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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:32 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Nelson had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Story. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

I offer this prayer with the deepest respect for the beliefs of all Alaskans:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the gift of each new day and for the beauty of this place. Thank you for our family, friends, and communities. Watch over them while we are away from home doing our work. Help us to become aware when someone is in need of encouragement or access to services and move us to action.

We are grateful for the many resources that have been entrusted to us. Please give us and staff members patience, guidance, and wisdom as we work together on legislation and budgets.

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We have so much opportunity here in our state to plan well for the future of all Alaskans. Please, Lord, put around us a spirit of cooperation, energy, and optimism for the tasks ahead. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Merrick.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 91st and 92nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 22

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

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

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

Do pass (6): McKay, Fields, Cronk, Hannan, Schrage, Patkotak

No recommendation (1): Hopkins

Amend (2): Rauscher, Gillham

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 22 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 66

The Judiciary Committee considered:

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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 66(JUD)
(same title)

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

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

Do not pass (3): Eastman, Vance, Kurka

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 66(JUD):

1. Indeterminate, Office of the Governor

HB 66 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 100

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

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

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

Do pass (11): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Thompson, Johnson, Wool, Josephson, Rasmussen, Carpenter, Merrick, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

8. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
9. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
10. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
11. Fiscal, University of Alaska

HB 100 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 126

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (11): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Thompson, Johnson, Wool, Josephson, Rasmussen, Carpenter, Merrick, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 126 was referred to the Rules Committee

HB 169

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

"An Act making appropriations for public education and transportation of students; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (10): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Thompson, Wool, Josephson, Rasmussen, Johnson, Merrick, Foster

No recommendation (1): Carpenter

HB 169 is on today's calendar.

SB 22

The Finance Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 22

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

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

Do pass (8): Ortiz, LeBon, Thompson, Johnson, Rasmussen, Carpenter, Merrick, Foster

Do not pass (1): Josephson

No recommendation (1): Edgmon

Amend (1): Wool

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

SB 22 was referred to the Rules Committee

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 64

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 64(FSH)

(same title)

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

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

No recommendation (2): McCabe, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 64(FSH):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Fish & Game
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

HB 64 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 165

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Alaska permanent fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Josephson, Story, Wool, Spohnholz

Do not pass (2): Eastman, Prax

HB 165 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 170

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

"An Act establishing the Alaska energy independence program and the Alaska energy independence fund in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 170(ENE)

"An Act relating to exempt employees; relating to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority; relating to the membership of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the duties of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; establishing the Alaska energy independence program and the Alaska energy independence fund in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Fields, Claman, Schrage

No recommendation (1): Zulkosky

Amend (1): Kaufman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 170(ENE):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development/Fund Capitalization

HB 170 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Greg Trevino
By Representatives Hopkins, Wool

Honoring - Noah Aiden Jefferson
By Representative Nelson

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Honoring - Robert "Bob" Newell, Jr.
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Ben Walker
By Representatives Drummond, Shaw; Senator Revak

Honoring - Zurin Alexander Trzaska
By Representative Nelson

Honoring - Dr. Tom Wood
By Senators Revak, Costello; Representative Rasmussen

Honoring - Meera Kohler
By Senators Revak, Gray-Jackson; Representative Shaw

Honoring - Ronald Wall
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

Honoring - Gus Schumacher
By Senator Revak; Representative Claman

Honoring - Women in Safe Homes (WISH) and Agnes Moran
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Alaska Pioneer Homes Administrators & Staff
By Representative Fields; Senators Hughes, Begich

Honoring - Monroe Catholic High School Rams Boys' Basketball Team: 2021 State Champions
By Representatives LeBon, Thompson, Cronk

Honoring - Camp Fire Alaska, A Light in a Dark Time
By Representatives Nelson, Snyder

Honoring - District 39 Cities for Their Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - 2020 Top Forty Under Forty Recipients
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Anchorage Chamber, 2020 Gold Pan Award Winners
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Arctic Warriors
By Senator Revak; Representative Nelson

Honoring - 2021 Business Hall of Fame Laureates
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Service High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team, 2021 State Champions
By Senator Revak; Representatives Shaw, Schrage

Honoring - The Alaska Travel Industry Association
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Eagle Scouts of District M
By Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Kenneth D. Maynard
By Representative Nelson

In Memoriam - Helen Austerman
By Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Leslie Orval Hiatt
By Representative Ortiz

In Memoriam - Helen Eggers
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Goodm Nluułgm Xsgyiik - Sarah Booth
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Don M. Triplehorn
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer
By Senator Revak

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In Memoriam - Mattie Flanagan

By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Katherine Olga Torkelsen Hurley

By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Drummond, Johnson

In Memoriam - Erin Lee

By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Milton Behr

By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Clare "Gus" Gillespie

By Senator Revak; Representative Tuck

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HR 8

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representatives Tarr, Foster, and Hopkins:

Creating the House Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 183

HOUSE BILL NO. 183 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act renaming the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; relating to the membership of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; extending the termination date of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; relating to the duties of the Judicial Council; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of

secs. 41 and 73, ch. 1, 4SSLA 2017; and providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 74, ch. 1, 4SSLA 2017."

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

HB 184

HOUSE BILL NO. 184 by Representative Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act requiring state participation in a tribal child welfare compact."

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

HB 185

HOUSE BILL NO. 185 by Representative McKay, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transferability of hunts awarded by drawing; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 186

HOUSE BILL NO. 186 by Representatives Rauscher and Gillham, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the state or a municipality, public library, postsecondary educational institution, school district, health care provider, or health care facility from requiring proof of vaccination against COVID-19."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 169**

The following was read the second time:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 169

"An Act making appropriations for public education and transportation of students; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Rasmussen, Cronk, Foster, LeBon, Wool, Merrick, Drummond, Story, Snyder, and Tuck:

Page 1, following line 13:

Insert new subsections to read:

"(c) The amount necessary to fund the total amount for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, of state aid calculated under the public school funding formula under AS 14.17.410(b) is appropriated from the general fund to the public education fund (AS 14.17.300).

(d) The amount necessary to fund transportation of students under AS 14.09.010 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, is appropriated from the general fund to the public education fund (AS 14.17.300)."

Page 2, following line 1:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 3.** Sections 1(c) and (d) of this Act take effect July 1, 2022."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 2, line 2:

Delete "This"

Insert "Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this"

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

Representative Rauscher objected.

Representative Rasmussen rose to a point of order regarding the comments mischaracterizing the amendment.

Representative Carpenter rose to a point of order regarding relevance of the point.

The Speaker ruled the member out of order and cautioned to proceed in order.

Representative McCabe rose to a point of order regarding the member's opportunity to speak again.

The Speaker ruled the point of order out of order.

Representative McCabe appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question being: "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Sustain the ruling of the Chair

YEAS: 25 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Nelson

And so, the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 169

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 25 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

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Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Nelson

And so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 169 am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 169 am will advance to third reading on tomorrow's 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 - Samara Steele
By Representatives Wool, Hopkins

Honoring - Rod Boyce
By Representatives Wool, Hopkins

Honoring - Bettye Davis East High Thunderbirds Boys' Basketball Team, 4A Alaska State Champions
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Josephson, Spohnholz

Honoring - Bartlett Golden Bears Girls' Basketball Team, 4A Alaska State Champions
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Spohnholz, Nelson

Honoring - Seattle Kraken NHL Team
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Josephson, Merrick

In Memoriam - Philip Glowa
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 174**

Representative Claman, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23(a) be waived to hear the following at 10:30 a.m., April 23 in the Judiciary Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

"An Act relating to proposing and enacting laws by initiative."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 66

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

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 66 is in the State Affairs Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HB 55

Representative Edgmon 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 61

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

"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."

HB 123

Representative Story 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 127

Representative Rasmussen added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

"An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority."

HB 174

Representative Patkotak added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

"An Act relating to proposing and enacting laws by initiative."

SB 40

Representative Fields added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 40

"An Act relating to veterans' benefits services and veterans' benefits appeal services."

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., April 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk