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**Ninety-first Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:13 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Trenton Cooper of Valley Baptist Church. 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 all people including those with differing beliefs, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection:

Heavenly Father, I am grateful to you for your everlasting love for all people. When I look around at the beauty of this state, I can see your beautiful design. The mountains, rivers, and natural beauty of this state proclaim your good works.

But your crowning achievement was the creation of humans who are made in your image. Each person here, Lord, is someone that you gave life to and deeply care for. You proved your love by sending Jesus Christ to die for all humanity. And you showed your power by raising him from the dead.

So, in light of this reality, I pray for the leaders of this great state. That they may accomplish good works through this legislative body for the sake of all people in this state. May

you grant them wisdom and unity so that their good works in this body may proclaim your glory.

I gladly lift each one of them up to you in prayer and ask that you bless them, their families, and their friends with good health and happiness. May they have the peace and joy that can only come from you.

It is in your son, Jesus Christ's name, that I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Sumner.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 88th, 89th, and 90th 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 14 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

### **FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS**

#### **SB 81**

SENATE BILL NO. 81 am by the Senate Rules Committee by request of the Legislative Council, entitled:

"An Act relating to the office of victims' rights; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

William Granger

as a member of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar.

Todd Fletcher

as a member of the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Dennis DeWitt

as a member of the Alaska Judicial Council.

The report was signed by Representative Vance, Chair; and Representatives C. Johnson, Groh, Carpenter, and Eastman.

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

Michael Flores

as a member of the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Jacob Fletcher

as a member of the Board of Game.

The report was signed by Representative McKay, Chair; and Representatives Rauscher, Patkotak, Wright, Saddler, Armstrong, and McCabe.

## **HB 60**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

### **HOUSE BILL NO. 60**

"An Act relating to the licensing of runaway shelters; relating to advisors to the board of trustees of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; relating to the sharing of confidential health information between the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; relating to the

duties of the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 60(HSS)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Prax, Sumner

No recommendation (3): Saddler, Wright, Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 60(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Family and Community Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Health

HB 60 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 104**

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104  
"An Act relating to expedited timber sales."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(RES)  
"An Act relating to salvage sales of timber, negotiated timber sales for local manufacture of wood products, and expedited timber sales; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Rauscher, McCabe, Saddler, McKay

No recommendation (2): Armstrong, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 104(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 104 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 112**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 112**

"An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to the practice of pharmacy; relating to pharmacies; relating to prescription drug manufacturers; relating to prescriptions for epinephrine; relating to the administration of epinephrine; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Prax, Ruffridge, Fields, Carrick, Sumner

No recommendation (2): Saddler, Wright

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 112 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 120**

The Resources Committee considered:

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 120**

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

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

Do pass (2): Armstrong, McKay

No recommendation (3): McCabe, Saddler, Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game
2. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game
3. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 120 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **SB 80**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 80

"An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): C. Johnson, Groh, Carpenter, Gray, Vance

Do not pass (1): Eastman

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Law

SB 80 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 – Heather Flynn  
By Representatives Gray, Fields; Senator Tobin

Honoring – Lisa Parker  
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

Honoring – Chief Master Sergeant Morris "Jim" L. Pickel Jr.  
By Representative Allard

Honoring – Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage  
By Representatives Gray, Mears; Senator Claman

In Memoriam – Clarence "Coyne" Vanderjack  
By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam – Dr. John Harlan Clark  
By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam – Joe Hotch  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

## CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

#### HB 75

The following was read the second time:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 75

"An Act relating to coverage for additional insureds under owner and contractor controlled insurance programs; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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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. 75(L&C)  
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 75(L&C) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 75

Second Reading

Adopt Labor & Commerce CS

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

Yeas: 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, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

And so, CSHB 75(L&C) was adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 75(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 75(L&C) will advance to third reading on the April 19 calendar.

#### **HB 141**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to the April 19 calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

"An Act establishing June 9 of each year as Don Young Day."



**THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 8**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 14 calendar (page 722), was read the third time:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 8**

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

The question being: "Shall HB 8 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**HB 8**

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: 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

Nays: Allard

And so, HB 8 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**HOUSE BILLS IN THIRD READING****HB 39**

The following, which was held from the April 14 calendar (page 722), was before the house in third reading:

**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."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 39(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 39(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 23 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, CSHB 39(FIN) am passed the House.

Representative Saddler moved that the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund (Article IX, Section 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska) be adopted.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 39(FIN) am

Third Reading

Constitutional Budget Reserve Appropriations

**YEAS: 23 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, lacking the required 30 votes, the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund were not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

"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; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Saddler moved the effective date clause.

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

CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

Third Reading

Effective Date

**YEAS: 26 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Eastman, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Story changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, lacking the required 27 votes, the effective date clause was not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)

"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; and making supplemental appropriations."

Representative Schrage gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld). Reconsideration was taken up later.

**HB 41**

The following, which was held from the April 14 calendar (page 723), was before the House in third reading:

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."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 41(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 41(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: 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, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

And so, CSHB 41(FIN) am 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.

CSHB 41(FIN) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 3**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 14 calendar (page 728), would be held to the April 19 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3(JUD) am  
Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity  
Act or a similar bill.

**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 - Daniel T. Seamount, Jr.  
By Representative Saddler; Senator Merrick

Honoring - Reed Smith  
By Representative Gray; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Culinary Arts Program  
By Representative Wright; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Police Department  
By Representative Wright; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage & Alaska Pacific  
University Consortium Library  
By Representative Wright; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Glacier Kings Hockey Team  
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Ninilchik High School Boys Basketball 2023 2A State  
Champions  
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Master of Public Health Program

By Representative Gray; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - Jeff Landfield

By Senators Kaufman, Gray-Jackson; Representative Josephson

Honoring - Zori Opanasevych

By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

Honoring - Justus Trayer

By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

In Memoriam - Gregory & Edithanne Gabriel

By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Louis Hayden Green, Sr.

By Representative Foster; Senators Olson, Tobin

In Memoriam - Evan "Toby" Tobler

By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

In Memoriam - Lieutenant Colonel Harold Braspeninckx

By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

In Memoriam - John W. Sipary

By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **HB 20**

The Speaker removed the Judiciary Committee referral for the following:

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 20**

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

HB 20 is in the Resources Committee.

**RECONSIDERATION****HB 39**

Representative Patkotak moved and asked unanimous consent that reconsideration of CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) (page 752) be taken up on the same day.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall reconsideration of CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) be taken up on the same day?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)

Third Reading

Take Up Reconsideration on the Same Day

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

Yeas: 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, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

And so, the motion passed.

The following was before the House in third reading:

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."

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall CSHB 39(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 39(FIN) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage  
Reconsideration

**YEAS: 23 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, CSHB 39(FIN) am passed the House on reconsideration.

Representative Saddler moved the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund (Article IX, Section 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska).

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 39(FIN) am  
Third Reading  
Constitutional Budget Reserve Appropriations  
Reconsideration

**YEAS: 23 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes



And so, lacking the required 30 votes, the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund were not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

"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; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Saddler moved the effective date clause.

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

CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

Third Reading

Effective Date

Reconsideration

**YEAS: 26 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gray, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Galvin, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, lacking the required 27 votes, the effective date clause was not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)

"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; and making supplemental appropriations."

CShB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HB 3**

Representative Shaw added as a cosponsor 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 8**

Representatives Schrage, Himschoot, and Groh added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

**HB 104**

Representative Tomaszewski added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act relating to expedited timber sales."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 8**

HB 8 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 39**

CShB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 41**

CShB 41(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 meetings today were changed:

Resources Committee

CHANGED TO:

2:00 p.m.

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

Finance Committee

CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., April 19. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk