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Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:34 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

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

Representative Fields – to 1:30 p.m., today

Representative Hopkins – today

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 all religions, I offer the following prayer:

Father God,

We thank you for your love and grace. We pray for good favor as we work together throughout this week. We also ask that you keep us in good health and please watch and protect our families while we are away.

I pray this in your son's name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Drummond.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 53rd, 54th, and 55th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Catherine Hample

as a member of the Board of Nursing.

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

HB 36

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

"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."

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

Do pass (6): Snyder, Nelson, McCarty, Schrage, Kaufman, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 36 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 99

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

"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."

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

Do pass (6): Snyder, Nelson, McCarty, Schrage, Kaufman, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 99 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Ellen Rojcewicz
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Honoring - 2021 Top Five Kuskokwim 300 Finishers
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Robert Brooks Fischer, Sr.
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Ralph Steven Rastopsoff
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Terrance "Klarantz" Edward Wear
By Representative Rauscher

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 12**

The following was read the second time:

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.

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

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 12(RES) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHJR 12(RES) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 12(RES) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 12(RES)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Hannan, Snyder, Tarr

Excused: Fields, Hopkins

And so, CSHJR 12(RES) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HJR 12**

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(RES)

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.

HB 1

Representative Vance 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 5

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 5

"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."

HB 17

Representatives Drummond and Schrage added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"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."

HB 23

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"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."

HB 55

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

"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."

HB 58

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

"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."

HB 62

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

"An Act relating to solemnization of marriage."

HB 66

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

"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."

HB 125

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor 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."

HB 136

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

"An Act naming the Congressman Don Young Bridge."

SB 24

Representative Schrage added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)

"An Act relating to holding corporate meetings by remote communication; allowing voting by remote communication at corporate meetings; making shareholder lists available electronically; relating to for-profit and nonprofit corporations; relating to business and industrial development corporations; relating to Native corporations; relating to the Alaska Banking Code; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HJR 12

CSHJR 12(RES) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 17. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk