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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:37 a.m.

Roll call showed 32 members present. Representatives Jackson, Lincoln, Neuman, Rasmussen, Stutes, Vance, and Zulkosky had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Nancy Campbell of White Fields Church, Wasilla. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I offer this prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I approach your throne with boldness and faith; knowing that you hear me and I thank you that you answer my prayers. I give you all the praise and honor and glory that is due your name, and I invoke your presence here in the House of Representatives as they meet together. I pray that you would be their guide as they navigate the business set before them this day.

Grant them your wisdom and discernment as they deal with difficult issues, and I pray that there would be a working unity here as they move forward.

Bless them with good health, Lord, and if any here are not feeling well, I pray you touch them now and bring healing to their bodies. Give them strength and fortitude throughout the remainder of this session. Protect them from all harm and protect their families.

And, now, I pray this covering over them taken from Psalms 20:1-2: *May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble; May the name of the God of Jacob defend you; May He send you help from the sanctuary; And strengthen you out of Zion.*

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Wool.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 72nd and 73rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Talerico introduced Kayla Mayo, Guest Page, from Healy.

Representative Story introduced Alwen Carrillo and Lance Lierra, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated March 28 was read stating the Governor withdraws the following name from legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted, which had been referred to the Finance Committee (page 133):

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees
Joe Riggs

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 27 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS**

SB 37

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the statewide immunization program; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 89

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(JUD) by the Senate Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 2 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 6.

The following was received:

Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct
2018 Annual Report

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:

John Sturgeon

as a member of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees.

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

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

Cash Joyce

as a member of the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

The report was signed by Representatives Lincoln and Tarr, Co-chairs; and Representatives Spohnholz, Rasmussen, Talerico, Hannan, and Tuck.

HB 12

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

"An Act relating to protective orders."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 12(JUD)

(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Wool, LeDoux, Shaw, Kopp, Claman

No recommendation (1): Eastman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 12(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 12 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 22

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

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

The report was signed by Representative Spohnholz, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Tarr, Claman, Drummond, Spohnholz

No recommendation (1): Pruitt

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 22 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 29

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 29

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for benefits provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Spohnholz, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Claman, Drummond, Spohnholz

No recommendation (1): Pruitt

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 29 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 48

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

"An Act removing from the exempt service of the state persons who are employed in a professional capacity to make a temporary or special inquiry, study, or examination as authorized by the governor and including those persons in the partially exempt service of the state."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48(FIN)

"An Act removing from the exempt service of the state persons who are employed in a professional capacity to make a temporary or special inquiry, study, or examination as authorized by the governor and including those persons in the partially exempt service of the state; repealing the authority of the governor or a designee of the governor to authorize higher pay than is otherwise allowable for certain partially exempt employees in the executive branch; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Johnston, LeBon, Knopp, Josephson, Ortiz, Wilson, Foster

No recommendation (4): Carpenter, Tilton, Merrick, Sullivan-Leonard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 48(FIN):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 48 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 71

The State Affairs Committee considered:

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."

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

Do pass (4): Shaw, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins, Fields

No recommendation (2): Vance, Wool

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 71 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 72

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

"An Act establishing the month of February as Black History Month."

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

Do pass (6): Claman, Revak, Kreiss-Tomkins, Thompson, Hannan, Drummond

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 72 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 77

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 77

"An Act relating to the number of superior court judges in the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (11): Johnston, Carpenter, Tilton, LeBon, Knopp, Merrick, Josephson, Sullivan-Leonard, Ortiz, Wilson, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 77 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 97

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

"An Act relating to the prescription of drugs by a physician assistant without physical examination."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97(HSS)

"An Act relating to the prescription of drugs by a physician assistant without physical examination; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Spohnholz, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Claman, Tarr, Drummond, Spohnholz

No recommendation (1): Pruitt

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 97(HSS):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 97 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

SB 38

The Finance Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 38(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations for unemployment assistance, fire suppression activities, and restoration projects related to earthquake disaster relief; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Johnston, LeBon, Merrick, Josephson, Sullivan-Leonard, Ortiz

No recommendation (5): Carpenter, Tilton, Knopp, Wilson, Foster

CSSB 38(FIN) is on today's calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Brenda Riley
By Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Record Number of Women in the Alaska Legislature
By Representative Tarr; Senator Costello

Honoring - Tina Strong
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam - Dr. James Libby, DDS
By Representative Shaw; Senator Birch

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

Honoring - Mari Freitag
By Representative Ortiz

Honoring - Doug Ward
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - South Peninsula Behavior Health Services
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer II
By Senator Coghill

Honoring - University Area Community Council
By Senators Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson; Representative Spohnholz

In Memoriam - John Bruce "Jack" Coghill
By Representative Talerico; Senators Coghill, Bishop

In Memoriam - Zenas Edward Zeine
By Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Lester Charles Erhart, Sr.
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Ralph Allen Persinger
By Senators Bishop, Birch

In Memoriam - Nicholas Monroe
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Keith Harvey Miller
By Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Vladimir Paul Gavora
By Senators Coghill, Birch

In Memoriam - Barry Wendell Jackson
By Senators Kawasaki, Coghill

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 117

HOUSE BILL NO. 117 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal regulation of trapping; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Judiciary Committees.

HB 118

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; and relating to planning for prisoner reentry."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**HOUSE BILLS IN SECOND READING****HB 83**

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins moved and asked unanimous consent that the following, which was held in second reading from the March 27 calendar (page 394), be returned to the Rules Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

"An Act relating to voting by electronic transmission in a state election; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**SB 38**

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 38(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations for unemployment assistance, fire suppression activities, and restoration projects related to earthquake disaster relief; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that CSSB 38(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSSB 38(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSSB 38(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 38(FIN)
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 8 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Merrick, Ortiz, Pruitt, Rauscher, Revak, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Wilson, Wool

Excused: Jackson, Lincoln, Neuman, Rasmussen, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Vance, Zulkosky

And so, CSSB 38(FIN) passed the House.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSSB 38(FIN) was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

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: 31 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 8 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Jackson, Lincoln, Neuman, Rasmussen, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Vance, Zulkosky

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

Honoring - Bosch
By Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Maureen Koezuna
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - Norman Lowell
By Representative Vance

Honoring - Nikaitchuat Ilisagviat Inupiaq Language Immersion School
By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

Honoring - Service High School, ProStart Culinary Team
By Senator Birch; Representative Revak

Honoring - Arthur and Barbara Waters, 50th Wedding Anniversary
By Senator Micciche; Representatives Carpenter, Knopp

In Memoriam - Alfred Attla, Sr.
By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Ashley Kelly Mae Robyn Johnson-Barr
By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Guy Charles Powell
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 97

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

"An Act relating to the prescription of drugs by a physician assistant without physical examination."

HB 97 is in the Labor & Commerce Committee with a further referral to the Finance Committee.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Eastman – from noon, today to 11:00 a.m., March 31

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring - Brenda Riley, Honoring - Record Number of Women in the Alaska Legislature, Honoring - Tina Strong, and In Memoriam - Dr. James Libby, DDS, 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 - Brenda Riley
By Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Record Number of Women in the Alaska Legislature
By Representative Tarr; Senator Costello

Honoring - Tina Strong
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam - Dr. James Libby, DDS
By Representative Shaw; Senator Birch

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Speaker made the following additional appointments to the previous lists (pages 325-329, 363-364):

Appointed House Members 2019-2020

Bond Reimbursement & Grant Review Committee
(AS 14.11.014)

Representative Wilson

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Standing Committees

Budgets & Revenue

Representative Wilson

The Council of State Governments (CSG) Committees

Governing Board

Representative Stutes

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Due to elimination of the ex-officio seats the following appointees (page 326) were withdrawn:

Representative Spohnholz

Representative Tuck

HR 2

A memo dated March 27 stated that the Speaker appointed Representative Spohnholz to replace Representative Fields, as Vice-Chair, on the House Special Committee on Energy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., April 1. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk