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Forty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:01 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative McKay was excused and his presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Tkl' Un Yeik Paulette Moreno of The Alaska Native Sisterhood. Representative Vance 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 the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer and I invite you into a time of prayer or reflection with respect to your religious beliefs:

Coming before you in humility, I invite sacred guidance and reverence unto this place, and acknowledge the leadership within this space.

From time immemorial all have gathered to seek the one whom we know individually to be sacred to us and express gratitude for all that exists.

Gunalchéesh, thanks be given respectfully..... Ahww.....

The bounty of Alaska, our home restores our physical health, the unique lessons of the natural world uplifts our intellect

and the very essence and presence offers us a profound beauty and rhythm of spiritual peace.....

Please continue to balance all those who enter these ancient lands that all people would have traditional and modern foods, shelter, and care; that those who have joined in a legacy of stewardship would have the strength and vision to create and build upon our good communities and villages.

As I express and utter the needs of the lowly and oppressed..... In all humility and humanity I ask that the stewards of this land, Alaska, be guided, inspired, and strong.

Ahkleen, gunalchéesh, for all that will come forward, for all people.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative McCabe.

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Representative Hannan introduced Cora Velasco-Schaefer and Jade Minh Nguyen, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 44th through 48th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated February 24 and accompanying letter dated March 3, regarding frozen and ruptured water infrastructure in Tuluksak, were received and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A letter dated March 2 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 44.19.040 and art. III, sec. 13, 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 State Affairs Committee:

Lieutenant Governor Successor

Jason Brune

A resume for the appointment is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A letter dated March 2 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, 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 Health & Social Services Committee:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Anita Halterman – Eagle River

Appointed: 8/2/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Todd Fletcher – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

David Koch – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/8/2021

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Board of Dental Examiners

Megan Ferguson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Jesse Hronkin – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Newell Walther – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Dennis DeWitt – Juneau

Appointed: 11/20/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Jennifer McConnel – Girdwood

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Marijuana Control Board

Ely Cyrus – Kiana

Appointed: 1/4/2022

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Christopher Jaime – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Noah Shields – Kenai

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Board of Massage Therapists

Tonia Nelson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Board of Pharmacy

Sara Rasmussen – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Real Estate Commission

Cheryl Markwood – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Greg Wilson – Eagle River

Appointed: 9/1/2022

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

State Board of Parole

Sarah Possenti – Fairbanks

Appointed: 4/1/2011

Term Expired: 3/1/2013

Reappointed: 3/1/2013

Term Expired: 3/1/2018

Reappointed: 3/1/2018

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Alaska Police Standards Council

Daniel Carothers – Douglas

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Stephen Dutra – North Pole

Appointed: 5/14/2018

Term Expired: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Rebecca Hamon – King Salmon

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Term Expired: 3/1/2015

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expired: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

John Jepsen

as a member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

The report was signed by Representatives Ruffridge and Allard, Co-chairs; and Representatives McCormick, Prax, Himschoot, and Story.

HB 8

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

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

Do pass (6): Armstrong, Carpenter, C. Johnson, Allard, Wright, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 8 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

HB 46

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

"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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 46(L&C)

"An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; allowing child care providers that receive state aid to organize and collectively bargain with the Department of Health;

establishing the child care provider fund; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014, as amended by sec. 40, ch. 101, SLA 2018; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Fields, Wright

No recommendation (2): Prax, Ruffridge

Amend (2): Saddler, Sumner

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 46(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 46 was referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

HB 57

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

"An Act relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; and relating to patient records."

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

Do pass (4): Saddler, Prax, Ruffridge, Sumner

No recommendation (1): Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health

HB 57 was referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HB 76**

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

"An Act relating to pay for the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(MLV)

"An Act relating to pay and allowances for the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Saddler, Shaw, Carpenter, Groh, Wright

No recommendation (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 76(MLV):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

HB 76 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Emil Notti

By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

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

Honoring - 2023 Nominees to US Military Academies - Diamond, Eagle River, and Grace Christian High Schools
By Representatives Groh, Wright, Shaw

Honoring - Trident Seafoods Fiftieth Anniversary
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Michael J. Motti
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Leandra Scalph
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Emil Notti, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

Honoring - Emil Notti
By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 1

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representatives Sumner and Mears:

Establishing a joint task force on labor workforce, training, and retention.

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

HJR 9

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9 by Representatives Groh, Sumner, Schrage, Wright, Josephson, Carrick, Galvin, Armstrong, and Himschoot:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and to appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

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

HJR 10

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Representatives Cronk, Sumner, Stutes, McCabe, and Armstrong:

Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods; and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the rule.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 93**

HOUSE BILL NO. 93 by Representatives Sumner, McCabe, D. Johnson, Fields, and Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act relating to a lumber grading training program and lumber grading certificates; relating to use of lumber graded and certified by a person holding a lumber grading training program certificate; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 94

HOUSE BILL NO. 94 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to the use of the ports in the state; relating to contracts with certain foreign-owned entities; relating to the use of TikTok; relating to commerce with certain foreign-owned entities; relating to investments of state funds in certain foreign-owned entities; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 95

HOUSE BILL NO. 95 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to designation of state water as outstanding national resource water; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

HB 96

HOUSE BILL NO. 96 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to licensing and registration requirements for certain wholesale drug distributors; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 97

HOUSE BILL NO. 97 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to self-storage facilities for personal property, including vehicles and watercraft; distinguishing self-storage facility liens from another type of storage lien; and excluding self-storage liens from the treatment of certain unclaimed property."

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

HB 98

HOUSE BILL NO. 98 by Representatives Saddler and McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to state ownership of submerged land underlying navigable water within the boundaries of and adjacent to federal areas; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS****SB 10**

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 10

"An Act providing for trapping licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves without charge; making sport fishing, hunting, and trapping permanent identification cards available to certain disabled veterans without charge; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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FN2: ZERO(DFG)	296

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 4, lines 3-5:

Delete all material and insert:

"(c) A person who is issued a permanent identification card under this section may not sport fish, hunt, or trap without having in their possession a valid identification card issued under this section or the appropriate license."

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

There was objection.

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

SB 10

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

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

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Prax

Excused: McKay

Fields changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

Josephson changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

And so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 10 am H be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 10 am H was read the third time.

Representatives Eastman, Stapp, Gray, Wright, Allard, Carpenter, Shaw, and McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and they were required to vote.

The question being: "Shall SB 10 am H pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 10 am H
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: McKay

And so, SB 10 am H passed the House.

Representative Saddler 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. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 10 am H was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SB 86

The following is in the Finance Committee:

SENATE BILL NO. 86

"An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date."

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Saddler 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 - John H. McLay
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Ashley Wood and Hillarie Gossett, 2023 Iron Dog Race Finishers
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

Honoring - Nick Olstad & Tyler Aklestad, 2022 & 2023 Iron Dog Race Winners

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Burnie Recel Hall

By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Carlene Joyce Sanders

By Representative Tilton; Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Faye Palin

By Representative Tilton; Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Chérie B. Stihler

By Senators Kawasaki, Myers; Representative Carrick

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to 5:00 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 11:41 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 5:01 p.m.

****The presence of Representative McKay, who was excused (page 284), was noted.**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Reports of Standing Committees. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SB 86

The Finance Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 86

"An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Foster, D. Johnson, and Edgmon, Co-Chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (11): Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Coulombe, Ortiz, Cronk, Tomaszewski, Foster, D. Johnson, Edgmon

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Various Depts.

SB 86 is on today's calendar.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Consideration of the Daily Calendar. There being no objection, the House advanced to:

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 86

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 86

"An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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FIN RPT 11DP

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FN1: ZERO(GOV/VARIOUS DEPTS)

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Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 86 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 86 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SB 86 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 86

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, SB 86 passed the House.

Representative Saddler 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. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 86 was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 28

Representative Shaw added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

HB 43

Representative Mears added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

"An Act relating to professional and occupational licensing; and relating to treatment to change the sexual orientations or gender identities of children and vulnerable adults."

HB 65

Representative Galvin added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

SB 10

Representatives Ruffridge, Stapp, Cronk, Patkotak, Mears, Galvin, Josephson, Tomaszewski, McCormick, Wright, Rauscher, Stutes, Vance, and Tilton added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE BILL NO. 10 am H

"An Act providing for trapping licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves without charge; making sport fishing, hunting, and trapping permanent identification cards available to certain disabled veterans without charge; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

SB 10

SB 10 am H 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 Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., March 8. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk