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Twenty-ninth Day

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 13 the House was called to order by Speaker pro tempore Foster at 10:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Caroline Malseed of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Holy God, Creator of the Universe, we pray that you be present with this legislature of the state of Alaska. Guide them in creating just laws that protect all our citizens and protect them with safety, well-being, and freedom. Endow this legislature with respect for persons of all colors, ethnicities, religions and cultural traditions, national origins, genders and gender identities, and help them create systems of justice that reflect that respect. Help us remember that we are one people and that injustice for one means injustice for all; justice for any means justice for all. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Lincoln.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 25th, 26th, 27th, and 28th legislative days be approved

as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Lincoln introduced, Guest Pages, Edith Spear and Jenna Springer from Barrow and Carrah Hawley from Point Hope.

SPEAKER

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations for Speaker of the House be opened. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp nominated Representative Talerico as Speaker of the House.

Representative Stutes nominated Representative Knopp as Speaker of the House.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall Representative Talerico be elected Speaker of the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Talerico Speaker of the House

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Kopp, LeBon, Merrick, Neuman, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Revak, Shaw, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Vance, Wilson

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Knopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

And so, lacking the necessary 21 votes, Representative Talerico was not elected Speaker.

The question being: "Shall Representative Knopp be elected Speaker of the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Knopp Speaker of the House

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Knopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Kopp, LeBon, Merrick, Neuman, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Revak, Shaw, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Vance, Wilson

And so, lacking the necessary 21 votes, Representative Knopp was not elected Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:46 a m

Crystaline Jones Acting Chief Clerk