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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**March 26, 2021**

**Sixty-seventh Day**

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

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representative Thompson had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Patkotak was absent, and his presence was noted later.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Carpenter and McCabe 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 Ortiz. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

I offer the following prayer with the deepest respect for the religious differences that exist in all Alaskans:

Lord,

We come before you today as a political body of 40 imperfect human beings. The most imperfect of which is me, Lord. Help me to always remember that and to always follow your direction offered in the book of Matthew: Ch. 7 Verse 5 of which I'm paraphrasing: Lord, first help me to get rid of the log in my own eye; in order that I might see well enough to

help cast out the splinters from the eyes of those around me, of which I'm far too quick to notice.

We pray, dear Lord, that you instill in each of us hearts of true humility. Humility in such a way that we do not cheapen our own worth of value within, but that we take the alignment that we are here for a greater purpose than just our own gain. We pray that you will highlight to us what it truly means to live a humble life. For it is only then that we may truly live in freedom and right standing before you, dear God. Lord, we welcome you to mold and secure our hearts in true humility by your lead.

And that you convict in each of us, every day as we move forward through the rest of this legislative session, to look first to all things that unite the forty of us, dear Lord, and that we work to recognize the greater good that exists in each of us through you, and to always look to use that greater good in order for us to work collectively to adopt policies that achieve the greater good for all Alaskans.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hopkins.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys  
2020 Annual Report  
<https://dggs.alaska.gov/webpubs/dggs/ar/text/ar2020.pdf>  
(as required by AS 41.08.030)

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys  
2019 Alaska's Mineral Industry Special Report  
<https://dggs.alaska.gov/webpubs/dggs/sr/text/sr075.pdf>  
(as required by AS 27.050-060)

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### HB 43

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

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

The report was signed by Representatives Story and Drummond, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Hopkins, Zulkosky, Cronk, Story, Drummond

No recommendation (2): Gillham, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 43 was referred to the Finance Committee.

\*\*The presence of Representative Patkotak was noted.

## INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Jodie Hettrick

By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representative Spohnholz

Honoring - Jeannette Therriault

By Senators Myers, Bishop

Honoring - Delta Huskies Youth Hockey Team 2020-2021 12UA  
State Champions

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

Honoring - Top Ten 2021 Iditarod Finishers

By Senator Hoffman; Representatives Zulkosky, Edgmon

In Memoriam - Delia Elizabeth Wright

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Deborah Lee Diviney

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Clinton W. Crusberg

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Clarence T. Hoover

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Eileen B. Heun

By Senators Gray-Jackson, Begich; Representative Josephson

## **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS**

### **HB 5**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5 by  
Representatives Tarr, Foster, Tuck, Zulkosky, Spohnholz, Fields,  
Schrage, Hopkins, and Drummond, 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 151**

HOUSE BILL NO. 151 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to unemployment benefits during a period of state or national emergency resulting from a novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 152**

HOUSE BILL NO. 152 by Representatives Eastman and Kurka, entitled:

"An Act relating to extreme risk protective orders; establishing the crime of enforcement of an extreme risk protective order; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 153**

HOUSE BILL NO. 153 by Representative Cronk, entitled:

"An Act relating to the identification, location, and notification of specified family members of a child who is in state custody."

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

**HB 154**

HOUSE BILL NO. 154 by Representative Cronk, entitled:

"An Act exempting certain low voltage projects from contractor and electrical administrator requirements."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 76**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 25 calendar (page 449), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(FIN) AM

"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; approving and ratifying declarations of a public health disaster emergency; 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; meetings of shareholders; and school operating funds; relating to informed consent for COVID-19 vaccines; relating to personal objections to the administration of COVID-19 vaccines; 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."

Representative Kaufman rose to a point of order concerning the previous speaker's germaneness of the debate.

The Speaker cautioned members to refrain from impugning the motives of others.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 76(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 76(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 22 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Carpenter, McCabe, Thompson

And so, CSHB 76(FIN) am passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved the effective date clause.

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 76(FIN) am  
Third Reading  
Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Carpenter, McCabe, Thompson

Absent: Hopkins

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

CSHB 76(FIN) am 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 - Michaela Goade  
By Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Story

Honoring - Josephine Tatauq Bourdon  
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - Alaska's Principals & Assistant Principals  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Story

In Memoriam - Annette Harpster  
By Representative Rauscher

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Representative Fields – from 7:00 a.m., March 27 to 1:30 p.m., March 29

#### **HJR 14**

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

##### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Supporting the passage by the United States Congress of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019, sec. 110606 of the Heroes Act, or similar legislation relating to cannabis-related legitimate businesses' access to financial services.

#### **HB 1**

Representative Kurka 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 115**

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

##### HOUSE BILL NO. 115

"An Act relating to aquatic farming and hatchery site leases; and requiring the director of the division of lands to provide the



legislature with an annual report relating to aquatic farming and hatchery site leases."

**HB 123**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

"An Act providing for state recognition of federally recognized tribes; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 146**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

"An Act relating to disclosure of information regarding employee compensation by employers, employees, and applicants for employment; establishing the fund for protection of compensation disclosure rights; and providing for an effective date."

**ENGROSSMENT****HB 76**

CSHB 76(FIN) am was engrossed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Resources Committee

CHANGED TO:

2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 29. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk