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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative C. Johnson be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Guy Crockcroft of Love In the Name of Christ. 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:

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this new day and the honor and privilege of being here in the Alaska House of Representatives.

I'm inspired by the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy, I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Lord, I pray that you would bless each Representative and give them wisdom, compassion, and humility as they work together to serve all Alaskans.

Help each Representative to do justly, and to love mercy; and for those who believe in you and follow you, to walk humbly with you, Lord Jesus, as they perform their duties in this place and across this great State.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Foster.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 77th and 78th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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. 8 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 17.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Health & Social Services Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

John Lloyd

as a member of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Ashley Schaber

as a member of the Board of Pharmacy.

Lorin Bradbury
Bradley McConnell

as members of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners.

The report was signed by Representative Prax, Chair; and Representatives Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Saddler, and Mina.

HB 228

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 228

"An Act establishing the Alaska mental health and psychedelic medicine task force; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 228(STA)

"An Act establishing the Alaska task force for the regulation of psychedelic medicines approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Carrick, Story

No recommendation (3): Carpenter, Wright, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 228(STA):

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

HB 228 was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HB 195**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 195

"An Act relating to the powers of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; establishing a buy-back program for certain set net entry permits;

providing for the termination of state set net tract leases under the buy-back program; closing certain water to commercial fishing; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 195(FSH)

"An Act relating to the powers of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission; relating to administrative areas for regulation of certain commercial set net entry permits; establishing a buy-back program for certain set net entry permits; providing for the termination of state set net tract leases under the buy-back program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Carpenter, Stutes, Vance

No recommendation (1): Himschoot

Amend (2): McCormick, McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 195(FSH):

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

HB 195 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and taken up as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring – Richard "Dick" Shultz and Leilla Shultz
By Representative Cronk

Honoring – Learn Grant Writing
By Representative Armstrong

Honoring – Service High School Boys' Basketball Team, 2024 Ice Jam
Tournament Champions
By Representatives Coulombe, Schrage; Senator Kaufman

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

Honoring – Alan Rockwood
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring – Lora Volden
By Representative Saddler

Honoring – Metlakatla High School, Miss Chiefs Girls' Basketball
Team, 2024 ASAA 2A State Champions
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring – Alaska Broadcasters Association, 60th Anniversary
By Representative Galvin; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring – Chief Thomas R. Opie
By Senator Olson; Representative Baker

Honoring – United Fishermen of Alaska
By Senators Stevens, Kiehl, Bjorkman; Representative Stutes

Honoring – Chugiak High School 60th Anniversary
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

In Memoriam – Juliana Mary "Emuguak" & Howard Farley, Sr.
By Representatives Foster, Cronk; Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Steven Ross Gibson
By Senators Stevens, Bjorkman; Representative Vance

In Memoriam – Bob Summer
By Senator Bjorkman

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring – Richard "Dick" Shultz and Leilla Shultz, Learn Grant Writing, and Service High School Boys' Basketball Team, 2024 Ice Jam Tournament Champions, 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 – Richard "Dick" Shultz and Leilla Shultz
By Representative Cronk

Honoring – Learn Grant Writing
By Representative Armstrong

Honoring – Service High School Boys' Basketball Team, 2024 Ice Jam Tournament Champions
By Representatives Coulombe, Schrage; Senator Kaufman

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS****SB 45**

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(L&C) am

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; relating to the duties of the director of the division of insurance in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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L&C RPT HCS(L&C) 2DP 3NR 2AM	1106
FN1: ZERO(CED)	1106
L&C RPT HCS(2D L&C) NEW TITLE 4DP 1NR 1AM	1652
FN2: ZERO(CED)	1652

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

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(2d L&C)

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; and relating to the duties of the director of the division of insurance in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

(technical title change)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection.

There was further objection.

**The presence of Representative C. Johnson, who was excused (page 2043), was noted.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 45(L&C) am

Second Reading

Adopt 2d Labor & Commerce CS

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

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

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

And so, HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) would be held in second reading to the April 5 calendar.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HCR 15**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Designating May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 5 - 11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(H.HSS)

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Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 31:

Delete "the environment and societal"

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

Representative Prax objected.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall HCR 15 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 15

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, 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

Absent: C.Johnson

And so, HCR 15 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the April 1 calendar (page 2037), would be held to the April 5 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the permanent fund, relating to transfers out of the permanent fund, and requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam – James "Jim" Bradley Tweto

By Representatives Foster, D. Johnson; Senator Olson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 45

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent to set an amendment deadline of 2:00 p.m., today for HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) (page 2049).

There was objection.

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Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to amend the deadline to 2:00 p.m., April 5.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House amend the amendment deadline of 2:00 p.m., today to 2:00 p.m., April 5 for HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)

Set an amendment deadline to 2:00 p.m., today

Amend to 2:00 p.m., April 5

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 23 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

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

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

Absent: C.Johnson

And so, the motion failed.

Representative Allard rose to a point of order regarding improper remarks concerning members of the body.

The Speaker cautioned that it is not proper to discuss the motives of other members.

Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent to amend the deadline to 6:00 p.m., today.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House amend the amendment deadline of 2:00 p.m., today to 6:00 p.m., today for HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)

Set an amendment deadline to 2:00 p.m., today

Amend to 6:00 p.m., today

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tomaszewski

Nays: C.Johnson, McKay, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Tilton, Vance, Wright

And so the motion passed.

The question being: "Shall the House set an amendment deadline of 6:00 p.m., today for HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C)

Set an amendment deadline to 6:00 p.m., today

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, the motion passed.

HB 150

Representative Wright added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 150

"An Act relating to residential building codes; relating to construction contractors and residential contractor endorsements; and providing for an effective date."

HB 196

Representative Carrick added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 196

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

SB 22

Representatives Carrick and Armstrong added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE BILL NO. 22

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

SB 24

Representative Armstrong added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(FIN)

"An Act relating to mental health education; and providing for an effective date."

SB 88

Representatives Carrick and Schrage added as cross sponsors to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 88(FIN)

"An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HCR 15

HCR 15 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.

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The following meeting today was changed:

Finance Committee

CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., April 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk