to off-highway commercial drivers' licenses; relating to off-road system eligible areas; and relating to motor vehicle liability insurance."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., January 30. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk