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Fifty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Mike Rose of Juneau Christian Center. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection:

Let's pray. Almighty God, we lift our hearts and minds to you as we begin today. You are sovereign over all things, but you give us a share in your governance over the things of creation and the affairs of humanity. We invite your wonderful presence here today.

Thank you for the blessing over this House of Representatives with a privileged position in governing toward the end of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for the citizens of Alaska.

We ask your grace and favor upon each elected official that unity among them may be realized even amidst diversity, and that their work contribute to the ways of justice for all and peace and prosperity that is lasting.

Bless all who work and assemble here, and fill this session with your wisdom, your grace, and peace. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Tarr.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 56th and 57th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Shaw introduced Nolan Carte, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SJR 7

A message dated March 11 was read stating the Senate concurred in the House amendment to SJR 7, thus adopting:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(RES)
Requesting that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management implement an oil and gas leasing program in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

A letter dated January 16 was received from Joel Bolger, 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:

H. Conner Thomas

The Speaker referred the appointment to the Judiciary Committee.

Dept. of Administration
Monetary Terms of Agreement Between the State and the
Alaska Correctional Officers Association
March 11, 2019
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

The Speaker referred the monetary terms to the Finance Committee.

Alaska Court System
Appellate & Trial Courts
2018 Time-to-Disposition Reports
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Alaska Court System
Travel for Justices, Judges, and Magistrate Judges & Affidavit
Information, 2018
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Kelly Tshibaka

as Commissioner of the Department of Administration.

The report was signed by Representative Wilson, Co-chair; and Representatives Johnston, Carpenter, Tilton, LeBon, Josephson, Sullivan-Leonard, and Ortiz.

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Kevin Clarkson

as Attorney General of the Department of Law.

The report was signed by Representative Wilson, Co-chair; and Representatives Johnston, Carpenter, Tilton, LeBon, Knopp, Josephson, Sullivan-Leonard, and Ortiz.

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Nancy Dahlstrom

as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives Eastman, Wool, LeDoux, Stutes, Shaw, and Kopp.

The Labor & Commerce Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Vivian Stiver

as a member of the Marijuana Control Board.

The report was signed by Representatives LeDoux and Wool, Co-chairs; and Representatives Revak, Fields, Talerico, Stutes, and Hannan.

The Resources Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Jason Bunch
Tom Harris

as members of the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Jerry Burnett

as a member of the Board of Game.

The reports were signed by Representatives Tarr and Lincoln, Co-chairs; and Representatives Tuck, Hannan, Talerico, Hopkins, Rasmussen, Rauscher, and Spohnholz.

The State Affairs Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Kelly Tshibaka

as Commissioner of the Department of Administration.

The report was signed by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Fields, Co-chairs; and Representatives Vance, LeDoux, Wool, and Story.

HJR 9

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Requesting the United States Secretary of the Treasury to mint not less than 5,000,000 \$1 coins honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich under the Native American \$1 Coin Act.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(STA)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Fields, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Vance, LeDoux, Wool, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins, Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 9(STA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HJR 9 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 35

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(FSH)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Vance, Tarr, Kopp, Edgmon, Kreiss-Tomkins, Stutes

No recommendation (1): Pruitt

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 35(FSH):

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 35 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Women's History Month 2019

By Representative Tarr

In Memoriam - Theodore Bradford Dickerson

By Representative Spohnholz; Senator Wielechowski

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

In Memoriam - Dr. Rudolph Waclav Krejci
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Herb Melchior
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - David Mangusso
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Banarsi Lal
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Ann Dolney
By Senator Coghill; Representative Hopkins

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 12

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 by Representatives Talerico and Drummond:

Supporting the completion of the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Transportation Committee.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 3

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3 by Representatives Rauscher, Revak, and Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to the purchase and sale of state land; relating to discounts for veterans on state land purchases; and relating to the assignment of permanent fund dividends to purchase state land."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Resources and Finance Committees.

HB 23

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 23 by Representative Neuman, entitled:

"An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles."

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

HB 91

HOUSE BILL NO. 91 by Representative Johnston, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 92

HOUSE BILL NO. 92 by Representative Johnston, entitled:

"An Act exempting direct health care agreements from regulation as insurance; establishing a direct care payment program for medical assistance recipients; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 93

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 by Representatives Tuck and Jackson, entitled:

"An Act relating to temporary courtesy licenses for certain nonresident professionals; and relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 94

HOUSE BILL NO. 94 by Representative Hannan, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products; and providing for an effective date."

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

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HB 5

The Speaker removed the Education Committee referral and added a Judiciary Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 5

"An Act prohibiting the expenditure of state money on gender reassignment medical procedures."

HB 5 is in the State Affairs Committee with further referrals to the Health & Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citations on the calendar?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Merrick, Neuman, Ortiz, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Revak, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wilson, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Eastman

And so, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Kay Groff, Cordova Citizen of the Year
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Dr. Ronald Charles Brockman
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

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 Lincoln – from 6:00 a.m., March 14 to 10:00 p.m., March 17

Representative Neuman – from 11:00 a.m., March 14 to 10:30 a.m., March 18

Representative Talerico – from 6:00 p.m., March 14 to 8:00 a.m., March 18

Representative Fields – from 8:00 p.m., March 14 to 10:30 a.m., March 18

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Representative Rasmussen – from 7:30 a.m., March 15 to 9:45 p.m., March 16

Representative Tuck – from 6:00 a.m., March 15 to 10:00 p.m., March 22

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins – from 9:30 a.m., March 15 to 9:00 p.m., March 16

HJR 10

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Supporting development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of this high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state.

HB 22

Representative Jackson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

"An Act extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date."

HB 43

Representative Jackson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

"An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of the state; and providing for an effective date."

HB 71

Representatives Jackson and Rauscher, added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 71

"An Act relating to hiring for positions in state service based on substitution of military work experience or training for required civilian work experience or training."

HB 79

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

"An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers and firefighters in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to eligibility of peace officers and firefighters for medical, disability, and death benefits; relating to liability of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations Honoring - Women's History Month 2019 and In Memoriam - Theodore Bradford Dickerson, 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 citations. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Women's History Month 2019

By Representative Tarr

In Memoriam - Theodore Bradford Dickerson

By Representative Spohnholz; Senator Wielechowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk