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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 11:09 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Neuman had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Kayla Epstein of Congregation Sukkat Shalom. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Author of Peace,

We are quickly approaching Passover and the annual retelling of the story of the Jewish escape from Egypt and slavery. Around the Passover table we talk of the flight from slavery so long ago, but we also look at the trials of today. We ponder what those are. Some think of slavery as inescapable pain inflicted by outsiders: children living in abusive homes, human trafficking, or domestic violence. But we also may think of self-inflicted bondage such as addiction, co-dependence, or obsession. Some of these issues come before this body...and those in this building search to find solutions and to right wrongs. For the work done by those here, and for those across the world, we ask for the blessing of wisdom, energy, and resolve as we strive to do good. May the Lord bless and keep those who strive to do good. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hopkins.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 88th, 89th, and 90th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated April 12 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:30 a.m., April 17 to consider confirmation of the Governor's appointments.

A message dated April 12 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 78

SENATE BILL NO. 78 by Senators Bishop, Coghill, Kawasaki, Stevens, Begich, Stedman, Gray-Jackson, Olson, Kiehl, Costello, Micciche, von Imhof, Shower, Wielechowski, Hughes, Giessel, Hoffman, and Birch, entitled:

"An Act establishing May 31 of each year as Katie John Day."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Allen "Al" Barrette
Orville Huntington

as members of the Board of Game.

The report was signed by Representative Hopkins, Vice Chair; and Representatives Hannan, Talerico, Rasmussen, Rauscher, and Spohnholz.

HB 3

The Resources Committee considered:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3

"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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3(RES)

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

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

Do pass (6): Tuck, Talerico, Spohnholz, Rauscher, Rasmussen, Tarr

No recommendation (2): Hannan, Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSSSHB 3(RES):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

SSHB 3 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 33

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 33

"An Act relating to defenses to sexual assault; and relating to registration of sex offenders."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 33(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Shaw, Story, Fields

No recommendation (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 33(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration

HB 33 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Commemorating - Law Enforcement Memorial Day, May 15, 2019
By Representatives Edgmon, Kopp

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 15

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Josephson:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 132**

HOUSE BILL NO. 132 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the earnings reserve account; relating to the permanent fund dividend; relating to deposits into the permanent fund; relating to appropriations to the dividend fund and general fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 133

HOUSE BILL NO. 133 by Representative Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to care of juveniles and to juvenile justice; relating to employment of juvenile probation officers by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to terms used in juvenile justice; relating to mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect; relating to sexual assault in the third degree; relating to sexual assault in the fourth degree; repealing a requirement for administrative revocation of a minor's driver's license, permit, privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain a license for consumption or possession of alcohol or drugs; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 134

HOUSE BILL NO. 134 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to modify a net profit share lease."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated April 12 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill authorizing the renegotiation of North Slope net profit share leases.

The bill would authorize the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to modify North Slope net profit share leases where net profit share has hindered development of known oil and gas pools within units as a result of the percentage of profits returned to the state in addition to royalties and taxes. Modifications to net profit shares would be consistent with the existing royalty modification process. The bill would allow the commissioner to modify a net profit share lease to encourage production, prolong production or economic life of an oil or gas field or pool. A modification, however, could not result in a share reserved to the state of less than 10 percent of the net profit derived from the lease.

The benefits of the bill would include incentivizing development and production of known oil and gas resources within units in production or in non-unitized areas with net profit share leases. An increase in development and production on the North Slope would generate additional revenue for the state; that result requires modification of leases to reflect production realities.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 135

HOUSE BILL NO. 135 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical assistance for needy persons; relating to material incorporated by reference; relating to payment for prescribed drugs; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
8. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

The Governor's transmittal letter dated April 12 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill regarding medical assistance for eligible persons.

First, the bill would make changes to state coverage under the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion to provide more cost effective and efficient means to provide medical assistance to eligible persons, either through third party payer coverage or through a state-paid medical assistance program. Second, the bill would broaden the department's authorization to seek certain federal waivers without going through an extensive legislative or regulatory process. Third, the bill would provide authority for the Department of Health and Social Services to implement cost containment measures regarding provider

rates, including by emergency regulation. Importantly, the bill would allow the department to develop preferred drug lists to control costs and make medical treatment and access to needed medications more streamlined. Last, the bill would direct the Department of Health and Social Services to apply for required federal waivers in order to provide coverage for those traditionally covered by medical assistance programs through the individual health insurance market or exchange. Together, these tools will improve our state's ability to provide medical assistance to eligible persons.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 35

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 35(FSH) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 35(FSH) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 106

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 12 calendar (page 605), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

"An Act relating to school bond debt reimbursement."

The question being: "Shall HB 106 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 106

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Jackson

Excused: Kreiss-Tomkins, Neuman

And so, HB 106 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - The Legislative Affairs Agency, Online Democracy Award Winner

By Representative Eastman; Senator Shower

Honoring - John Sturgeon

By Representatives Eastman, Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Agnes Royer

By Representative Ortiz

In Memoriam - Priscilla Loretta Kunz

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

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 Tuck – from 6:30 p.m., April 17 to 10:30 a.m., April 22

Representative Rasmussen – from noon, April 18 to 10:00 a.m., April 22

Representative Drummond – from 5:00 p.m., April 18 to 3:00 p.m., April 21

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Representative Thompson – from 11:30 a.m., April 18 to 10:30 a.m., April 22

Representative Knopp – from 11:30 a.m., April 18 to 11:00 a.m., April 22

Representative Lincoln – from 11:30 a.m., April 18 to 1:30 p.m., April 21

Representative Hopkins – from noon, April 18 to noon, April 21

Representative Fields – from 7:00 p.m., April 18 to 10:00 a.m., April 22

Representative Revak – from 8:30 p.m., April 18 to 8:15 p.m., April 21

Representative LeBon – from 11:30 a.m., April 19 to 10:30 a.m., April 22

Representative Spohnholz – from noon, April 19 to 10:00 p.m., April 21

Representative Wool – from 7:30 a.m., April 19 to 10:00 a.m., April 22

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Lincoln announced the birth of his son, Kavik Lincoln, born April 11.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 122

Representative Lincoln added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

"An Act relating to the Funter Bay marine park unit of the state park system; relating to protection of the social and historical significance of the Unangaꝑ cemetery located in Funter Bay and providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Funter Bay marine park unit; and providing for an effective date."

SB 78

Representative Tuck added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 78

"An Act establishing May 31 of each year as Katie John Day."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 106

HB 106 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

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., April 16. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk