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Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Wright be excused from today to 11:00 a.m., January 30. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

On behalf of all Alaskans, I offer the following blessing for elected officials:

Blessed are you who leave what is comfortable and known to serve the greater good and the bigger picture.

Blessed are you who sift through emails, papers, and texts to figure out what is the next right thing to do.

Blessed are you who are pragmatists, who do the math and figure out what will work and what will not.

Blessed are you who are dreamers and imagine a world where children do not hunger, housing is ample, healthcare is available, and basic needs are met for all.

Blessed are you who feel grumpy and frustrated; may bad moods get interrupted with meaningful relationships and good humor.

Blessed are you who grieve, who carry the wounds of your life and your community into this place and seek some kind of healing.

Blessed are you who have no idea what you are doing; may the spirit of wisdom and curiosity open doors and possibilities you never imagined.

May you be blessed as you seek to be a blessing to your communities, state, nation, and world. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Coulombe.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventh and eighth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated January 23 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 14.40.150 and art. VII, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Joey Crum – Palmer

Appointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/6/2031

John Jepsen – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/23/2021

Term Expires: 2/3/2023

Reappointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/6/2031

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Bethany Marcum – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/6/2031

Dennis Michel – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/6/2023

Term Expires: 2/4/2027

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 23 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 1 to hear the State of the Judiciary address by Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Corrections
Offender Case plan Summary
January 23, 2023
(as required by AS 33.30.011)

Dept. of Health
Dept. of Corrections
Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2022
July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022
(as required by AS 47.38.100)

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Annual Report 2022
(as required by AS 47.30.046)

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
FY 2022 Trust Grant Investments

Dept. of Revenue
Investment Earnings Report
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund
January 23, 2023
(as required by AS 19.65.070 and 37.05.550)

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

In Memoriam – Tony Strong
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 11

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 11 by
Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of assault in the presence of a child."

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

HB 45

HOUSE BILL NO. 45 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general and permanent funds."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Finance Committee.

HB 46

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 by Representatives Fields, Armstrong, Groh, Himschoot, Carrick, Josephson, Gray, Galvin, and Dibert, entitled:

"An Act allowing child care providers that receive state aid to organize and collectively bargain with the Department of Health; and establishing the child care provider fund."

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

HB 47

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; and relating to unfair trade practices."

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

HB 48

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to reports from the State Commission for Human Rights."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

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

In Memoriam – Joseph Edward Homme
By Representative Rauscher

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Saddler 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 Shaw – from:

7:35 p.m., January 27 to 9:13 p.m., January 29

2:24 p.m., February 3 to 9:13 p.m., February 5

2:24 p.m., February 16 to 9:13 p.m., February 19

Representative Armstrong – from 7:35 p.m., January 27 to 9:13 p.m., January 29

The Speaker made the following appointments:

HR 3

House Special Committee on Ways and Means: added McKay, McCabe

Legislative Budget and Audit Committee: added Cronk, alternate

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

HB 3

The Speaker removed the Community & Regional Affairs Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

"An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie."

HB 3 was referred to the State Affairs Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HB 17

Representatives Armstrong and Groh added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 27. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk