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Sixty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Rasmussen be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker requested that members stand for a moment of silence to honor the life of U.S. Representative Don Young.

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

Dear Lord Jesus,

I give you praise today, and I come to seek your face.

Your Bible says (Isa 41:10 NLT) 10, *Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.*

I thank you that when we ask you to give us strength and wisdom you freely give it to those who ask. I ask for clarity

and focus for each Representative and their staff here today. I ask you that you would bring unity to our state leaders so that they can work together to achieve the best way forward for the people of Alaska. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Thompson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 60th, 61st, and 62nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SJR 15

A message dated March 18 was read stating the Senate concurred in the House amendment to SJR 15, thus adopting:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(L&C)
Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and the state; and recognizing the importance of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

A message dated March 18 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 201

SENATE BILL NO. 201 am by the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to charitable gaming online ticket sales and activities; relating to charitable gaming proceeds; and providing for an effective date."

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 149**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

"An Act relating to allowing certain child day care providers to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 149(FIN)

"An Act relating to allowing certain child day care providers to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining; and establishing the child day care provider fund."

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

Do pass (3): Ortiz, Edgmon, Foster

No recommendation (5): Thompson, Johnson, Josephson, Wool, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 149(FIN):

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 149 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 173

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 173

"An Act relating to state education policy; relating to school climate and connectedness; establishing the School Climate and School Connectedness Improvement Committee; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 173(EDC)
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Story, Drummond

No recommendation (5): Hopkins, Cronk, Gillham, Prax, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 173(EDC):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 173 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 304

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 304

"An Act modifying the boundary of Chugach State Park; directing the sale of land to the Eagle River Lions Club; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Schrage, Gillham, Rauscher, Hopkins, Cronk, Fields, McKay

No recommendation (1): Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 304 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Kuskokwim Campus Fiftieth Anniversary
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Alfred Joseph Romaszewski
By Representative McCarty

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 30**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

"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."

with the:

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L&C RPT 5DP 1NR	541
FN1: (ADM)	541
FN2: (LWF)	541
FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 7DP 3NR	1970
FN3: ZERO(GOV/VARIOUS DEPTS)	1970
FN4: (ADM)	1970
FN5: (LWF)	1970

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 30(FIN)

"An Act 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."

Representative Tilton objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 30(FIN) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 30:

Delete: "23"

Insert: "19"

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

Representative Spohnholz objected.

The Speaker stated that all amendments to CSHB 30(FIN) must be submitted by 12:15 p.m.

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

CSHB 30(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

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

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

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

Excused: Rasmussen

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 30(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 30(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 209

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

"An Act relating to emergency firefighters."

with the:

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RES RPT 6DP 3NR

1951

FN1: ZERO(DNR)

1951

FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 5DP 2NR

2074

FN1: ZERO(DNR)

2074

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 209(FIN)

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

Representative Tilton objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 209(FIN) was adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 209(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 209(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 128**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 18 calendar (page 2163), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 128(FIN) am

"An Act relating to charitable gaming online ticket sales and activities; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 128(FIN) am be returned to second reading for the purpose of considering amendments.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 128(FIN) am be returned to second reading for considering amendments?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 128(FIN) am

Third Reading

Return to Second for Amendments

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

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

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

Excused: Rasmussen

And so, CSHB 128(FIN) am was not returned to second reading.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 128(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 128(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Rasmussen

And so, CSHB 128(FIN) am passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause.

Representative Eastman objected.

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

CSHB 128(FIN) am

Third Reading

Effective Date

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Rasmussen

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

CSHB 128(FIN) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation, In Memoriam - Gladys Dart.

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Representative Eastman objected.

Representative Eastman placed a call of the House.

The call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citation, In Memoriam - Gladys Dart?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar

In Memoriam - Gladys Dart

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Rasmussen

And so, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Gladys Dart

By Senator Bishop

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the remaining citations on the calendar.

Representative Claman objected to the citation, In Memoriam - Ruth Sheridan, offered remarks, and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Linn Weeda

By Representative Claman

Honoring - Emil Notti

By Senator Bishop

Honoring - 50th Anniversary of Doyon, Limited
By Senators Bishop, Kawasaki; Representative Cronk

In Memoriam - Thomas E. Cashen
By Senators Bishop, Kiehl; Representative Hannan

In Memoriam - Richelle Lynette Anne Binkowski
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Virginia Agnes Pinion
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Victorino Romero Peregrino
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Patricia Stiles
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Ann M. Curtis
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Rodelito Quinola Nagal
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Robert Eugene Julian
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Betty Jean Malhiot
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Ruth Sheridan
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Nelson, Spohnholz

In Memoriam - Anthony B. Resch
By Senators Myers, Hughes, Bishop

In Memoriam - Andrew Paul Firmin
By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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:

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Representative Claman – from 3:00 p.m., today to 9:30 p.m.,
March 23

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins – from 6:30 a.m., March 23 to
9:00 p.m., March 26

Representative Thompson – from 1:30 p.m., March 24 to 3:30 p.m.,
March 27

HJR 32

Representative McCarty added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Encouraging the United States Congress to establish hiring goals
for apprentices and veteran apprentices.

HB 30

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

"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."

HB 128

Representative Josephson added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 128(FIN) am

"An Act relating to charitable gaming online ticket sales and
activities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 209

Representatives Thompson, Snyder, Shaw, McCabe, and Tarr added as
cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 209(FIN)

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

HB 229

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

"An Act relating to the Alaska higher education investment fund; and relating to the Alaska Student Loan Corporation."

HB 265

Representatives Ortiz and Tarr added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

"An Act relating to telehealth; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to medical assistance coverage for services provided by telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

HB 363

Representatives Ortiz and Spohnholz added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 363

"An Act establishing the office of broadband; creating the broadband parity adjustment fund; establishing the Statewide Broadband Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date."

SB 71

Representative Foster added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 71(FIN)

"An Act relating to special request registration plates celebrating the arts; relating to artwork in public buildings and facilities; relating to the management of artwork under the art in public places fund; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; establishing the Alaska arts and cultural investment fund; and providing for an effective date."

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

EO 121

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the House did not disapprove the following executive order within 60 days, and it was transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:50 p.m., March 21, 2022:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 121

Reorganizing the Department of Health and Social Services into the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services.

EO 122

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the House did not disapprove the following executive order within 60 days, and it was transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:50 p.m., March 21, 2022:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 122

Relating to the transfer of certain functions from the Department of Administration to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

EO 123

In accordance with art. III, sec. 23, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the House did not disapprove the following executive order within 60 days, and it was transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 3:50 p.m., March 21, 2022:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 123

Renaming the Division of Forestry as the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection.

ENGROSSMENT

HB 128

CShB 128(FIN) am 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.

The following meeting today was changed:

Resources Committee

CANCELED

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk