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First Day

Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation dated May 17 calling the legislature into special session, the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 5:06 p.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Armstrong. 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:

In the spirit of love and justice for all, we remember the words of the Hebrew prophet Isaiah, who spoke these words from God not to individuals, but to the leaders of his nation:

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression,
with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday."

Today we prayerfully remember that the sacred texts of all major religions proclaim the golden rule: That we show our love for God by loving our neighbor with acts of love and justice.

We are inspired by our religious traditions to love our neighbor with ever-more graciousness, ever-more acceptance, ever-more breadth.

Our holy traditions challenge us to love courageously; to love unyieldingly.

Let us prayerfully remember that this love for our neighbor is to be lived out not only in our choices as individuals, but also in our shared decisions;

And so today, in the spirit of holy, blessed acceptance for all people, we offer this hopeful prayer:

In our words, may we courageously live out our sacred duty to love our neighbor.

In our actions, may we courageously live out our sacred duty to love our neighbor.

And in our votes, may we courageously live out our sacred duty to love our neighbor.

We pray these things in the spirit of love and hope, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Groh.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 121st legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations on the first special order citation calendar 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 citations. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring – Chief Steve Ginnis
By Representative Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring – Thomas Henry Vaden
By Representative Foster

Honoring – Dolores Kelly McKee
By Representative Tilton

Honoring – The Good Friday Agreement, 25th Anniversary
By Representatives Shaw, Josephson

Honoring – Clyde D. Peterson
By Senator Bjorkman

Honoring – The Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band, 50th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam – Lourdes "Lo" Linato-Crawford
By Representatives Fields, Mina; Senator Tobin

In Memoriam – Mae Demidoff
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam – Keith Ferris
By Senators Wielechowski, Dunbar; Representative Gray

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following Governor's proclamation dated May 17 was read:

"Under the authority of Article II, Section 9, and Article III, Section 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and in the public interest, I call the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Alaska into its first special session in the legislative chambers in Juneau, Alaska, at 10:00 a.m., on May 18, 2023, to consider passage of bills on subjects germane to the titles of the following bills while those bills were under consideration by the Senate and House of Representatives during the first regular session:

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- CS HB 39 or similar bill making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs.

Dated this 17th day of May, 2023 at 9:16 p.m.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

The following amended proclamation dated May 18 was read:

Under the authority of Article II, Section 9, and Article III, Section 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and in the public interest, I hereby amend my proclamation of May 17, 2023, calling the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Alaska into special session as follows:

The Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Alaska is called into its first special session at Juneau, Alaska, in the legislative chambers, on May 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., to consider passage of bills on subjects germane to the titles of the following bills while those bills were under consideration by the Senate and House of Representatives during the first regular session:

- HB 39 or similar bill making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs;
- HB 41 or similar bill making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2023 at 2:10 p.m.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**HB 39**

A message dated May 18 was read stating the Senate respectfully requests the House return the following:

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."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S
"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 capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

with attached certified amendments (engrossment was waived, Senate Journal page 1241).

The Speaker directed the Chief Clerk to return CSHB 39(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) and SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S to the Senate as requested. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

A message dated May 18 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SCR 101**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Authorizing a recess by the House of Representatives or Senate for a period of more than three days.

was read the first time.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a Call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 5:14 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 6:35 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 39

A message received at 6:09 p.m., May 18 was read stating the Senate passed:

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."

with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S
"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 capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 6 - title change resolution)

The message further stated that under Uniform Rule 43(b) engrossment had been waived and certified Amendment No. 38 was attached.

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 39**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Senate message (page 1172) on the following:

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."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am S
"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 capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 6 - title change resolution)

Representative Eastman objected and moved that the House waive Uniform Rule 41(c).

Representative Edgmon, citing Section 156.9 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that the motion was not in order.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Representative Eastman appealed the ruling of the Chair.

The question being: "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Sustain the Ruling of the Chair
Waive Uniform Rule 41(c) Out of Order

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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 ruling of the Chair was sustained.

Representative Saddler moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment and recommended that the members vote yes.

The question being: "Shall the House concur in the Senate amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S

Concur

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

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Patkotak, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Eastman, Foster, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S.

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:

SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S

Effective Date

Concur

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, 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

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Eastman, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The bill was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SCR 6

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be taken up as a Special Order of Business:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 39, 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.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SCR 6 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 6

Special Order of Business

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Eastman, McCabe, Rauscher, Vance

And so, SCR 6 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 41

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Senate message (page 1158) on the following:

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."

and

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 41(FIN)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment and recommended that the members vote yes.

The question being: "Shall the House concur in the Senate amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 41(FIN)

Concur

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, 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: Coulombe, Eastman

And so, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS CSHB 41(FIN).

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.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The bill was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Sumner – from May 18 to May 31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the First Special Session of the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature adjourn sine die.

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, the House adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk