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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Carpenter was absent. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent, and his presence was noted later.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative McCarty. 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:

Almighty God and great spirit of heaven and earth, we beseech an audience before your mighty presence.

My brothers and sisters of this body of legislators humbly come before you to recognize your ultimate authority. We lift up to you our beloved family, friends, neighbors, and communities. We ask your mercy and peace upon those who are suffering or are afflicted.

We yearn for truth to serve our people of Alaska. Grant us discernment of real knowledge with understanding for the problems, challenges, and proposals that come before this body. Bestow on us divine wisdom towards resolve of today's life riddles. Fill this hallowed chamber, halls, and offices with your presence that we may abound faithfully and with integrity to the appointment that you and the people of Alaska have given to us.

With sincerity of our collective spirits and those of our families we lift up this prayer to you.

In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Cronk.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 51st and 52nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A message dated March 11 was read stating the Governor has withdrawn from consideration Executive Order 119 relating to the reorganization of the Department of Health & Social Services.

The executive order had been referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees (page 177).

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

A letter dated March 11 was read stating that on February 17 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 appointee has withdrawn himself from consideration, effective immediately:

Board of Game

David Weisz

The appointment had been referred to the Resources Committee (pages 211-212).

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 10 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 22**

SENATE BILL NO. 22 by Senator Revak, entitled:

"An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge."

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Rick Castillo
William Granger

as members of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar.

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives Eastman, Vance, Drummond, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, and Snyder.

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

Elizabeth Johnston

as a member of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

Nicholas Miller

as a member of the Marijuana Control Board.

Thomas Trosvig

as a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board.

Enlow Walker

as a member of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

James Rhodes

as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission.

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Spohnholz, Co-chairs; and Representatives McCarty, Schrage, Nelson, and Kaufman.

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

Kelly Lucas

as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Julie Endle

as a member of the Board of Massage Therapists.

James Henderson
Tammy Lindemuth

as members of the Board of Pharmacy.

The report was signed by Representative Spohnholz, Co-chair; and Representatives McCarty, Schrage, Snyder, and Kaufman.

HJR 12

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(RES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): McKay, Cronk, Rauscher, Gillham, Schrage, Patkotak

Do not pass (1): Hannan

No recommendation (2): Fields, Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 12(RES):

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

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

HB 27

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

"An Act naming the irene Webber Bridge."

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

Do pass (6): Drummond, Cronk, Hannan, Spohnholz, McCabe, Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

HB 27 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 62

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

"An Act relating to solemnization of marriage."

The report was signed by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Claman, Story, Tarr, Kreiss-Tomkins

Do not pass (2): Eastman, Vance

Amend (1): Kaufman

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 62 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 105

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to the detention of minors; relating to minors subject to adult courts; relating to the placement of minors in adult correctional facilities; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(JUD)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Drummond, Snyder, Kreiss-Tomkins, Claman

No recommendation (3): Eastman, Vance, Kurka

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 105(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services
3. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
4. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 105 was referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Robin Barrett
Scott Oravec
John Pharr

as members of the Military Appeals Commission.

The report was signed by Representative Tuck, Chair; and Representatives Claman, Rauscher, Tarr, Shaw, and Nelson.

HB 10

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

"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."

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

Do pass (4): Fields, Ortiz, Cronk, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 10 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - KNOM Radio

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Representative Cynthia Toohey

By Representatives Claman, Drummond, Fields

In Memoriam - Representative Don Clocksin

By Senator Begich; Representative Fields

In Memoriam - Lucy Groh

By Senator Begich; Representative Fields

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Dr. Jerimiah "Doc" Myers
By Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Myron Leroy Hosier
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Kathy Coll
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Myrtle Hamrum
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Frank Marion Rose, Jr.
By Representative Prax; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Mario Luis Martinez, Sr.
By Representatives Prax, Thompson; Senator Myers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 26**

Representative Tarr, in accordance with AS 24.08.060, moved and asked unanimous consent to remove Representative Stutes as prime sponsor and add the House Special Committee on Fisheries as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"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."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 28

Representative Tarr, in accordance with AS 24.08.060, moved and asked unanimous consent to remove Representative Stutes as prime sponsor and add the House Special Committee on Fisheries as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 54

Representative Tarr, in accordance with AS 24.08.060, moved and asked unanimous consent to remove her name as prime sponsor and add the House Special Committee on Fisheries as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

"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."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 11

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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.

HB 1

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

"An Act providing for audits of CARES Act funds expended for

the community assistance program and direct grants to municipalities and communities."

HB 4

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

"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."

HB 34

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

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

HB 52

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"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."

HB 125

Representatives Schrage and Stutes added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

"An Act relating to private sector and state employment preferences for active service members, veterans, and spouses and dependent children of active service members and veterans; relating to employment preferences for surviving spouses of deceased service members and veterans; and relating to employment preferences for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk