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Thirty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:09 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives LeBon and Rauscher be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Ortiz. Representative Shaw 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:

Dear Lord, thank you for the immense blessings you have given us. We have been blessed with living in this incredible state – a resilient, stunning, unique state. Thank you also for the diverse communities that we all come from. As we make decisions this session, please instill in us a god-like love for our communities all across the state – from Metlakatla in the south to Utqiagvik in the north; Kaktovik in the east to Dutch Harbor in the west. Remind us, dear Lord, that as we do our work to represent all people across the state of Alaska. Remind us that patience and humbly listening are key aspects

of love and respect. I pray that we hold dear to those values of love, respect, cooperation, and patience during each legislative gathering on the floor, each committee hearing, and each private conversation that takes place in this building. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Revak.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 37th legislative day and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Natural Resources
Determination to Take Oil and Gas Royalty In-Value
February 20, 2019
(as required by AS 38.05.182)

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Edward John Stading
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

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

Honoring - Jim Jansen
By Senators Birch, von Imhof; Representative Kopp

Honoring - National Engineers Week 2019
By Senator Birch

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

HCR 2

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by Representative Rauscher:

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the election of a permanent presiding officer.

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

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

HB 38

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 38 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with Alaska Statute 37.07.070(2), I am transmitting a sponsor substitute for HB 38: Approp: Capital Budget for consideration by the 31st Alaska State Legislature.

This budget funds village safe water, required state match for federal highway dollars, and needed deferred maintenance for public facilities and the Alaska Court system. These are investments necessary to

protect Alaska's assets and basic public safety and infrastructure needs.

Past capital budgets have resulted in growth in infrastructure that create ongoing operating obligations for the state. In evaluating what projects to move forward, care was taken to ensure that project proposals included a path to self-sufficiency. Development of the South Denali Visitor's Center will not only provide a steady funding stream for the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, but will provide new opportunity for the tourism industry and increase access to one of Alaska's most magnificent landmarks.

The Governor's proposed amended capital budget includes \$143.4 million in general funds and leverages over \$1 billion in federal dollars. My administration and I look forward to working with the Legislature to pass a sustainable capital budget for FY 2020.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 39

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with Alaska Statute 37.07.070(2), I am transmitting a sponsor substitute for HB 39: Approp: Operating

Budget/Loans/Funds for consideration by the 31st Alaska State Legislature.

My administration and I look forward to working with the Legislature to pass a sustainable operating budget for FY 2020.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 40

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 40 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with Alaska Statute 37.07.070(2), I am transmitting a sponsor substitute for HB 40: Approp: Mental Health Budget for consideration by the 31st Alaska State Legislature.

The purpose of this legislation is to improve the care of disabled youth, provide training for court staff to improve coordination with community behavioral health services, and addresses access to mental health and substance abuse services. The Mental Health Trust (MHT) recommendations for expenditure of MHT funds are largely unchanged in this sponsor substitute. The MHT put forward a job center liaison for correctional facilities in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD). This position was not included due to duplication of services already offered by DOLWD.

It has become common practice that the MHT also puts forward recommendations for general fund appropriations for capital projects that are not proposed to be funded in whole by MHT dollars. These recommendations were received and evaluated alongside the Department-identified capital needs for the relevant agencies, and the MHT budget includes only MHT funds.

Alaska Statute 37.07.020(a)(1) requires the mental health bill to include both operating and capital appropriations. The sponsor substitute for the mental health budget includes \$2.1 million of MHT capital expenditures, \$17.1 million MHT and \$201.2 million General Fund operating. I look forward to engaging with the Legislature to pass the FY 2020 mental health budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Thompson 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 - Rabbi Michael Oblath

By Representative Josephson; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Patrick "Jeremy" Pletnikoff

By Representative LeBon; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Rick "Rydell" Green

By Representative Rasmussen

Honoring - The Uniform Law Commission

By Representative Claman; Senator Coghill

Honoring - Goldstream Valley Lions Club
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Coghill

Honoring - Denise Wartes
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative LeBon

Honoring - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representative Drummond

Honoring - Alaska School Activities Association, High School Hall of
Fame Class of 2018
By Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Robert B. Gillam
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Colt Richter
By Representative Claman

In Memoriam - Anne B. Sherman
By Representative Wool

In Memoriam - Senator Bettye Jean Davis
By Representatives Drummond, Tarr; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Jason Dean Roberts
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Rena Annabelle Sumner
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Jeff and Charlene Esley
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Ruth Eleanor Louise Niemann
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Jody Lynn Ramos
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Preston Louis Davis
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - John Hajdukovich
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Julie Lynn Farrer-Fogarty
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Ruth Piser
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Holly Myles
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Keith Alan Goss
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Verdie Graham
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Sarah E. Mitchell
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Bryan Imus
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative LeBon

In Memoriam - James Doak Walker
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

In Memoriam - John Aqumgaciq Active
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Jerry C. Brigham
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Ray Lloyd Smith
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Hopkins, Wool

Honoring - Alaska School Activities Association High School Hall of Fame Class of 2019
By Senator Costello

Honoring - Dimond High School Flag Football Team 2018 Cook Inlet Conference Champions
By Senator Costello; Representative Rasmussen

In Memoriam - Mary Ciuniq Pete
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Thompson 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 LeBon – from today to 10:30 a.m., February 25

Representative Neuman – from 11:30 a.m., today to 11:00 a.m., February 25

Representative Revak – from 7:00 p.m., today to 10:30 a.m., February 25

Representative Vance – from 7:00 a.m., February 22 to 11:00 p.m., February 24

Representative Ortiz – from 7:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:00 p.m., February 24

Representative Shaw – from 7:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:00 p.m., February 24

Representative Wool – from 8:30 a.m., February 22 to 12:00 a.m., February 25

Representative Hopkins – from 9:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:30 a.m., February 25

Representative Talerico – from 9:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:30 a.m., February 25

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation Honoring - Edward John Stading be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Thompson 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 - Edward John Stading
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House recessed at 10:35 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:01 a.m.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Edgmon turned the gavel over to President Giessel who called the joint session to order at 11:01 a.m.

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

Senator Costello 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 Thompson 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 Giessel appointed Representative Revak and Senator Bishop to escort the Senator to the joint session.

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

Senator Sullivan was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Giessel.

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

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

Senator Sullivan received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Revak and Senator Bishop.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Giessel adjourned the joint session at 12:04 p.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 12:06 p.m.,

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 56

Representative Revak added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

"An Act establishing May 15 of each year as Hmong-American Veterans Day."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The Speaker announced, pursuant to Uniform Rule 23(a), the deadline for scheduling committee hearings on any bill for February 26 is 4:00 p.m., today.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk