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**Thirty-seventh Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:33 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Westlake had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Douglas Dye of Chapel by the Lake Presbyterian Church. Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Thank you for the invitation to pray for you. I invite you to bow your heads as I pray.

Loving and gracious God, in the Christian Scriptures you tell us, *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.* (Psalm 24: 1, 2)

Great Creator God, maker of the earth and all that is, we pause at the beginning of this day and offer thanks for the gift of this beautiful land. Help us, O loving God, to be filled with gratitude and struck with wonder as we look with amazement at the majesty of this great land. Help us to always remember how beautiful it is to live in the midst of your creative handiwork. The mountains and glaciers, rainforests and boreal

forests, wind-swept coastlands and islands, wild seas, expansive tundra, and the interior's majestic rivers – for all of it we offer thanks, dear Lord.

Gracious God, give insight and understanding to these women and men, called by the people of Alaska, to protect and prosper this land and its people. Give them the grace to hear the concerns of their colleagues, humility to seek counsel from each other, and courage and wisdom to act for our greater good. Bless and guard their health and watch over their families and loved ones. Thank you, O Lord, for their spirit of service.

I pray these things in the name of my Lord, Jesus. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kito.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck 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.

The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 10:56 a.m.

### **AFTER AT EASE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:06 a.m.

### **JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE**

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Edgmon turned the gavel over to President Kelly who called the joint session to order at 11:06 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Kelly appointed Representative Drummond and Senator Hughes to escort the Senator to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

Senator Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Kelly.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address, and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 5.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation.

Senator Micciche moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Kelly adjourned the joint session at 11:48 a.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

#### **IN THE HOUSE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:13 p.m.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

##### **HJR 6**

A message dated February 17 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am  
Expressing the Alaska State Legislature's support and appreciation for legislation introduced by the state's congressional delegation that would allow for the construction of a single-lane gravel road through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, connecting the community of King Cove with the Cold Bay Airport; and urging the United States Congress to pass the legislation.

Legislative Resolve No. 1

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **HCR 5**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5  
Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the membership of the Committee on Committees.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Johnson, Tuck, Knopp, Birch, Kreiss-Tomkins

No recommendation (1): Josephson (alternate)

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHCR 5(STA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 5 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

#### **HB 7**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 7

"An Act relating to the exhibition of marked ballots."

and recommends it be replaced with:

## CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 7(CRA)

"An Act relating to the exhibition of marked ballots and the prohibition on political persuasion near election polls."

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

Do pass (3): Westlake, Drummond, Parish

No recommendation (2): Talerico, Fansler

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 7(CRA):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

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

**HB 20**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 20

"An Act relating to marriage solemnization; and authorizing elected public officials in the state to solemnize marriages."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 20(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Tuck, Knopp, Josephson (alternate), Kreiss-Tomkins

Do not pass (2): Johnson, Birch

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 20(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 20 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

### **HB 106**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 106**

"An Act allowing appropriations to the civil legal services fund from court filing fees."

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

Do pass (3): Kopp, Fansler, Claman

No recommendation (1): Reinbold

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Judiciary
2. Indeterminate, Office of the Governor/Fund Transfers

HB 106 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 - Lauree Hugonin Morton  
By Representatives Parish, Kito

Honoring - Leena Robinson  
By Representative Talerico; Senator Bishop

Honoring - Presbyterian Hospitality House 60th Anniversary  
By Representatives Kawasaki, Guttenberg

Honoring - Fairbanks Native Association 50th Anniversary  
By Representatives Kawasaki, Guttenberg

Honoring - Pioneer Park 50th Anniversary  
By Representatives Kawasaki, Thompson

In Memoriam - Lottie C. Fleeks  
By Representatives Kawasaki, Guttenberg

In Memoriam - Nancy McGuire  
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

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

#### **HJR 11**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 by Representatives Tarr, Tuck, Kawasaki, Gara, and Drummond:

Supporting action to overturn 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.

#### **HJR 12**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 by Representatives Tarr, Tuck, Kawasaki, Fansler, Gara, and Drummond:

Opposing the United States Food and Drug Administration's approval of AquaBounty AquAdvantage genetically engineered salmon; and urging the United States Congress to enact legislation

that requires prominently labeling genetically engineered products with the words "Genetically Modified" on the product's packaging.

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

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

##### **HB 138**

HOUSE BILL NO. 138 by Representatives Westlake, Tuck, and Gara, entitled:

"An Act establishing the month of March as Sobriety Awareness Month."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Community & Regional Affairs Committees.

##### **HB 139**

HOUSE BILL NO. 139 by Representative Wilson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the eligibility of individuals and entities to be licensed or paid by the Department of Health and Social Services for providing certain services; and repealing requirements related to the Department of Health and Social Service's centralized registry."

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

##### **HB 140**

HOUSE BILL NO. 140 by Representatives Wilson, LeDoux, and Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the right to demand a jury trial in cases involving termination of parental rights; amending Rules 18(b), 18(e), and 18(g), Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules of Procedure."



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

**HB 141**

HOUSE BILL NO. 141 by Representatives Fansler, Tuck, Kawasaki, and Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Tuck 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 - Bill Bernier

By Representatives Tuck, Edgmon, Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Westlake, Wilson, Wool; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - 40th Anniversary of Noel Wien Library

By Representatives Kawasaki, Thompson, Edgmon, Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kito, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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 Chenault – from 1:00 p.m., February 24 to 8:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Claman – from 6:00 p.m., February 24 to 10:30 a.m., February 27

Representative Gara – from 6:00 p.m., February 24 to 8:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Grenn – from 6:00 p.m., February 24 to 10:15 a.m., February 27

Representative Johnston – from 12:30 p.m., February 24 to 10:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Josephson – from 6:00 p.m., February 24 to 9:45 a.m., February 26

Representative Kawasaki – from 9:00 a.m., February 24 to 9:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Reinbold – from 1:00 p.m., February 24 to 10:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Tilton – from 5:00 p.m., February 23 to 1:00 p.m., February 26

**HB 48**

Representatives Thompson and Gara added as cosponsors to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 48**

"An Act relating to the composition of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 64**

Representative Talerico added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

"An Act relating to the establishment of the Task Force on Reading Proficiency and Reading Instruction for All Students and on the Effects of Dyslexia on Some Students."

**HB 84**

Representative Kawasaki added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

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

**HB 92**

Representative Saddler added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 92

"An Act relating to the appropriation limit."

**HB 106**

Representatives LeDoux and Edgmon added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

"An Act allowing appropriations to the civil legal services fund from court filing fees."

**HB 125**

Representative LeDoux added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

"An Act relating to a veteran's designation on an identification card or a driver's license for Hmong veterans and Lao veterans."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO:

15 min. after Finance Subcommittee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Crystalline Jones

Chief Clerk