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Twenty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:16 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

Miss Alaska Hanna Utic sang "Alaska's Flag."

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Doctor Charles Ensminger of Ɓunéix Hídi Northern Light United 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 respect to the religious beliefs of those gathered here on this day, I invite you to turn your hearts in reverance or reflection:

Creator God, we gather in this place and in this time and in your grace. As we do so, I pray that you will inspire the hearts of those gathered here and provide them with the paths of wisdom. Grant that this legislative body hears the call to seek and maintain justice. Provide them with confidence in and for the truth.

During these challenging times, Creator God, I pray for your guidance for these lawmakers. Guide them through their deliberations, their conversations, and in the tasks that are ever before them. May they face difficulties with fortitude,

their duties with fidelity, and in all things gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

I pray for these gathered here, the staff, the pages, and all in this building. Watch over them, enliven their work, and uphold them in your mercy.

I pray for the state of Alaska, for our Nation, and for our world. I ask all of this in your holy name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Mina.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 25th, 26th, and 27th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Ruffridge introduced Maggie Grenier, Guest Page, from Nikiski.

Representative Cronk introduced Genevieve Muldoon, Guest Page, from Eagle.

Representative D. Johnson introduced Tybee and Brodie Repnow, Guest Pages, from Palmer.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following letter dated February 12 was read:

"Dear Mr. President and Madame Speaker:

I respectfully request to change the date I address a joint session of the Legislature from the currently scheduled Wednesday, February 14, 2024, to Thursday, February 15, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

I look forward to seeing you, all members of the Legislature, and discussing the path ahead for the State we love and serve.

For any necessary follow-up, please contact Kara Hollatz, my Regional Director.

Sincerely,

/s/

Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator"

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 89

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

"An Act relating to the day care assistance program and the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 89(FIN)

"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; renaming the day care assistance program the child care assistance program; relating to the child care assistance program and the child care grant program; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; 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 (7): Galvin, Coulombe, Cronk, Tomaszewski, Foster, D. Johnson, Edgmon

No recommendation (3): Stapp, Hannan, Josephson

Amend (1): Ortiz

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 89(FIN):

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 89 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 259

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 259

"An Act establishing the Council on Human and Sex Trafficking; and relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 259(STA)

"An Act establishing the Council on Human and Sex Trafficking; relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

Amend (1): Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 259(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
3. Zero, Dept. of Health
4. Zero, Dept. of Law
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 259 was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 13

The Education Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 13

"An Act relating to costs of and charges for textbooks and other course materials required for University of Alaska courses; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Himschoot, Story, McKay, Prax, McCormick, Ruffridge, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Zero, University of Alaska

SB 13 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Gary Franklin Zepp
By Senator Wilson

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

Honoring – Andrew Slagle
By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Dolores Marie Gard
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam – John Norman Wilson
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam – Erma Sookiayak
By Representatives Prax, Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Frederick Craig McCurdy
By Representatives Prax, Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam – Michael Martin Silva
By Representatives Prax, Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Jared Dye
By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Wayne Anderson Gregory
By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Ann Elizabeth Carrington Nickerson
By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Arthur Mannix
By Senator Claman; Representatives Shaw, Fields

In Memoriam – Allen Menaker
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring – Gary Franklin Zepp, 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 – Gary Franklin Zepp
By Senator Wilson

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

HB 284

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284 by Representative Allard by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 318

HOUSE BILL NO. 318 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure of information by nonprofit corporations."

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

HB 319

HOUSE BILL NO. 319 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to game management; relating to a hunting license surcharge and related revenue; and relating to regulations of the Board of Game."

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

HB 320

HOUSE BILL NO. 320 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act relating to the effect of a decree of adoption or termination of parental rights on the legal relationship between a person and the person's siblings."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

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 - Tom Kizzia

By Representatives Gray, Vance; Senator Bishop

Honoring - Leah Sahr

By Representative McCormick; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Literacy Council of Alaska, 50th Anniversary

By Senator Myers; Representatives Carrick, Tomaszewski

Honoring - Lightbotics 18185 Team

By Senator Myers; Representatives Prax, Cronk

In Memoriam - Howard Weaver

By Representatives Groh, Galvin, Josephson

In Memoriam - Katherine M. Cleveland "Tatqavin"

By Representative Baker

In Memoriam - Ronald "Ronnie" P. Daanen

By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Mohabbat Ahmadi

By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Richard Hagen II

By Senator Myers; Representative Prax

In Memoriam - Eugene Michael Hansen

By Senator Myers; Representatives Prax, Stapp

In Memoriam - Bernard "Tony" Higdon

By Senators Myers, Kawasaki; Representative Prax

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 McKay – from 8:00 p.m., February 15 to 8:00 p.m., February 18

Representative Baker – from 8:00 p.m., March 1 to 1:00 p.m., March 10 (amended from page 1467)

Representative McKay moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Committee Announcements. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Resources Committee

CHANGED TO:

15 min. after adjournment

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would advance to Unfinished Business. And so, the House advanced to:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 100**

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

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

HB 191

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

"An Act relating to medical care for major emergencies."

HB 196

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 196

"An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 231

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 231

"An Act relating to notice requirements allowing museums to acquire title to undocumented property."

HB 234

Representatives Mina and Himschoot added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

"An Act relating to police officer training; establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission; relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

HB 235

Representatives Mina and Himschoot added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

"An Act relating to the duty of law enforcement agencies to report missing persons; and relating to missing persons."

HB 249

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

"An Act creating the military and veteran family help desk in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and providing for an effective date."

HB 286

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

SB 92

Representative Saddler added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 92(2d RES)

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

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Representative McCabe requested that members stand for a moment of silence to honor the life of Representative Tom Anderson.

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ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 14. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk