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Sixty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 4:30 p.m.

Roll call showed 34 members present. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent, and his presence was noted later. Representative Sullivan-Leonard was absent and later excused (page 2150).

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

An instrumental invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representatives Claman and Talerico. Representative Drummond moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

"Amazing Grace"

Performed on trumpet and guitar by Representatives Claman
and Talerico

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Foster.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 66th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the first special order citation calendar 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 - Sean Prince

By Representative Spohnholz; Senators Begich, Wielechowski

Honoring - Nancy Cook Hanson

By Representatives LeBon, Thompson

Honoring - Etheldra Jordan-Davis
By Senator Begich

Honoring - Kevin Ritchie & Kyle Worl
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Jamico's Pizzeria
By Senator Begich; Representative Tarr

Honoring - Juneau-Douglas High School, Women's Soccer Team
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Juneau Gastineau Channel Little League, Junior All-Star
Baseball Team
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

Honoring - Muldoon Pizza
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives LeDoux, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Rose Leman MacSwain
By Representative Carpenter; Senator Micciche

Commemorating - Law Enforcement Memorial Day, May 8, 2020
By Representatives Edgmon, Shaw, Kopp

Honoring - Jennifer Hall Jones
By Representative Spohnholz; Senators Begich, Wielechowski

Honoring - Daniel George
By Representative Tarr; Senator Begich

Honoring - Dr. Diane McEachern
By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Kirk Rose
By Representative Tarr; Senator Begich

Honoring - Jon Cochrane
By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - EJR David
By Representatives Spohnholz, LeDoux

Honoring - Luke Jager
By Representatives Spohnholz, Drummond; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Daryl Walker
By Representatives Prax, LeBon; Senator Coghill

Honoring - Kendall Kramer
By Representatives Wool, Hopkins

Honoring - Yvette Belisle & Alyssa Saavedra
By Representative Pruitt

Honoring - Dr. Edmond C. Packee
By Representative Talerico

Honoring - Ethan Berkowitz and Mara Kimmel
By Representatives Josephson, Drummond, Claman

Honoring - Dr. Cary Keller
By Representatives LeBon, Hopkins

Honoring - Reyne Athanas
By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Matt Scott, 2020 Champion of Bogus Creek 150
By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Thunder Mountain High School Boys Basketball Team,
2020 Region V 4A Champions
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Kim's Cuisine Asian Fusion Bistro
By Representatives Jackson, Merrick; Senator Reinbold

Honoring - Bert L. Cottle
By Senator Wilson; Representative Sullivan-Leonard

Honoring - Amy Galloway, 2020 Alaska Teacher of the Year
By Senator Bishop; Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Brent Sass, 2020 Yukon Quest Champion
By Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Carol Rice
By Senator Wilson; Representative Tilton

Honoring - 2020 Top Ten Iditarod Finishers
By Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Women's Equality Day 100th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Heroes of the Swan Lake Fire
By Senator Micciche; Representative Carpenter

Honoring - Valley Residential Services
By Senator Wilson

Honoring - Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, 40th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, 60th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, 40th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - John Stuart Lee
By Representatives Rauscher, Johnson; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Cynthia Hoffman
By Representative Tarr; Senator Begich

In Memoriam - Patrick Bond Flanigin
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Morris Iugaaq Kiyutelluk
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Patricia Jean (Sweeney) Arasmith
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Arthur Lionel Carroll
By Senators Kawasaki, Coghill

In Memoriam - Dennis Lee Vance Sky
By Senator Micciche; Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Richard "Dick" Scott
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Thomas L. Brice
By Senators Bishop, Kawasaki

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 232

A message dated March 26 was read stating the Senate passed:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 232(L&C)

"An Act relating to a municipal air quality improvement tax credit; and relating to a municipal energy efficient construction tax credit."

CSHB 232(L&C) was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

**The presence of Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

In accordance with Uniform Rule 43(b), the Speaker announced that engrossment may be waived on the bills on today's calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 52

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which is in the Finance Committee, would be moved to the bottom of the calendar:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(FIN) am

"An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

SB 115

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be moved to the bottom of the calendar:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 115(FIN)(efd fld)

"An Act relating to vehicle registration fees; and relating to the motor fuel tax."

SECOND READING OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR 9

The following was read the second time:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Establishing the Task Force on Therapeutic Courts.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 23, following "state":

Insert "selected by the governor"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 3, line 7, following "effects":

Insert ", including effects of therapeutic courts on public safety,"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 9

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 28 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Pruitt, Talerico, Tilton, Vance

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Prax, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Merrick, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher

Absent: Sullivan-Leonard

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

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 question being: "Shall SCR 9 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 9

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 28 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon,

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LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Pruitt, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Prax, Talerico, Tilton

Excused: Merrick, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Sullivan-Leonard

And so, SCR 9 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

SCR 11

The following was read the second time:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

Relating to awarding the Alaska Decoration of Honor to Gabriel David Conde.

The question being: "Shall SCR 11 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 11

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Prax, Pruitt, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Merrick, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Sullivan-Leonard

And so, SCR 11 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 5:14 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 7:55 p.m.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to:

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 301

A message dated March 27 was read stating the Senate passed CSHB 301(L&C) with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 301(L&C)

"An Act relating to certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians."

CSHB 301(L&C) is under Unfinished Business.

SB 241

A message dated March 27 was read stating the Senate failed to concur in the House amendment to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am

"An Act extending the March 11, 2020, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; relating to the COVID-19 outbreak; relating to a financing plan; relating to standing orders of the chief medical officer; relating to occupational and professional licensing; relating to telemedicine and telehealth; relating to fingerprinting requirements; relating to elections in calendar year 2020; relating to permanent fund dividend applications; relating to automatic voter registration; relating to tax filings, payments, and penalties; relating to shareholder meetings; relating to the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; providing for electronic and videoconference notification, verification, and acknowledgment of documents; and providing for an effective date."

namely:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 241(RLS) am H

"An Act extending the March 11, 2020, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel

coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; relating to the COVID-19 outbreak; relating to a financing plan; relating to standing orders of the chief medical officer; relating to occupational and professional licensing; relating to telemedicine and telehealth; relating to fingerprinting requirements; relating to elections in calendar year 2020; relating to permanent fund dividend applications; relating to automatic voter registration; relating to tax filings, payments, and penalties; relating to shareholder meetings; relating to corporations; relating to municipal government deadlines; relating to the Alaska regional economic assistance program; establishing a conclusive presumption that COVID-19 is an occupational disease for firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, peace officers, and health care providers; relating to allowable absences for the permanent fund dividend; relating to the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to retail sellers; tolling deadlines for action by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to disconnection of utility service for nonpayment; relating to power cost equalization; relating to regulatory assets of a utility; relating to evictions; and providing for an effective date."

(HCR 20 - title change resolution)

and respectfully requests the House to recede from its amendment.

In the event the House fails to recede, the President appointed the following members to a Free Conference Committee (the Senate waived Uniform Rule 42(a)) to meet with a like committee from the House to consider the bills:

Senator Coghill, Chair
Senator Bishop
Senator Begich

RECEDE

SB 241

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Senate message. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Eastman placed a call of the House and lifted the call.

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

Representative Thompson moved that the House recede from its amendment, and recommended that the members vote no.

The question being: "Shall the House recede from its amendment?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 241(RLS) am H

Recede

YEAS: 2 NAYS: 32 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Jackson

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Ortiz, Prax, Pruitt, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Lincoln, Merrick, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Sullivan-Leonard

And so, the House failed to recede.

Representative Pruitt moved and asked unanimous consent to rescind previous action in failing to recede. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Thompson moved that the House recede from its amendment, and recommended that the members vote no.

The question being: "Shall the House recede from its amendment?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 241(RLS) am H

Recede

YEAS: 0 NAYS: 34 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Ortiz, Prax, Pruitt, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Lincoln, Merrick, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Sullivan-Leonard

And so, the House failed to recede.

The Speaker moved and asked unanimous consent to waive Uniform Rule 42(a) and (b).

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Uniform Rule 42(a) and (b) be waived?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 241(RLS) am H
Waive Uniform Rule 42(a) and (b)
Recede

YEAS: 33 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Ortiz, Prax, Pruitt, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Lincoln, Merrick, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Sullivan-Leonard

And so, the motion passed.

The Speaker appointed the following members to a Free Conference Committee to meet with a like committee from the Senate to consider the above bills:

Representative Kopp, Chair
Representative Spohnholz
Representative Talerico

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SCR 9

Representatives Josephson, Tuck, Spohnholz, and LeDoux added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9
Establishing the Task Force on Therapeutic Courts.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 52

The following, which was moved to the bottom of the calendar (page 2148), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on tomorrow's calendar:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(FIN) am
"An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

SB 115

The following, which was moved to the bottom of the calendar (page 2149), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on tomorrow's calendar:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 115(FIN)(efd fld)
"An Act relating to vehicle registration fees; and relating to the motor fuel tax."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With appointment of the Conference Committee on the operating budget, Uniform Rule 23(d) is in effect as of March 24.

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 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk