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Eighty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:05 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Major Gina Halverson of the Salvation Army. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Lord, thank you for all who have gathered here.

We pray that you bless each leader, staff member, and all others who help move the business of the State of Alaska forward. We ask, Lord, that you provide wisdom and discernment. We ask that you help each person involved to lead toward the protection of our future for our beautiful state. We pray for courage to stand boldly for the citizens who rely on their leadership. Lord, be in every situation and every decision so that you will be glorified. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Story.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 84th and 85th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated April 11 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SJR 10**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Senators Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski, Tobin, Dunbar, and Claman:

Encouraging Alaska's Congressional delegation and the federal government to raise Medicare reimbursement rates to meet the actual cost of care for the state's senior citizens.

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

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 77**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(CRA) am by the Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal property tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 4.

The following was received:

Alaska Ombudsman
2022 Annual Report
(as required by AS 24.55.230)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 19

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Himschoot, Carpenter, McCormick, Stutes, Vance

No recommendation (2): C. Johnson, McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 19 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

HB 85

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

"An Act relating to professional licensing; relating to temporary licenses for some professions; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85(MLV)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Gray, Shaw, Groh, Wright

No recommendation (3): Saddler, Rauscher, Carpenter

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 85(MLV):

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

HB 85 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Grace Christian School Grizzlies, 2023 3A Girls Basketball State Champions
By Representatives Coulombe, Shaw

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Honoring - Trail Mix, Inc.
By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Helmut "Bill" Bubbel
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Carrick

Honoring - Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School Thunderbirds Boys Basketball, 2023 4A State Champions
By Senators Dunbar, Wielechowski; Representative Mears

Honoring - Alaska Railroad Corporation Centennial
By Senators Kawasaki, Kaufman; Representative Carrick

Honoring - 2023 Alaska Division I Hockey Champions Chugiak High School Mustangs
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

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In Memoriam - Sam Foist-Swart
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Robert Michael Kilbourn
By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Dr. Gilbert Winfield Bane, Jr.
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Gary Lee Nance
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam - Mark Wartes
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 157

HOUSE BILL NO. 157 by Representatives Wright, Groh, Fields, McCormick, Armstrong, Gray, and Mina, entitled:

"An Act establishing Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday."

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

HB 158

HOUSE BILL NO. 158 by the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee; relating to judge advocates; relating to military facility zones; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 69**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

"An Act relating to the reclassification of first class cities as second class cities; and providing for an effective date."

with the:	Journal Page
EDC RPT 5DP 2NR	444
FN1: ZERO(CED)	444
CRA RPT CS(CRA) 6DP	684
FN1: ZERO(CED)	684

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(CRA)
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 69(CRA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, lines 4 - 5:

Delete "The uncodified law of the State of Alaska"
Insert "AS 29.04"

Page 1, lines 6 - 7:

Delete "RECLASSIFICATION OF FIRST CLASS CITIES WITH FEWER THAN 400 PERMANENT RESIDENTS."

Insert "**Sec. 29.04.045. Reclassification of first class cities with fewer than 400 permanent residents.**"

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Page 2, line 7:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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

Representative Cronk objected.

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

CSHB 69(CRA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 36 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Ortiz, Prax, Sumner

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

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 69(CRA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 69(CRA) will advance to third reading on the April 14 calendar.

HB 123

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

"An Act relating to an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a corporation organized under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date."

with the:	Journal Page
CRA RPT 6DP	685
FN1: ZERO(CED)	685

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 123 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage

There was objection.

HB 123 will advance to third reading on the April 14 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 39**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the April 10 calendar (page 687), would be held to the April 14 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making reappropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

HB 41

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the April 10 calendar (page 687), would be held to the April 14 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 41(FIN) am

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; 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 - Scott Roleff
By Representative Allard

Honoring - Denali Elementary School
By Representative Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Nome Arts Council's Fiftieth Anniversary
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Clayton Lowell Ellington
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - William "Bill" Black
By Representative Dibert; Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam - George Jeffrey Cobb
By Representatives Carrick, Cronk

In Memoriam - Lucinda Miranda
By Representative Allard

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 Armstrong – from 6:30 p.m., April 14 to 10:00 a.m., April 17

Representative Mears – from 7:00 p.m., April 14 to 9:00 p.m., April 16

Representative Dibert – from 5:00 a.m., April 13 to 9:00 p.m., April 16

Representative Himschoot – from 5:00 p.m., April 14 to 8:00 p.m., April 16

HB 120

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 120

"An Act relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for certain nonresident postsecondary students; and providing for an effective date."

HB 120 is in the Resources Committee.

HB 107

The Speaker removed the Health & Social Services Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 107

"An Act relating to criminal law definitions."

HB 107 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 19

The Speaker removed the Transportation Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

HB 19 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 124

Representative McCormick, citing Uniform Rule 35, moved and asked unanimous consent that his name be removed and Representative Coulombe's name be added as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers' license requirements; and providing for an effective date."

HB 3

Representatives Cronk, Tomaszewski, Carpenter, McKay, Vance, Allard, Wright, Prax, Stutes, C. Johnson, Sumner, Foster, Stapp, and Coulombe added as cosponsors to:

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 47

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

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

HB 57

Representative McCormick added as a cosponsor to:

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."

HB 61

Representative Allard added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

"An Act relating to restrictions on firearms and other weapons."

HB 100

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

"An Act relating to teacher and public employee leave."

HB 111

Representative McCabe added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 111

"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or have a hearing impairment."

HB 123

Representatives Galvin, Ruffridge, and Mina added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

"An Act relating to an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a corporation organized under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date."

SB 77

Representative Sumner added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 77(CRA) am

"An Act relating to municipal property tax; 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., April 14. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk