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**One Hundred Second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:32 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Patkotak had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

Almighty God,  
We seek your face today in the midst of troubling times and unending pressures. You assured us that as long as we called upon you, that you would be there in adversity as well as times of plenty.

Bless us, your people, in this state that we might be the exception to the rule, where people of different ideologies find common ground and that no one elevates themselves above the other. That we all realize each one has something to offer, to give, to receive from the bounty of our great state. May our hearts turn to you for wisdom and guidance. And to that we say, Thank God it's Friday! In the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Armstrong.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 100th and 101st legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council  
Assessment of Risks and Safety Culture at Alyeska's Valdez Marine  
Terminal  
April 24, 2023

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

Robert Doyle

as a member of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

The report was signed by Representatives Foster and D. Johnson, Co-chairs; and Representatives Tomaszewski, Cronk, Ortiz, Coulombe, Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, and Josephson.

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

Brett Huber

as a member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

The report was signed by Representatives Foster and D. Johnson, Co-chairs; and Representatives Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz, Coulombe, Cronk, and Tomaszewski.

**HB 26**

The Finance Committee considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 26**

"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

and recommends it be replaced with:

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRB)**

"An Act relating to the official languages of the State of Alaska; renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

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

Do pass (10): Tomaszewski, Cronk, Ortiz, Coulombe, Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, D. Johnson, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 26(TRB):

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

HB 26 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 68**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 68**

"An Act relating to sex trafficking; establishing the crime of patron of a victim of sex trafficking; relating to the crime of human trafficking; relating to prostitution; relating to sentencing for sex trafficking, patron of a victim of sex trafficking, and human trafficking; establishing the process for vacating judgments for certain convictions of prostitution and misconduct involving a controlled substance; relating to the Council on Domestic

Violence and Sexual Assault; relating to permanent fund dividends for certain individuals whose convictions are vacated; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 68(JUD)

"An Act relating to sex trafficking; relating to athletic trainers, private professional conservators and guardians, licensed professional counselors, massage therapists, marital and family therapists, physicians, osteopaths, podiatrists, direct-entry midwives, nurses, pharmacists, psychologists and psychological associates, and clinical social workers; establishing the crime of patron of a victim of sex trafficking; relating to the crime of human trafficking; relating to the crime of prostitution; relating to sentencing for sex trafficking, patron of a victim of sex trafficking, human trafficking, and prostitution; relating to victim confidentiality; establishing the process for vacating judgments for certain convictions of prostitution; relating to revocation of a teaching certificate; relating to sex trafficking, human trafficking, sexual abuse, and sexual assault awareness and prevention education; relating to disqualifying convictions for religious and private school teachers; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; relating to permanent fund dividends for certain individuals whose convictions are vacated; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): C. Johnson, Groh, Carpenter, Vance

Amend (3): Gray, Eastman, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 68(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Law
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

9. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
10. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
11. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
12. Fiscal, Alaska Judiciary System
13. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 68 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 105**

The Education Committee considered:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to parental rights in a child's education; relating to access to school records; relating to sex education, human reproduction education, and human sexuality education; relating to school disciplinary and safety programs; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

#### CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 105(EDC)

"An Act relating to parental rights in a child's education; relating to a child's names and pronouns; relating to access to school records; relating to school funding; relating to charter schools; relating to state boarding schools; relating to school disciplinary and safety programs; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (1): Prax

Do not pass (3): Himschoot, Story, McCormick

No recommendation (1): Ruffridge

Amend (2): McKay, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 105(EDC):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 105 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 106**

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

"An Act authorizing lump sum payments for certain teachers as retention and recruitment incentives; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): McKay, Allard

No recommendation (2): Prax, Ruffridge

Amend (3): Himschoot, Story, McCormick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 106 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 129**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

"An Act relating to voter registration; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 129(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Carpenter, C. Johnson, Allard, Wright, Shaw

Amend (2): Armstrong, Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 129(STA):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 129 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 143**

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

"An Act relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to advanced recycling and advanced recycling facilities; relating to waste; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 143(RES)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): McCabe, Wright, Rauscher, Saddler, McKay

Do not pass (2): Mears, Dibert

Amend (1): Armstrong

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 143(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 143 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**SB 58**

The Finance Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 58

"An Act relating to Medicaid eligibility; expanding eligibility for postpartum mothers; conditioning the expansion of eligibility on approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 58(FIN)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (10): Tomaszewski, Cronk, Ortiz, Coulombe, Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Edgmon, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS SB 58(FIN):

3. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

SB 58 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 87**

The Finance Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 87

"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."

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

Do pass (9): Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Cronk, Coulombe, Tomaszewski, Ortiz, Foster, D. Johnson



No recommendation (2): Josephson, Edgmon

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

SB 87 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 12th District Meeting  
By Representative Wright, Senator Wielechowski

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

Honoring - Darwin Feakes  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Shkoowyél Brian Willard  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Susie Denton  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Cynthia Erickson  
By Representatives Cronk, Hannan; Senator Bishop

Honoring - Edgar "Paddy" Nollner Jr.  
By Representative Cronk

Honoring - Susan Fischetti  
By Representatives Allard, Saddler, Coulombe

Honoring - Point Hope Harpoonerettes, 2023 2A State Basketball Champions  
By Representative Patkotak

Honoring - Tom Begich  
By Senator Tobin; Representatives Fields, Groh

Honoring - Pete Petersen  
By Senators Wielechowski, Dunbar; Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Nancy Lea  
By Senator Bjorkman

Honoring - Dr. Dave Templin  
By Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson; Representative Josephson

Honoring - Edward Kunz, Jr.  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

Honoring - Bartlett High School 50th Anniversary  
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Mears, Groh

Honoring - Kenai Central High School Cheerleading Squad  
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

Honoring - Juneau Douglas High School Cheer Team  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam - Jarred Steven R. Tuck  
By Representative Galvin; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Larry Wilkinson  
By Representatives Himschoot, Ortiz

In Memoriam - William Alfred Aube  
By Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam - Rose Marie "Tiny" DePriest  
By Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam - Luke Demientieff Sr.  
By Representative Cronk

In Memoriam - Christina Sammartino Jackson  
By Representative Sumner

In Memoriam - Warren Glenn Hackney  
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Alexander K. Lee  
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Jess Michael "Mike" Tolbert  
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Sandra Medearis  
By Senators Tobin, Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Denny Sam Mehner  
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Firmin Shinichi Murakami  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam - Laurel McLaughlin  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam - Elaine C. Seegers  
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

In Memoriam - Rodney Cason  
By Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Mark Gage  
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Robert "Bob" Penney  
By Senators Bjorkman, Kawasaki; Representative C. Johnson

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 12th District Meeting, 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 - Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. 12th District Meeting  
By Representative Wright, Senator Wielechowski

## **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS**

### **HB 182**

HOUSE BILL NO. 182 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to abandoned vehicles."

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

### **HB 183**

HOUSE BILL NO. 183 by Representative Allard, entitled:

"An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to Introduction of Guests and then advance to:

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

### **HB 128**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 26 calendar (page 854), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 128(TRA)

"An Act relating to the operation of a tank vessel or oil barge as an

oil terminal facility; relating to the definition of 'oil terminal facility'; and providing for an effective date."

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

CSHB 128(TRA)

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, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: Patkotak

And so, CSHB 128(TRA) 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 128(TRA) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citations on the calendar?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on Calendar

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 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, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Patkotak

And so, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Sarge Truesdell  
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

Honoring - Arnold Ibias  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Elizabeth Congdon-McGee  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Blake Stewart and Darren Albertson  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Cooper Roberts  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Kelly Shrein  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Rebecca Carrillo  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Scott Brainard  
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Millie Schoonover  
By Representatives Himschoot, Hannan

Honoring - Thunder Mountain High School Girls Basketball Team,  
2023 Region V 4A Champions

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Ketchikan PeaceHealth General Hospital

By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Sitka High School Drama, Debate & Forensics State  
Champions

By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Doug Tansy

By Senators Dunbar, Bishop, Kawasaki

Honoring - Jeremy Narus and Rowan Wollrich

By Senator Giessel

Honoring - Barbara Jones

By Senators Claman, Dunbar; Representative Armstrong

Honoring - Greg Kinney

By Senator Claman; Representative Armstrong

Honoring - Pier One Theater

By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - Pacific Community of Alaska

By Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson; Representative Mina

Honoring - Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 70th Anniversary

By Senators Kaufman, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Hari Pariyar

By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Manuel R. Agramonte

By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Ralph William "Billy" Foster

By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Wayne Fredeen  
By Representatives Allard, Saddler

In Memoriam - Irene Cadiente  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Donna Jayne Shaw  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Dennis L. Smythe  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Lorrie Horning  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Sadie Jane Huffer  
By Representatives Josephson, Saddler, Allard

In Memoriam - Gladys Mae Yuth  
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Fritz Moser  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Sol Neely  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Reatha Sommers  
By Representative Prax; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Joseph Reeves III  
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Dr. Loren Dean Halter  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Lance Petersen  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance



**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 2:00 p.m., May 5 to 9:30 p.m., May 7

Representative Gray – from 5:00 a.m., May 6 to 10:00 p.m., May 7

**HB 149**

The Speaker removed the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs referral and added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 149**

"An Act relating to the licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

HB 149 is in the Labor & Commerce Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

**HB 26**

Representatives Mina and McCormick added as cosponsors to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 26**

"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

**HB 28**

Representative Story 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 37**

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to the crime of unlawful interference with voting; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 45**

Representative McCormick removed as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

**HB 53**

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 53

"An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 61**

Representative McCormick removed as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

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

**HB 80**

Representative McCormick removed as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

"An Act relating to competency to stand trial; relating to commitment based on a finding of incompetency; relating to administration of psychotropic medication; and relating to victims' rights during certain civil commitment proceedings."

**HB 111**

Representatives Vance, Wright, Himschoot, and Sumner added as cosponsors to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 111**

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

**HB 116**

Representative Tomaszewski added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 116**

"An Act relating to appropriations from the restorative justice account."

**HB 134**

Representatives Ruffridge, Tomaszewski, McKay, Wright, Josephson, Cronk, Shaw, Sumner, and Stapp added as cosponsors to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 134**

"An Act prohibiting municipalities from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; prohibiting the state from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; and relating to municipal taxation of mobile telecommunications services."

**HB 145**

Representatives Himschoot and Armstrong added as cosponsors to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 145**

"An Act relating to loans in an amount of \$25,000 or less; relating to deferred deposit advances; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 147**

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 147**

"An Act relating to teacher certificates for retired teachers."

**HB 161**

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 161**

"An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."

**HB 162**

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 162**

"An Act relating to gun violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to a central registry for protective orders; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 169**

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 169**

"An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries rehabilitation permit."

**SJR 10**

Representatives Mina and Armstrong added as cross sponsors to:

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10**

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.

**SB 25**

Representative Galvin added as a cross sponsor to:

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(FIN)**

"An Act relating to inactive state accounts and funds; relating to the curriculum improvement and best practices fund; relating to the fuel emergency fund and fuel emergency grants; relating to the special Alaska Historical Commission receipts account; relating to the rural electrification revolving loan fund and loans from the fund; and relating to the Exxon Valdez oil spill unincorporated rural community grant fund and grants from the fund."

**SB 87**

Representatives C. Johnson, Dibert, and Galvin added as cross sponsors to:

**SENATE BILL NO. 87**

"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."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 128**

CSHB 128(TRA) 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., May 1. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk