

# HOUSE JOURNAL

## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

### TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Friday

February 4, 2005

#### Twenty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 10:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 29 members present. Representatives Berkowitz, Crawford, Gatto, Gardner, Joule, Ramras, Rokeberg, Stoltze, Thomas, and Weyhrauch had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representative Kott was absent.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Gary Waterhouse of the Juneau and Sitka Seventh-day Adventist Churches. Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord, today is Friday and there are still some loose ends that we would like to tie up before our work is completed for a couple days. We pray for guidance and direction for this day. And when our work is laid aside, we pray for safety on the highways and in the airplanes and on the ferries. Many will be rejoining family members and we ask that those reunions be joyful and beneficial. We pray that this weekend will give us the rest we need physically, mentally, and spiritually and that Monday will again find us back here again in our usual places refreshed and renewed to serve You and the state of Alaska. For those who are missing from our midst because of sickness, we pray for their speedy recovery.

May God be with each of us. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kelly.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 24th and 25th 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 February 2, 2005, was read stating the Senate has accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., March 30 to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

A message dated February 2, 2005, was read stating the Senate has passed the following and it is transmitted for consideration:

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

#### **SB 14**

SENATE BILL NO. 14 by Senator Gary Stevens, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal initiative and referendum elections."

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Alaska Court System  
2004 Travel and Compensation Report  
January 31, 2005  
(as required by AS 22.20.037)

Legislative Affairs Agency  
Division of Legal and Research Services  
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with  
Delayed Repeals or Delayed Amendments and  
Examining Court Decisions and  
Opinions of the Attorney General  
Construing Alaska Statutes  
(as required by AS 24.20.065)

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### **HB 69**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee has considered:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 69

"An Act relating to contracts for the provision of state public assistance to certain recipients in the state; providing for regional public assistance plans and programs in the state; relating to grants for Alaska Native family assistance programs; relating to assignment of child support by Alaska Native family assistance recipients; relating to paternity determinations and genetic testing involving recipients of assistance under Alaska Native family assistance programs; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Cissna, Neuman, Kott, Salmon, LeDoux, Olson, Thomas

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 69 was referred to the Health, Education & Social Services Committee.

**HB 76**

The Resources Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

"An Act relating to the Big Game Commercial Services Board and to the regulation of big game hunting services and transportation services; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (8): Gatto, Kapsner, Olson, Elkins, Seaton, LeDoux, Ramras, Samuels

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 76 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 79**

The State Affairs Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

"An Act making a supplemental appropriation for increased operating costs of the division of elections; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Gardner, Lynn, Gatto, Elkins, Ramras, Seaton

No recommendation (1): Gruenberg

HB 79 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 90**

The Labor & Commerce Committee has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

"An Act requiring warrants drawn by the Department of Administration against the state treasury to be negotiable instruments."

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

Do pass (5): Lynn, Kott, LeDoux, Guttenberg, Anderson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 90 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES****HB 83**

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs has considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

"An Act relating to the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 83(MLV)

"An Act relating to the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): McGuire, Cissna, Elkins, Dahlstrom, Gruenberg, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 83(MLV):

1. Zero, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs
2. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 83 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Rayme L. Vinson  
By Representatives Harris, Kerttula

Honoring - Lorene C. Harrison  
By Representative Gara; Senator Ellis

Honoring - Jean Ward, 2004 Milken Family Foundation, National Educator Award  
By Senator Ellis

Honoring - The Fairbanks Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Celebrating 100 Years of Dedication to the Community  
By Senator Wilken

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

#### **HB 126**

HOUSE BILL NO. 126 by Representative LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act relating to the state alcoholic beverage tax for certain wine and other beverages and to the treatment of two or more taxpayers who have a relationship for purposes of applying the tax for certain wine and other beverages."

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

**HB 127**

HOUSE BILL NO. 127 by Representatives McGuire, Gara, Elkins, Wilson, Kapsner, Kerttula, and Anderson, entitled:

"An Act relating to service in the peace corps and to service as a diplomat in the United States Foreign Service as allowable absences from the state for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends and to the period for filing an application for a permanent fund dividend; authorizing the Department of Revenue to issue administrative orders imposing sanctions for certain misrepresentations or other actions concerning eligibility for a permanent fund dividend and providing for administrative appeal of those orders; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 128**

HOUSE BILL NO. 128 by Representatives McGuire, Gara, Wilson, and Dahlstrom, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Schools Physical Activity Task Force."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Education and the Health, Education & Social Services and Finance Committees.

**HB 129**

HOUSE BILL NO. 129 by Representatives Kerttula, Wilson, and Gara, entitled:

"An Act relating to eligibility of nurses for the teachers' and nurses' housing loan program of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

was read the first time and referred to the Health, Education & Social Services and Finance Committees.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Coghill 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 - Kenai Chamber of Commerce, 2004 Community Awards  
By Senator Wagoner; Representatives Olson, Chenault, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Gara, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Holm, Kapsner, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, Lynn, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Ramras, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

In Memoriam - Jon William Paulsen  
By Representatives Guttenberg, Harris, Anderson, Berkowitz, Chenault, Cissna, Coghill, Crawford, Croft, Dahlstrom, Elkins, Foster, Gara, Gatto, Gruenberg, Hawker, Holm, Kapsner, Kohring, Kott, LeDoux, McGuire, Meyer, Neuman, Olson, Ramras, Rokeberg, Samuels, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Weyhrauch, Wilson

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Coghill 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 Kott - from 7:00 a.m., February 5 to 9:30 p.m., plane time, February 7, 2005

Representative Cissna - from 12:30 p.m., February 7 to 10:00 p.m., plane time, February 8, 2005

Representative Weyhrauch - from 10:00 a.m., February 8 to noon, plane time, February 9, 2005



Representative Harris - from noon, February 8 to 9:30 a.m., plane time, February 14, 2005

Representative Kapsner - from 7:00 a.m., February 9 to 7:00 p.m., plane time, February 12, 2005

**HB 15**

The Labor & Commerce Committee submitted a corrected committee substitute for their report (page 210). The following bill is being printed today:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 15(L&C)

"An Act relating to outdoor recreation lodge alcoholic beverage licenses; relating to transfer of certain beverage dispensary licenses issued before June 6, 1985; and providing for an effective date."

HB 15 is in the Finance Committee.

**HB 122**

Representative Elkins added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 122

"An Act relating to payment of premiums for Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance on behalf of members of the Alaska National Guard deployed to a combat zone; and providing for an effective date."

**SB 14**

Representative Seaton added his name as cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 14

"An Act relating to municipal initiative and referendum elections."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 7, 2005. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk