

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Thursday**

**February 18, 2021**

**Thirty-first Day**

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 13 the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:40 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Prax was absent and later excused (page 166).

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Tuck. Representative Thompson 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 Father God,

You are the God of all creations, and we thank you that you have created us for your glory.

We would like to pray a special prayer for all those who are working the front lines during this pandemic.

Whether in the factory, the fields, the mines, the hospital clinics, our schools, the armed services, the retail and hospitality industries, the construction jobsite, the business office, or here in government... may all workers carry themselves with honor and be kept safe from any harm or illness.

We also stand together and pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed. May they not become discouraged; may they continue to find ways to learn and grow in their time of being out of work.

As stewards of your abundant resources, please help us work together to provide for those who are suffering from unemployment so that they do not lose hearth and home.

May those out of work experience tangible evidence of our support and may meaningful work come quickly to them.

For all those who agree, we say...Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Tarr.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 29th and 30th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Letters dated November 3, December 28, 2020, and January 8, 18, 19, and 26, and February 2, 2021, were received stating that on February 4, 2020, and January 19, 2021, in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointees have withdrawn themselves from consideration, effective immediately:

#### **State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors**

Eric Milliken

#### **Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Rex Leath

**Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Cheryl Brantley

**Board of Nursing**

Emily Henry

**Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar**

Jerry Nankervis

The following appointees are withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

**Board of Barbers and Hairdressers**

Zera "Blake" Thomas

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Jamie Allard

A letter dated January 29 was received stating that on January 19 in accordance with Article III, Section 25 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of heads of state for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn his name from consideration, effective immediately:

**Attorney General, Department of Law**

Clyde "Ed" Sniffen

The following letter dated December 16, 2020, was received:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

This letter confirms my Administration's position that Executive Branch Department heads and Boards and Commissions appointees to Executive Branch Boards, who have not received a confirmation vote, continue to serve under valid appointments. I am also exercising my constitutional authority under the Alaska Constitution, Article III, Section 27 to continue their appointments.

By February 3, 2021, I will present the names of those previously appointed under Article III, but not confirmed, along with any new appointments, to the 32nd Alaska State Legislature so they may consider the appointments through the normal confirmation process.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor"

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated October 28, 2020, and accompanying letter dated October 29, 2020, regarding the July 21 earthquake impacting the Aleutians East Borough and Lake and Peninsula Borough, were received. The declaration and accompanying letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's Office.

A Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated November 6, 2020, and memorandums from Adam Crum, Commissioner of Dept. of Health & Social Services and Torrence Saxe, Commissioner of Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs, regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, were received. The declaration, accompanying letter, and memorandums were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated December 5, 2020, and accompanying letter dated December 7, 2020, regarding the severe storm damage affecting Southeast Alaska, were received. The declaration and accompanying letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated December 15, 2020, and memorandum from Adam Crum, Commissioner of Dept. of Health & Social Services, regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, were received. The declaration, accompanying letter, and memorandum were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

An amendment dated December 29, 2020, to the Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated December 5, 2020, and accompanying letter

were received. The amendment and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Public Health Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated January 14, regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, were received. The declaration, accompanying letter, and a memorandum from Adam Crum, Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services, were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated January 15 and accompanying letter, regarding the November 2020 severe storm damage in the City and Native Village of Shishmaref and the City of Nome, were received. The declaration and accompanying letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's Office.

The following letter dated January 15 was received:

"President Giessel and Speaker Edgmon:

Based on the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (DHS&EM) continuing programmatic work with disaster applicants, project adjustments will require additional authority for the 2020 Southeast Storm (AK272). In this case, the Individual Assistance Program projects and the response costs will exceed the initial \$1,000,000 in the Governor declaration.

The total additional State General Funds required for this disaster is \$1,500,000. The Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) has a current cash balance of \$6,348,552. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management continues to work through the 2020 Southeast Storm disaster to determine if federal disaster support will be requested once they have completed the necessary Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment with FEMA.

I am requesting your concurrence that the legislature should not be convened to approve the transfer of funds. A draft concurrence letter for the disaster is also enclosed.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

The letter and preliminary finance plan were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A message dated January 21 was read stating under the provision of art. III sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor requests the opportunity to address the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m., for presentation of the State of the State address. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, the State of the State address will be televised.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated February 10 was read stating the Senate ratified the following members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Dennis "Skip" Cook  
Joyce M. Anderson  
Gerald (Jerry) McBeath (alternate)

A message dated February 15 was received stating the Senate accepted the request of Chief Justice Bolger to address the Alaska State Legislature at 11:00 a.m., February 17.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A message dated February 8 was received from Chief Justice Joel Bolger requesting the opportunity to address a joint session of the Alaska State Legislature for the annual State of the Judiciary address at 11:00 a.m., February 17.

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration  
Biennial Procurement Report  
A Summary of Executive Branch Activity for Fiscal Years 2019, 2020  
November 23, 2020  
(as required by AS 36.30.540)

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Dept. of Administration  
Annual Disposal of State-Owned Firearms and Ammunition Report  
January 1, 2021  
(as required by AS 18.65.340)

Dept. of Administration  
Division of Retirement & Benefits  
Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports of:  
Public Employees' Retirement System  
Teachers' Retirement System  
December 15, 2020  
(as required by AS 39.35.004 and 14.25.004 respectively)

Dept. of Administration  
Division of Finance  
Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions for 2020  
<http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/reports/ctep.html>  
(as required by AS 37.05.210)

Office of Administrative Hearings  
Annual Report  
January 31, 2021  
(as required by AS 44.64.020)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
Dept. of Education & Early Development  
Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development  
University of Alaska  
Alaska Performance Scholarship Outcomes Report 2021  
January 25, 2021  
<https://acpe.alaska.gov/REPORTS>  
(as required by AS 14.43.840)

Dept. of Corrections  
Interstate Commission  
Annual Report  
January 29, 2021  
(as required by AS 33.36.135)

Alaska Court System  
FY 2020 Annual Report  
<https://courts.alaska.gov/admin/index.htm#annualrep>  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission  
Annual Report  
October 30, 2020  
(as required by AS 44.19.647)

Alaska Energy Authority  
Susitna-Watana Hydro Project  
2020 Report  
[www.susitna-watanahydro.org](http://www.susitna-watanahydro.org)  
(as required by AS 44.83.085)

Alaska Energy Authority  
Renewable Energy Fund  
Status Report  
January 2021  
(as required by AS 42.45.045)

Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds  
Annual Loan Fund Report Fiscal Year 2020  
January 26, 2021  
(as required by AS 37.05.035 and AS 46.03.032)

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
2020 Annual Report  
<https://www.ahfc.us/annual>  
(as required by AS 18.56.200)

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority  
Interior Energy Project  
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature  
October 2020  
[www.interiorenergyproject.com](http://www.interiorenergyproject.com)  
(as required by Chapter No. 39, SLA 2015)

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Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority  
Interior Energy Project  
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature  
January 2021  
[www.interiorenergyproject.com](http://www.interiorenergyproject.com)  
(as required by Chapter No. 39, SLA 2015)

Dept. of Education & Early Development  
Online With Libraries (OWL) Videoconferencing Evaluation  
November 19, 2020  
(as required by Chapter 8, SLA 2020)

Dept. of Education & Early Development  
Annual Report on School Performance  
February 1, 2021  
<https://education.alaska.gov/compass/report-card>  
(as required by AS 14.03.120)

Dept. of Education & Early Development  
2020 Annual Report  
February 15, 2021  
(as required by AS 14.03.078)

Dept. of Fish & Game  
Status of Brown Bears and Other Natural Resources  
McNeil River State Game Sanctuary and Refuge  
2020 Annual Report  
January 29, 2021  
(as required by AS 16.20.162)

Dept. of Fish & Game  
Division of Wildlife Conservation  
Board of Game Allocation of Big Game Hunting  
Annual Report  
February 1, 2021  
(as required by AS 16.05.050)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Annual Medicaid Reform Report: Fiscal Year 2020  
November 16, 2020  
(as required by AS 47.05.270)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Office of Children's Services  
Employee Recruitment and Retention Report to the Legislature  
November 13, 2020  
(as required by AS 47.14.112)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Office of Children's Services  
Response to 2020 Alaska Citizens' Review Panel Report  
[http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/Publications/pdf/2020\\_CRP\\_Response.pdf](http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/Publications/pdf/2020_CRP_Response.pdf)  
October 1, 2020  
(as required by AS 47.14.255)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Health Information Technology Office  
Alaska Health Information Exchange  
2020 Progress And Recommendations Report  
December 2020  
(as required by AS 18.23.315)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Dept. of Corrections  
Joint Annual Report on Recidivism Reduction  
Fiscal Year 2020  
January 16, 2021  
(as required by AS 47.38.100)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Dept. of Law  
Joint Legislative Report  
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, Payment and Eligibility Errors for FY 20  
November 2020  
(as required by AS 47.07.076)

Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development  
Technical and Vocational Education Program  
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020  
February 1, 2021  
(as required by AS 23.15.835)

Dept. of Law  
Activities of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform  
State Laws  
Annual Report  
December 29, 2020  
(as required by AS 44.23.040)

Dept. of Law  
Federal Laws and Litigation Report  
January 15, 2021  
(as required by AS 44.23.020)

Legislative Affairs Agency  
Division of Legal and Research Services  
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed  
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the  
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes  
December 2020  
(as required by AS 24.20.065)

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Division of Mining, Land, and Water  
2021 Reports to the Alaska Legislature on:  
Identified RS 2477 Rights-of-Way  
Availability of the Annual Mining Report  
Status of the Land Disposal Income Fund  
Status of Land in the Land Disposal Bank  
Water Removals and Exports  
Notification of Interim Classifications (Closing Land to Mineral  
Entry)  
Cooperative Resource Management or Development Agreements  
Efforts to Maintain or Enhance Access to and along Fishing Streams  
January 2021  
(as required by AS 19.30.400, 27.05.60, 38.04.022, 38.04.020,  
46.15.020, 38.05.300, 38.05.027, and 38.04.205, respectively)

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil and Gas  
5-Year Program of Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sales and Gas-Only  
Lease Sales  
January 27, 2021  
(as required by 38.05.180)

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation  
Incompatible Use in a Park, Area, or Preserve  
Disabled Veteran Campsite Permit Report  
January 31, 2021  
(as required by AS 41.21.020 and AS 41.21.026)

Dept. of Public Safety  
2020 Report on Untested Sexual Assault Examination Kits  
October 30, 2020  
(as required by AS 44.41.070)

Dept. of Public Safety  
2020 Annual Drug Report  
February 1, 2021  
<https://dps.alaska.gov/getmedia/2b95494e-3125-44f1-962b-8233a2959d62/2020-Annual-Drug-Report>  
(as required by 18.65.085)

Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Report  
November 13, 2020  
(as required by AS 42.05.211 and 42.06.220)

Dept. of Revenue  
Alaska ABLE  
Annual Report  
January 19, 2021  
(as required by AS 06.65.350)

Dept. of Revenue  
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund  
Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund  
Investment Earnings Reports  
January 20, 2021  
(as required by AS 19.65.070 and 37.05.550)

Dept. of Revenue  
Alaska Marine Highway Fund  
Annual Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2020  
December 4, 2020  
(as required by AS 19.65.070)

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Dept. of Revenue  
Oil and Gas Tax Credit Certificates Purchased in 2020  
February 5, 2021  
(as required by AS 43.05.230)

Task Force on Therapeutic Courts  
Evaluations and Recommendations Final Report  
[http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get\\_documents.asp?session=31&docid=102274](http://www.akleg.gov/basis/get_documents.asp?session=31&docid=102274)  
January 18, 2021  
(as required by SCR 9, Legislative Resolve No. 23, 2020)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act  
Annual Report  
2020 Progress Report  
January 2021  
(as required by AS 44.42.067)

University of Alaska  
Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools 2020 Report  
February 15, 2021  
(as required by AS 14.40.190)

University of Alaska Fairbanks  
College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences  
Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center  
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2020  
January 2021

The following audit reports were received from the Division of Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required by AS 24.20.311:

2020 Annual Report, Unabridged  
2020 Annual Report, Condensed

Alaska Court System  
Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association  
Sunset Review  
June 9, 2020

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives  
Sunset Review  
June 19, 2020

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Board of Public Accountancy  
Sunset Review  
April 8, 2020

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Regulatory Commission of Alaska FY19 Annual Report  
Special Review  
April 6, 2020

Dept. of Education & Early Development, and Dept. of Health &  
Social Services  
Special Education Service Agency  
Sunset Review  
April 3, 2020

Office of the Governor  
Alaska Criminal Justice Commission  
Sunset Review  
June 12, 2020

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Office of Children's Services Compliance with Foster Care Reform  
Laws, Part 1  
Special Review  
November 10, 2020

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Eligibility  
Special Review  
August 27, 2020

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Transportation  
Costs  
Special Review  
October 28, 2020

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas  
Sunset Review  
April 8, 2020

Dept. of Revenue  
Mustang Operations Center 1 LLC Loan  
Special Review  
July 24, 2020

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The following report of the Committee on Committees, dated February 18, was received:

The Committee on Committees met and submits the following names of Representatives to serve on the respective House committees:

Rules: Edgmon, Chair; Stutes, Vice Chair; Merrick, Foster, Tilton, Shaw, Eastman

Finance: Merrick and Foster, Co-chairs; Ortiz, Vice Chair; Wool, Edgmon, Josephson, Rasmussen, Thompson, LeBon, Carpenter, Johnson

Community & Regional Affairs: Schrage and Hannan, Co-chairs; Patkotak, Vice Chair; Drummond, Prax, McCarty, McCabe

Education: Drummond and Story, Co-chairs; Zulkosky, Hopkins, Prax, Cronk, Gillham

Health & Social Services: Zulkosky and Snyder, Co-chairs; Spohnholz, Fields, McCarty, Prax, Kurka

Judiciary: Claman, Chair; Drummond, Snyder, Kreiss-Tomkins, Eastman, Kurka, Vance

Labor & Commerce: Fields and Spohnholz, Co-chairs; Schrage, Snyder, Nelson, Kaufman, McCarty

Resources: Patkotak, Chair; Fields, Hopkins, Schrage, Hannan, Rauscher, Cronk, Gillham, McKay

State Affairs: Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair; Tarr, Story, Claman, Vance, Kaufman, Eastman

Transportation: Hopkins and Spohnholz, Co-chairs; Drummond, Hannan, McKay, McCabe, Cronk

The report was signed by Representative Stutes, Chair; and Representatives Edgmon, Tuck, Foster, Merrick, Tilton, and Shaw.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the Committee on Committees report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Committee on Committees Report

Adopt

**YEAS: 22 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Merrick, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Schrage, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Rauscher, Shaw, Thompson, Tilton, Vance

Absent: Prax

And so, the motion passed.

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In accordance with Uniform Rule 3, Representative Edgmon nominated Crystaline Jones as Chief Clerk of the House for the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed and Crystaline Jones be elected as Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Edgmon introduced the following Clerk's staff:

Krisztina Bury	Londi Ensor
Abbey Janes	Christine Saylor
Jackie Schulz	Lou Taylor

Representative Edgmon appointed Micaela Bradner as Sergeant-at-arms of the House for the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Schrage and Rasmussen to advise the Governor that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Tarr and Gillham to advise the Senate that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would stand at ease; and so, the House stood at ease at 10:50 a.m.

#### **AFTER AT EASE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 10:57 a.m.

Representative Schrage reported that the Governor was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Tarr reported that the Senate was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Dr. Norio Yamamoto  
By Representative Fields

Honoring - Norton Sound Health Corporation  
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - Commander Barry McConnell  
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Revak; Representative Schrage

In Memoriam - Stephen Michael Dryden  
By Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Glen Simpson  
By Senator Myers; Representative Prax

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

**HR 1**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representatives Stutes and Tuck:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Arctic Policy,  
Economic Development, and Tourism.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**HR 2**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2 by Representatives Stutes and Tuck:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Energy.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**HR 3**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3 by Representatives Stutes and Tuck:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**HR 4**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Representatives Stutes and Tuck:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and  
Veterans' Affairs.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**HR 5**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5 by Representatives Stutes and Tuck:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**HR 6**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6 by Representative Stutes:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Ways and Means.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

**HCR 1**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representative Eastman:

Suspending certain Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature during the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature to allow the house of representatives to organize to do business; and providing for temporary rules for the house of representatives.

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

**HCR 2**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by Representatives Stutes and Kreiss-Tomkins:

Supporting the Alaska Ocean Cluster in its mission, efforts, and vision for a vibrant coastal economy in the state, its promotion of a diversified and resilient state economy that creates value from ocean resources, and its building of a statewide integrated ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship relating to the state's ocean economy.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

**HJR 1**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Hopkins:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and to appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

was read the first time.

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Hopkins:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and to appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

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

**HJR 2**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by Representative Claman:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the duration of regular sessions of the legislature.

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

**HJR 3**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 by Representative Rauscher:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators.

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Judiciary Committees.

**HJR 4**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Representative Rauscher:

Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2019 or a similar bill.

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

**HJR 5**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 by Representative Rauscher:

Encouraging Congress to enact legislation allowing people over 18 years of age to purchase handguns.

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

**HJR 6**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit; and relating to the budget reserve fund.

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill proposing a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IX, Sections 16 and 17.

The proposed amendment would change the baseline for the constitutional appropriation limit so that appropriations for a fiscal year would not exceed the average of the appropriations for the previous three years plus the cumulative percent change in inflation or population, whichever is greater, over the previous three year period. The amendment would exempt from the spending limit appropriations to state savings accounts, the permanent fund and for permanent fund dividend payments, appropriations of bond proceeds and the principal and interest on those bonds, and appropriations of money from a non-state source.

Additionally, the proposed amendment would change the budget reserve fund established in Article IX, Section 17 so that it can only be used as a funding source, if the amount in the general fund for a given year, is less than the appropriation limit. The budget reserve would be available for no other purpose.

We must develop a stable and sustainable budget in order to assure economic growth in our State. This amendment provides an important tool for curbing unsustainable growth in government spending by indexing future appropriations to those made in prior fiscal years while ensuring the State has a reserve balance to stabilize revenues during years of unexpected decline.

This resolution is a simple but powerful way to structurally cap government growth. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

## **HJR 7**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund, appropriations from the permanent fund, and the permanent fund dividend.

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IX, Section 15. The proposed amendment would establish a percent-of-market-value (POMV) rule to limit annual expenditures from the permanent fund and establish the permanent fund dividend (PFD) in the Alaska Constitution.

Since it was created by constitutional amendment in 1976, the permanent fund has become a vital component to Alaska's financial and economic health. Alaskans had the foresight to ensure that a portion of Alaska's newfound oil wealth would be saved for the future benefit of our state. The PFD, established soon thereafter, has created a critical link between the people and their government by providing every Alaskan a share of the state's natural resource wealth.

Today, the permanent fund and the earnings it generates are Alaska's largest source of revenue. It has never been more important for us to increase protections of the fund for future generations. I'm proposing the adoption of a spending rule limiting yearly withdraws to a percentage of its market value as the most effective means to preserve the fund. The resolution would also require that a portion of funds withdrawn be used for a dividend and require that any future change to the dividend program be approved by the voters.

With this resolution, we respect the will of the people and the Constitutional Convention delegates who wanted all Alaskans to benefit from our state's natural resources. The resolution will protect the permanent fund and the dividend program. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

This amendment would be placed before the voters at the next state general election.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HJR 8**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to prohibiting the establishment of a state tax without the approval of the voters of the state; and relating to the initiative process.

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IX, Section 1 and Article XI, Section 6.

The proposed amendment would provide that any law establishing a state tax shall not take effect absent a vote of the majority of the voters of the state. Additionally, the amendment would require that any voter initiative establishing a state tax would not take effect unless approved by the legislature.

I'm proposing this measure as the most effective means of involving Alaskans in the decisions to levy taxes to pay for State services. This

proposal preserves the legislature's taxing authority while also recognizing the people's voice as exercised through the ballot box.

This amendment would be placed before the voters at the next state general election.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HJR 9**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins:

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.

### **HJR 10**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Representative Tuck:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and establishing the earnings reserve account.

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

### **HJR 11**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 by Representatives McKay, Vance, and Wool:

Requesting the United States Congress to pass legislation that provides a temporary waiver of the Passenger Vessel Services Act to allow cruise ships to sail directly to the state from other United States ports.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism and the Transportation Committee.

**HJR 12**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 by Representatives Rauscher, Patkotak, McKay, McCabe, Cronk, Shaw, Johnson, Thompson, Nelson, Carpenter, Merrick, Gillham, Rasmussen, Tilton, Vance, Prax, Kaufman, McCarty, Kurka, LeBon, Eastman, and Josephson:

Urging the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, to honor the recent lease sales and proceed with permitting in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; urging the President of the United States to defend the 2020 Record of Decision approving the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge; opposing designation of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as a National Monument; and urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to uphold sec. 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 1**

(Profile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 by Representatives Rauscher and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act providing for audits of CARES Act funds expended for the community assistance program and direct grants to municipalities and communities."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

**HB 2**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the minimum age of persons allowed to sell cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, electronic smoking products, products containing nicotine, or products containing tobacco."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

**HB 3**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 by Representative Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the definition of 'disaster.'"

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

**HB 4**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 4 by Representative Johnson, entitled:

"An Act providing immunity from liability and disciplinary action for occupational licensees for exposure of clients to COVID-19; providing immunity from liability for persons engaging in business and their employees for exposure of customers to COVID-19; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 5**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 5 by Representatives Tarr, Foster, Tuck, Zulkosky, and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to sexual assault; relating to the code of military justice; relating to consent;

relating to the testing of sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 6**

This prefile was not introduced.

**HB 7**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 7 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to restrictions placed on users of interactive computer services based on content or viewpoint; and adding unlawful acts to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Judiciary Committees.

**HB 8**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 by Representatives Hannan and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to professional and occupational licensing; and relating to protection of children and vulnerable adults."

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

**HB 9**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 9 by Representative Hannan, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taxation of income of individuals, partners, shareholders in S corporations, trusts, and estates; relating to a payment against the individual income tax from the permanent fund dividend disbursement; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 10**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 by Representatives Hannan and Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"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 Unanga cemetery located in Funter Bay; providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Funter Bay marine park unit; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 11**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to assault in the third and fourth degrees; and relating to reckless endangerment."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Judiciary Committees.

**HB 12**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the relocating and convening of the legislature at the Legislative Information Office in Anchorage; relating to the regulation of lobbying; relating to annual student guests of the legislature; relating to locations of sessions of the legislature; relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; relating to the relocation of functions of state government; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 13**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to shared child custody; relating to relocation of a child out of state; and relating to a presumption of the best interests of the child in child custody and visitation determinations."

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

**HB 14**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 by Representatives Thompson and Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 15**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 by Representatives Thompson and Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to occupational licensing; relating to temporary licenses and permits; relating to certification of teachers; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 16**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 16 by Representative Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the right of first refusal of a volunteer search and rescue group with respect to surplus state property."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and State Affairs Committees.

**HB 17**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 17 by Representatives Josephson, Hopkins, Tarr, and Hannan, entitled:

"An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

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

**HB 18**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to national board certification for public school teachers."

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

**HB 19**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 19 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and establishing limited language immersion teacher certificates."

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

**HB 20**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 20 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act requiring the state medical assistance program to provide services; relating to cost containment of the state medical assistance program; relating to payment for adult dental services; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 21**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 21 by Representatives Wool and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

**HB 22**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 22 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to shared animal ownership; and relating to the sharing and sale of raw milk and raw milk products."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Resources Committees.

**HB 23**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 23 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections and voter registration; relating to ballot custody, retention, and destruction; prohibiting possession of another voter's ballot; requiring signature verification; establishing an election offense hotline; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 24**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 24 by Representatives Hopkins and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain school districts to give teachers who are nursing mothers reasonable breaks and a location to express breast milk."

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

**HB 25**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 25 by Representative Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the state Board of Education and Early Development; relating to statewide standards for instruction in social-emotional learning; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 26**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 26 by Representatives Stutes and Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"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."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

**HB 27**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act naming the irene Webber Bridge."

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

**HB 28**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 28 by Representatives Stutes and Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

**HB 29**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 29 by Representatives Rauscher and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to liability of an electric utility for contact between vegetation and the utility's facilities; and relating to vegetation management plans."

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

**HB 30**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 30 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to notice of workers' compensation death benefits; relating to the payment of workers' compensation benefits in the case of permanent partial impairment; relating to the payment of workers' compensation death benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 31**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 by Representative Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act relating to daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 32**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 32 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act providing civil immunity to recreational vehicle park owners for certain damages; and providing civil immunity from liability related to the inherent risks of camping."

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

**HB 33**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to penalties for discharges of oil and other pollution violations; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 34**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 34 by Representatives Shaw and LeBon, entitled:

"An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Memorial Bridge."

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

**HB 35**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 35 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 36**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to an application for a license to operate as a dealer in motor vehicles; and requiring a dealer in motor vehicles to maintain liability and property insurance."

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

**HB 37**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 37 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to deposits into the dividend fund; relating to income of and appropriations from the earnings reserve account; relating to the taxation of income of individuals, partners, shareholders in S corporations, trusts, and estates; relating to a payment against the individual income tax from the permanent fund dividend disbursement; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

**HB 38**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 by Representatives Zulkosky, Hopkins, and Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 39**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 by Representative Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age."

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

**HB 40**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 40 by Representative LeBon, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; establishing the Naturopathy Advisory Board; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to disciplinary sanctions for 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 41**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 41 by Representatives Ortiz and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations to engage in shellfish enhancement projects; relating to application fees for salmon

hatchery permits and shellfish enhancement project permits; allowing the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute to market aquatic farm products; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

**HB 42**

(Profile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 42 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to allowable absences from the state for individuals serving in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps and the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps for purposes of permanent fund dividend eligibility; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 43**

(Profile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 43 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 44**

(Profile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 44 by Representative Thompson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting."

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

**HB 45**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 45 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to presumption of compensability for workers' compensation claims related to contagious diseases; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 46**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 by Representative Thompson, entitled:

"An Act establishing a state lottery; providing for participation in multi-state lotteries; establishing the Alaska State Lottery Board in the Department of Revenue; relating to confidentiality of information regarding lottery winners; requiring background investigations by the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 47**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 by Representatives Story, Kreiss-Tomkins, Fields, and Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

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

**HB 48**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 by Representatives Story and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to eligibility for the Alaska performance scholarship program."

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

**HB 49**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 49 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act making special appropriations from the general fund for early literacy programs in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 50**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 50 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 51**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 51 by Representatives Josephson and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to aggravating factors considered at sentencing."

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

**HB 52**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 52 by Representatives Vance and Gillham, entitled:

"An Act providing that operation of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery in Kachemak Bay is compatible with the functions of Kachemak Bay State Park; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

**HB 53**

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 53 by Representative McCarty, entitled:

"An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military and National Guard members."

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

**HB 54**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 54 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; relating to invasive species management decals; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources Committee and the House Special Committee on Fisheries.

**HB 55**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 55 by Representatives Josephson, Tuck, Wool, and Ortiz, entitled:

"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."

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

**HB 56**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 by Representative Foster, entitled:

"An Act relating to power cost equalization; relating to the power cost equalization endowment fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

**HB 57**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 57 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the budget reserve fund established under art. IX, sec. 17(d), Constitution of the State of Alaska; relating to money available for appropriation for purposes of applying art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 58**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 58 by Representatives Claman, Zulkosky, Kreiss-Tomkins, Hopkins, Spohnholz, Tarr, Hannan, and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 59**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 59 by Representatives Claman and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to workplace violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 60**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 60 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to mental health education."

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

**HB 61**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 61 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial interior designers and commercial interior design; establishing registration and other requirements for the practice of professional commercial interior design; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of commercial interior design services; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 62**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 62 by Representatives Claman and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to solemnization of marriage."

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

**HB 63**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 by Representatives Stutes, Kreiss-Tomkins, Hannan, Fields, and Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; renaming the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board; relating to the membership and duties of the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 64**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 64 by Representatives Stutes and Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act relating to regional fishery development associations; and relating to developing fishery management assessments."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

**HB 65**

(Profile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 65 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties and powers of certain unconfirmed appointees to the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 66**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 66 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to voting, voter qualifications, and voter registration; relating to poll watchers; relating to absentee ballots and questioned ballots; relating to election worker compensation; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 67**

(Prefile released January 15)

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 by Representatives Story and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation from the general fund for K-12 public schools to support student recovery from academic losses as a result of COVID-19; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 68**

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the state's operating and capital expenses for fiscal year 2021.

This supplemental appropriation bill includes \$1.235 billion in unrestricted general funds, \$12.7 million in designated general funds, \$26.1 million in other state funds, and \$22.2 million in federal funds.

I urge the Legislature to take quick action on this appropriation bill as it contains items that are time-sensitive and critical to the state's economic recovery. The bill includes a supplemental permanent fund dividend payment which will provide much-needed financial relief to Alaskans and also includes a number of important capital projects that were not enacted last year due to the pandemic-related early adjournment of the Legislature.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the quick passage and implementation of this bill.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 69**

HOUSE BILL NO. 69 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 reappropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the state's operating expenses for fiscal year 2022 and supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2021.

This appropriation bill includes \$4.160 billion unrestricted general funds, \$862.6 million designated general funds, \$1.604 billion other state funds, and \$2.902 billion federal funds.

The fiscal year 2022 budget reduces total agency operational spending, increases strategic investments in public safety and emergency management, and funds K-12 education at the full formula level. My administration continues to focus on modernizing and improving service delivery and on driving operational efficiencies within our agencies.

My administration looks forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the fiscal year 2022 operating budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 70**

HOUSE BILL NO. 70 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making supplemental 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 January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the state's capital budget for fiscal year 2022 and supplemental capital appropriations for fiscal year 2021.

This appropriation bill includes \$41.2 million in unrestricted general funds, \$73.4 million in designated general funds, \$174.3 million in other state funds, and \$1.174 billion in federal funds.

The fiscal year 2022 proposed capital budget generates economic activity for the state by investing in important infrastructure projects, provide matching funds for federal transportation, water, and sewer programs, in addition to funding deferred maintenance on aging state assets.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the fiscal year 2022 capital budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy

Governor"

### **HB 71**

HOUSE BILL NO. 71 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; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

A letter dated January 19, with accompanying spreadsheets, to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority from Neil Steininger, Director, Office of Management and Budget, was attached (as required by AS 37.14.003) and is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the state's comprehensive mental health program for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. As required by statute, this bill includes both operating and capital appropriations.

This budget includes \$153.8 million in unrestricted general funds, \$63.4 million in designated general funds, and \$16.7 million in Mental Health Trust Authority funds.

The fiscal year 2022 proposed mental health budget includes items forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (Trust) in support of programs and activities that are focused on meeting the treatment and service needs of Trust beneficiaries, and making changes that will improve their quality of life.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the fiscal year 2022 budget for Alaska's comprehensive mental health program.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 72**

HOUSE BILL NO. 72 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation from the earnings reserve account for the payment of permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to special appropriations for the payment of permanent fund dividends for fiscal year 2022.

This bill appropriates \$2.023 billion from the permanent fund earnings reserve account to pay a permanent fund dividend to every qualified Alaska resident at the full statutory formula, estimated to be \$3,000 for each individual.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the fiscal year 2022 permanent fund dividend appropriation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 73**

HOUSE BILL NO. 73 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; relating to an advisory vote on the permanent fund; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 8, ch. 16, SLA 2018; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
2. Fiscal, Office of the Governor
3. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska permanent fund and the permanent fund dividend.

The bill would establish a new statutory framework for annual spending from the Alaska permanent fund. It provides that five percent of the average market value (POMV) of the permanent fund would be eligible for annual appropriation by the legislature subject to the limitation that an appropriation may not exceed the balance in the earnings reserve account. It would further provide that of the amount available for appropriation – fifty percent of the amount would be available for permanent fund dividends and the remaining fifty percent would be available for appropriation to the general fund.

The bill would further provide that a special statewide election be held to take an advisory vote of qualified voters to advise the legislature on whether the statutory changes accomplished by this bill should continue to be the state's law regarding spending from the permanent fund. The inclusion of an advisory vote ensures that Alaska residents have a voice in the decisions we make regarding the permanent fund.

I propose this measure in order to resolve the current conflict between the statutes governing the annual POMV draw and the calculation of the permanent fund dividend. We must establish a reasonable rule that protects this increasingly important source of state revenue, limits the draw on the fund's earnings and provides for an annual dividend for Alaska residents.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 74**

HOUSE BILL NO. 74 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act authorizing and relating to the issuance of bonds by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for safe and clean water and hygienic sewage disposal facility capital projects and transportation projects; providing for the repayment of the bonds and bond costs; relating to the dividend paid to the state by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to authorize the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) to issue bonds to finance capital improvement for water and sewer projects and to provide state matching funds for eligible federal highway and aviation transportation projects. The repayment of the costs of the bonds would be offset by a reduction in the dividend AHFC pays to the state.

This bill will enable important transportation infrastructure improvements throughout Alaska and improve public health by investing in village safe water and sewage disposal facility projects.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 75**

HOUSE BILL NO. 75 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Retirement Payments
2. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Various Departments

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 19 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to employer contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

This bill requires the State of Alaska, as an employer, to pay the actuarially determined normal cost and past service cost at the contribution rate annually adopted by the Alaska Retirement Management Board under AS 37.20.220 for all actively employed defined benefit PERS members. The bill requires the State of Alaska, as an employer, to pay the actuarially determined normal cost and all contributions required under AS 39.30.370 and AS 39.35.750 for all actively employed defined contribution PERS members. This change will allow the State to collect plan benefit costs across its entire payroll base regardless of funding source. Significantly, the bill does not change contribution rates for other PERS employers.

Currently, as an employer, the State of Alaska contributes 22 percent of base salaries for all actively employed PERS members on a payroll-by-payroll basis. In addition, under AS 39.35.280, the State is required to make an additional contribution on behalf of its employees towards

the plan's past service liability. The bill eliminates the requirement for the State to make these additional contributions on behalf of its employees, as that amount will now be paid directly to the system by applying the board adopted actuarial contribution rate.

This bill provides increased flexibility to the State of Alaska as an employer, without impacting other employers and while continuing to ensure the soundness and stability of the PERS system.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 76**

HOUSE BILL NO. 76 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act extending the January 15, 2021, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas: occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; fingerprinting requirements for health care providers; charitable gaming and online ticket sales; access to federal stabilization funds; wills; unfair or deceptive trade practices; and meetings of shareholders; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services
3. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 21 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the extension of the public health disaster declaration issued on January 15, 2021. This bill would extend the public health disaster emergency period to September 30, 2021, or until the commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services certifies to the governor that there is no longer an outbreak of COVID-19 or an imminent threat of an outbreak in the State of Alaska, whichever is earlier. The bill includes a number of important provisions to protect the public and economic health of the State residents during this unprecedented public health emergency period.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 77**

HOUSE BILL NO. 77 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act repealing the certificate of need program for health care facilities; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 78**

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for correspondence programs; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 28 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to state funding for correspondence programs operated by school districts.

This bill makes changes to the "average daily membership" (ADM) and how it is adjusted in the formula under AS 14.17.410 for funding school operational costs. ADM is a defined term under AS 14.17.990(1). An ADM is essentially equivalent to one student, as measured by fulltime attendance in a 20-day October count period. The starting point for calculating basic need in the formula is the ADM of each school. That number is subject to adjustment in various ways to reflect the cost of education more accurately in different places and for different students in the state. After the various adjustments in the formula are calculated, the adjusted ADM is then multiplied by the base student allocation under AS 14.17.470 (a general reflection of per student cost) to determine basic need. Currently, 90 percent of the ADM of correspondence students in a district is added to the ADM after various adjustments. This means that under current law a district does not receive the full value of an ADM for a correspondence student nor the extra funding (the ADM multipliers) for special needs students and secondary vocational and technical instruction in a correspondence program.

The bill would increase state funding to districts for correspondence programs in two ways. First, under AS 14.17.430, the funding eligibility calculation for correspondence programs (including a centralized correspondence program, if re-instituted) would be based

on the full value of an ADM rather than the current value of 90 percent of an ADM. Second, under AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(C), the ADM of correspondence students would be included in the funding formula before the multipliers for special needs students and secondary school vocational and technical instruction are applied to the ADM of the district.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 79**

HOUSE BILL NO. 79 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to salt water sport fishing operators and salt water sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 28 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill regarding sportfish guide and operator licensing.

This bill would reinstitute the saltwater sportfishing guide and operator licensing standards, saltwater guide and operator fees, and logbook reporting requirements for those saltwater guides. The logbook data provided by saltwater fishing guides and services provides critical information that informs sustainable fisheries

management decisions under treaties for the management of halibut and salmon. Further, the Board of Fisheries management plans benefit from updated and complete information. This bill would establish license fees for saltwater sportfishing guide services and set responsible operating standards for guides. These standards are designed to ensure a level of professionalism to protect Alaskans and visitors who use the saltwater guide industry, but they do not establish overly-burdensome or unnecessary requirements not directly related to key sportfishing components. This type of "right-sized" state law allows for a robust industry while still protecting our fisheries resources and users of the industry services.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 80**

HOUSE BILL NO. 80 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act establishing the sport fishing hatchery facilities account; establishing the sport fishing facility surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 28 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to sportfish hatchery bond surcharges.

This bill would allow the Department of Fish and Game to continue to collect a sportfishing license surcharge that expired on January 1, 2021. The expired sportfishing facility surcharge was collected in order to pay off bonds issued to construct and renovate two hatcheries. The surcharge also funded increases in hatchery production in Southeast Alaska. The statutes authorizing the bonds and the surcharge sunsetted following the repayment of the bond obligations, but the funds collected provided significant benefits to Alaska's sport fishing community. This bill would reinstate statutory authority for the department to collect a reduced surcharge to fund ongoing maintenance and operation of the department's sport fishing hatchery facilities, so they can continue providing hatchery salmon for sport fishing in Southeast Alaska. This is an effective way to support economic development with only a small surcharge; accordingly, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 81**

HOUSE BILL NO. 81 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 January 28 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

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 because 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 or 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/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 82**

HOUSE BILL NO. 82 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to surface use restrictions for oil and gas leases; relating to gas leases in Kachemak Bay; relating to the renewable energy grant fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources Committee and the House Special Committee on Fisheries.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 28 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to non-surface oil and gas leases in areas with surface use restrictions.

Protections set out in AS 38.05.184 preclude Alaska from leasing various tracts of state land for gas development. The gas reservoirs in Cook Inlet do not abide by lines demarcated by AS 38.05.184. Indeed, certain surface leases on both state and private onshore land in the Cook Inlet area have the potential to produce gas from adjacent deposits lying beneath the seabed. Without this legislation, the state may be left without a clear mechanism to collect royalties from gas being produced from such undersea areas by adjacent leaseholders.

The proposed bill would open a small portion of land in the southern Kenai Peninsula to non-surface leasing. Specifically, the bill would allow the Department of Natural Resources to offer non-surface, gas-only leases within Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Seward Meridian. The sale of the leases would follow the process provided by AS 38.05.180. Lessees would be prohibited from using the surface of the leased area to drill for or extract gas, allowing the State of Alaska to collect royalties on gas that might otherwise be produced by adjacent leaseholders. By prohibiting surface use, the bill adequately protects the habitat while ensuring the state obtains its fair share of gas produced from state land.

The bill would also add a new section to the Alaska Land Act to clarify that, when a statute restricts the surface use of an oil and gas lease area, it does not also restrict subsurface uses unless specifically provided. Adding this section would pave the way to allow subsurface oil and gas leasing in additional areas in the future.

The bill would also authorize appropriations from the proceeds of the gas-only lease sales to the renewable energy grant fund, after constitutional deposits are made to the Alaska Permanent Fund.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 83**

HOUSE BILL NO. 83 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 29 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to a Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

This bill would allow Alaska to adopt the Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact, which would strengthen the State's healthcare delivery system by reducing barriers to licensure for Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses, and by increasing opportunities for nurses from other states to practice in the State.

The Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact would allow Registered and Practical Nurses in any of the 34 participating states to practice in Alaska without being subject to a time-consuming licensing process. It would also provide Alaska nurses with a multistate license to practice in the other 34 participating states, as well. This bill would not affect Certified Nurse Aides (CNAs), Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), or anyone else who wishes to practice under an Alaska-only nursing license. For those practitioners, this bill preserves the availability of temporary licenses and licensure by credentials.

This bill would codify the Nurse Licensure Compact as a new statute, AS 08.69. Conforming changes to the existing nursing statute, AS 08.68, would be made to accommodate the Compact's requirements. The Compact's requirements for multistate licensure are rigorous, exceeding those in our present statute, and supporting high-quality care for all Alaskans.

The Compact would establish a commission with rulemaking, enforcement, and financial assessment provisions. Alaska would appoint one person to be the compact administrator within the state. The single-state and multi-state nurse licensing programs would have separate receipt support funding, which means the multistate licensing program will not impact the costs for the single-state licensees.

This bill is a win-win, keeping our present licensure options for CNAs, APRNs, and Alaska-only licensees, while opening Alaska's diverse communities to multistate licensed RNs and LPNs to help fill the hundreds of nursing vacancies across the state. This legislation is strongly supported by healthcare facilities and nurses throughout Alaska, as well as the U.S. Department of Defense.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

#### **HB 84**

HOUSE BILL NO. 84 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 1 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital expenses for fiscal year 2021.

This appropriation bill includes \$8.5 million in unrestricted general funds, \$1.3 million in designated general funds, \$50.4 million in other state funds, and \$3.9 million in federal funds.

The items in this supplemental appropriation bill are necessary for continued operations for the current fiscal year and I urge quick action on this bill by the Legislature.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the supplemental items in this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

## **HB 85**

HOUSE BILL NO. 85 by Representative LeBon by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for

interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 86**

HOUSE BILL NO. 86 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing information on state government financial transactions and specifying the information to be made available on the website."

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

**HB 87**

HOUSE BILL NO. 87 by Representatives Wool and Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

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

**HB 88**

HOUSE BILL NO. 88 by Representatives Tarr and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to an annual report concerning the payment of equal pay for comparable work; increasing the minimum wage; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 89**

HOUSE BILL NO. 89 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure of employee compensation; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 90**

HOUSE BILL NO. 90 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to rental vehicles; relating to vehicle rental networks; relating to liability for vehicle rental taxes; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 91**

HOUSE BILL NO. 91 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

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

**HB 92**

HOUSE BILL NO. 92 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to borrowing in anticipation of revenues; relating to revenue anticipation notes; relating to line of credit agreements; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 4 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to revenue anticipation borrowing (AS 43.08).

The Alaska Constitution, Article IX, Section 10, authorizes interim borrowing in anticipation of the collection of revenues. This bill updates the statutes on revenue anticipation borrowing to grant the Commissioner of Revenue authority to enter into revenue anticipation notes and line of credit agreements when the Commissioner considers it in the State's best financial interest to do so.

The bill expands the State's capacity to manage its short-term cash flow by increasing financial flexibility and leveraging modern borrowing tools.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 93**

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act providing for and relating to the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of state infrastructure projects, including construction, communications, major maintenance, public safety, and transportation projects; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 4 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to voter approval of general obligation bonds in the amount of \$356,405,952 for the purpose of funding capital improvement projects. These infrastructure projects include critical airport, highway, road, and bridge improvements; school major maintenance; upgrades and repairs of state facilities, and communication systems.

This bill proposes to put the question of issuing these general obligation bonds before qualified voters at a statewide special election to be held 90 to 120 days after adjournment of the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature. If ratified, these projects will benefit Alaskans statewide by stimulating our economy, stabilizing our construction industry, and improving transportation, education, and other critical facilities throughout the State.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 94**

HOUSE BILL NO. 94 by Representative Foster, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the use of certain restrictive provisions in leases of space for business use in certain federally established zones; and adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act."

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

**HB 95**

HOUSE BILL NO. 95 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections and election investigations."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Law

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill authorizing the Attorney General to investigate potential violations of election laws or regulations.

This legislation would permit the Attorney General to investigate alleged election violations identified by the director of the Division of Elections, a member of the public, or by the Attorney General. A member of the public may submit a complaint alleging a violation to the Division of Elections within 30 days of the election or the violation, whichever is later. If the complaint alleges a violation of AS 15.13, the Division will forward the complaint to the Alaska Public Offices Commission for further review. For other election related allegations, the Division of Elections does a preliminary review for completeness, requests missing information as necessary, and may also dismiss complaints that are determined to be frivolous. Otherwise, complaints are forwarded to the Attorney General for action.

In investigating an allegation, the Attorney General has the authority to compel witness testimony, issue subpoenas, and to produce documents or other evidence. The Attorney General also has the authority to hold hearings, administer oaths, make interrogatories, require written affidavits, and examine documentary evidence. Upon concluding an investigation, the Attorney General will share the

results with the Division of Elections. If the Attorney General determines a violation of an election law or regulation has occurred, the Attorney General may bring a civil action to compel compliance with the law. The information collected over the course of the investigation will remain confidential unless it is used as the basis for a decision by the Division of Elections or is used in the civil action.

If the Attorney General brings a civil action in court, the Attorney General may petition for, and the court may award the state, a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation. The court may also award the state reasonable attorney's fees and investigation costs.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 96**

HOUSE BILL NO. 96 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to election integrity (AS 15.07, 15.15, 15.20). This bill would provide additional tools for the

Division of Elections to increase public trust in our elections. Ensuring the integrity of our elections is critical to the preservation of our democracy. This bill would strengthen and improve key aspects of Alaska's election process specifically related to tabulation machine audits, voter signature verification, the costs associated with recounts, and mail-in-only voting in small communities.

The Division of Elections needs more flexibility to conduct audits on the tabulation machines used to count votes. This bill would permit the division director to conduct additional hand counts and to audit more precincts as appropriate, to help ensure public confidence in the integrity of our election results.

The bill would clarify that a voter's signature and at least two voter identifiers are required on an absentee ballot envelope in order for that absentee ballot to be valid and counted.

In addition, the bill would allow the director to set by regulation, the amount of money required to be put on deposit prior to a recount being initiated. That amount is currently set in statute. This will ensure that recount deposits are sufficient to cover the actual cost of conducting the recount.

Finally, the bill would allow communities with populations of less than 750 to conduct elections exclusively by mail, instead of in-person. At times, including during the current COVID-19 pandemic, for health, safety, and other legitimate reasons, small communities in our state have been unable to open and operate physical polling locations. This bill would permit the Division of Elections to work cooperatively with these communities to determine alternative ways of ensuring every voter is able to exercise their right to vote.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 97**

HOUSE BILL NO. 97 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the veterans' land purchase discount; establishing state land vouchers; relating to the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to accept state land vouchers; relating to eligibility for public assistance; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that creates an option for Alaskans to choose to receive a voucher toward the purchase of State land in lieu of a cash permanent fund dividend payment.

The voucher, issued by the Department of Revenue, would have a value set at twice the amount of the dividend as calculated by the statutory dividend formula. Dividend land vouchers do not expire, are transferable to another person, and can be used as payment for land sales contracts on or after the effective date of this bill. Vouchers may be combined with other vouchers or used individually, to purchase land offered for sale by the Department of Natural Resources. The vouchers may also be used in combination with the veterans' land purchase price discount or separately towards restricted land sale purchases.

Dividend vouchers are considered income or financial resources in determining eligibility for public assistance or state programs. If an individual who selects to receive a voucher over a cash dividend, is the

subject to a writ of garnishment, or other debt collection, a creditor may lay claim against the voucher up to the amount of that year's cash dividend.

The Department of Revenue will annually report the number and value of vouchers issued and the Department of Natural Resources will report the number and value of vouchers accepted for land sales.

In order to help Alaskans maximize the value of the annual dividend, to encourage economic development in our state, and to move more public land into private ownership, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 98**

HOUSE BILL NO. 98 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to forest land use plans; relating to forest land use plan appeals; relating to negotiated timber sales; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to timber sales and harvests.

Under current law, negotiated timber sales are authorized by three different statutes. This bill creates one comprehensive negotiated timber sale statute to provide the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources with the flexibility to negotiate timber sales to balance the evolving economics of the timber industry with the Alaska Constitution's mandate for resource development in the public interest.

The bill also amends statutes on forest land use plans. Under current law, such plans can be appealed or reconsidered under AS 44.37.011(b) and 11 AAC 02, and a timber sale contract entered into based on the commissioner's best interest finding (BIF) may be appealed in the process outlined in AS 38.05.035(i). This leaves a timber sale subject to appeals at multiple stages, creating the risk of delays in timber harvests, and raising uncertainty among timber purchasers, processors, and investors. The bill remedies this situation by making forest land use plans non-appealable or subject to reconsideration under AS 44.37.011(b), while leaving intact other significant public process protections, including: the right to appeal a commissioner's best interest finding concerning a timber sale under AS 44.37.011(b); the public notice and written best interest finding requirements in AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(A); public notice requirements for negotiated sales of 500,000 board feet of timber or less in 38.05.945; and the requirement for public notice of disposal of state interests in Article VIII, Section 10, of the Alaska Constitution.

The bill allows the department to negotiate more than one sale each year with a single purchaser of more than 500,000 board feet of timber under AS 35.05.118 and preserves the exemption of negotiated sales of more than 500,000 board feet of timber from the written best interest finding requirement under AS 38.05.035(e)(6)(A).

This bill will result in more efficient land use planning and more predictable timber harvests, while retaining robust public and agency participation in the process.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 99**

HOUSE BILL NO. 99 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; relating to the practice of physical therapy; and relating to the practice of occupational therapy."

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

**HB 100**

HOUSE BILL NO. 100 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 101**

HOUSE BILL NO. 101 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to credit for reinsurance; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill updating the insurance code to

conform to changes in the credit for reinsurance model law adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). This will ensure Alaska maintains its accredited status with the NAIC and improve nationwide uniformity in the regulation of insurance.

Reinsurance is a type of insurance that insurers purchase from other insurers to insure themselves, in all or in part, against contracted insurance risk. In doing so, insurers distribute risks among themselves. Credit for reinsurance is an accounting method that allows reinsurance to be treated as an asset.

This bill allows United States reinsurers easier financial access to qualified alien jurisdictions and assists in making the Alaska insurance market more competitive by allowing qualified and well-capitalized alien insurers to compete in United States' markets on a more equitable basis. Specifically, the bill makes changes to AS 21.12.020 Reinsurance Credit Allowed a Domestic Ceding Insurer, to conform our state insurance code to recent changes made in NAIC's reinsurance model law.

There are potentially severe consequences if the legislation and accompanying regulations are not adopted before September 2022. The Federal Office of Insurance (OIC) has negotiated a treaty with the European Union guaranteeing that each jurisdiction will enact the legislation. States risk significant loss of sovereignty in insurance regulation should the OIC begin a formal review and find that a jurisdiction is out of treaty compliance. In that instance, OIC could use federal legislation to preempt local laws across all jurisdictions.

The changes contained in this proposal will ensure that Alaska's insurance market remains competitive and current with national standards and accreditation.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

## **HB 102**

HOUSE BILL NO. 102 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the state insurance catastrophe reserve account; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State Insurance Catastrophe Reserve Account.

The State of Alaska, through its self-insurance program, maintains insurance coverage to protect state assets and operations, and adequate reserves to satisfy all foreseeable claims or judgements. The State Insurance Catastrophe Reserve Account was established in 1987 to obtain insurance, establish a self-insurance reserve, and to satisfy ongoing claims and judgments. When it was originally established, the account was primarily intended as a reserve against large catastrophic losses. However, because the reserve balance is capped at \$5,000,000, the State has been acquiring excess coverage on the market to adequately protect against catastrophic losses. Market forces have changed, insurance rates continue to increase, and it is no longer cost effective for the state to purchase excess insurance. The Reserve's balance is typically capitalized through lapsing appropriations at the end of the fiscal year. By increasing the statutory cap to \$50,000,000 and slowly increasing the Reserve balance, the State will once again be able to fully self-insure against property losses. This change is estimated to save \$3 million the first year and up to \$6 million annually within four years.

This measure will provide the State flexibility, control, and cost savings in its self-insurance program.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 103**

HOUSE BILL NO. 103 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to house rules for assisted living homes."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to house rules for assisted living homes.

The bill would bring Alaska law into compliance with recent Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services changes related to home- and community-based services. These requirements ensure that assisted living homes provide care that is as close to independent community living as possible. The bill adds a citation to the Alaska Statutes related to setting house rules in assisted living homes. For example, assisted living settings may not adopt house rules that unreasonably restrict the right of one resident over the right of another resident.

Alaska statutes must be in compliance before March 2022 in order for the state to continue receiving federal reimbursements for home- and community-based waiver services.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **HR 1**

The following was read the second time:

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Establishing a House Special Committee on Arctic Policy,  
Economic Development, and Tourism.

The question being: "Shall HR 1 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

#### HR 1

Second Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 28 NAYS: 10 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2**

Yeas: Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, LeBon, McCarty, Merrick, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Thompson, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Nelson, Rauscher, Tarr, Tilton

Absent: Claman, Prax

And so, HR 1 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

#### **HR 2**

The following was read the second time:

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Establishing a House Special Committee on Energy.

The question being: "Shall HR 2 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 2

Second Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Absent: Prax

And so, HR 2 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

**HR 3**

The following was read the second time:

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

The question being: "Shall HR 3 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 3

Second Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Rauscher,

Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Absent: Prax

And so, HR 3 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

#### **HR 4**

The following was read the second time:

##### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

The question being: "Shall HR 4 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 4

Second Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Absent: Prax

And so, HR 4 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

#### **HR 5**

The following was read the second time:

##### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Establishing a House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall HR 5 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 5

Second Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 36 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Eastman, Gillham, Kurka

Absent: Prax

And so, HR 5 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

## **HR 6**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Establishing a House Special Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Thompson objected.

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

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

The question being: "Shall HR 6 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 6

Second Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 21 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Merrick, Ortiz, Patkotak, Schrage, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Thompson, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Prax

And so, HR 6 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Speaker made the following appointments:

### **HR 1**

House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism: Hopkins, Chair

### **HR 2**

House Special Committee on Energy: Schrage, Chair

### **HR 3**

House Special Committee on Fisheries: Stutes, Chair

### **HR 4**

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: Tuck, Chair

### **HR 5**

House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs: Zulkosky, Chair

**HR 6**

House Special Committee on Ways & Means: Spohnholz, Chair

Legislative Council

Representative Hannan, Chair

Legislative Budget & Audit Committee

Representative Tuck, Vice Chair

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

**HCR 1**

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Suspending certain Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature during the First Regular Session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature to allow the house of representatives to organize to do business; and providing for temporary rules for the house of representatives.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

A message dated October 14, 2020, was received stating pursuant to AS 44.33.431 Speaker Edgmon reappointed the following to a three-year term on the Alaska Minerals Commission:

Gregory A. Beischer

A message dated December 2, 2020, was received stating pursuant to AS 14.11.014 Speaker Edgmon appointed the following to the Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review Committee:

Representative Ortiz

The following memorandum dated November 5, 2020 from Hilary V. Martin, Revisor of Statutes, was received:

"We have discovered a manifest error in sec. 15, ch. 64, SLA 2018, as follows:

Page 10, line 14:

Delete "Township 16 North"

Insert "Township 15 North"

Page 10, line 14 is clearly erroneous because public records indicate that the Alaska Railroad does not own land in Sections 25, 26, and 35, Township 16 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian. Those sections are submerged lands in Cook Inlet that are owned by the State of Alaska. Public records indicate that the Alaska Railroad owns land in Sections 25, 26, and 35, Township 15 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.

Please publish a copy of this in the journal in order to provide notice of the error under AS 01.05.031."

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 19. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk