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Thirty-second Day

The House was called to order by Speaker Harris at 9:57 a.m.

The following members were present for the technical session: Representatives Harris, Coghill, Fairclough, Johansen, Kerttula, and Samuels.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HB 317

A message dated February 13, 2008, was read stating the Governor signed the following bill and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 317

"An Act eliminating the limit on compassionate gifts that a legislator or legislative employee may solicit, accept, or receive under the Legislative Ethics Act; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 2, SLA 2008

Effective Date: February 14, 2008

SB 139

A message dated February 13, 2008, was read stating the Governor signed the following bill and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

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HOUSE CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE
BILL NO. 139(JUD)

"An Act modifying the criteria used to limit liability for certain
airfield owners or operators."

Chapter No. 3, SLA 2008

Effective Date: May 13, 2008

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated February 13, 2008, was read stating the Senate
accepted the revised invitation to meet in joint session in the House
Chamber at 11:00 a.m., March 18 to hear an address by the Honorable
Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dept. of Education & Early Development
Office of the Commissioner
Annual Report on Progress Toward
High Academic Performance by All Students
(as required by AS 14.03.078)

HCR 6

Pursuant to:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 6(SED)

Relating to civics education and a citizens' advisory task force.

The following was received:

Alaska State Legislature
Citizens' Advisory Task Force on
Civics Education Policy
Final Report and Recommendations
January 2008

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HCR 21**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Supporting the National Crime Victims' Rights Week of 2008.

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

Do pass (5): Gruenberg, Lynn, Dahlstrom, Holmes, Ramras

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Judiciary Committee

HCR 21 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HJR 24

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Opposing any law that would establish a federal insurance regulatory system.

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

Do pass (3): Gardner, Buch, Olson

No recommendation (2): LeDoux, Gatto

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Labor & Commerce Committee

HJR 24 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 147

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act relating to matching funds in state tourism marketing contracts with trade associations."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 147(FIN)

"An Act relating to matching funds and state money for state tourism marketing contracts with trade associations; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Meyer, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Crawford, Kelly, Joule, Nelson

No recommendation (2): Thomas, Meyer

Amend (1): Gara

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 147(FIN):

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

HB 147 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 279

The Health, Education & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 279

"An Act relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Commission on Aging and the Department of Health and Social Services."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 279(HES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Cissna, Keller, Fairclough, Gardner, Roses, Wilson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 279(HES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 279 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 285

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of widows and widowers of certain members of the armed forces of the United States; and providing that this Act may be known as the Sergeant Irving Hernandez, Jr., Act."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 285(CRA)

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of widows and widowers of certain members of the armed forces of the United States."

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

Do pass (9): Crawford, Gara, Nelson, Stoltze, Joule, Hawker, Thomas, Meyer, Chenault

No recommendation (1): Kelly

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 285(CRA):

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

HB 285 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 289

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

"An Act exempting employers from paying unemployment tax for crewmembers on fishing vessels that respond or prepare to respond to, or that prepare for or engage in an emergency or practice drill response to, an oil spill; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FSH)

"An Act exempting employers from paying unemployment tax for temporary services provided by fishing vessel crewmembers and related to emergency oil spill training and response activities; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Gardner, LeDoux, Buch, Gatto

No recommendation (2): Neuman, Olson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 289(FSH):

2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 289 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 293

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 293

"An Act relating to the location of the convening of the legislature in session and to the relocation of functions of state government; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Johnson, Roses, Lynn

Do not pass (2): Gruenberg, Doll

Amend (1): Coghill

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/All Depts.
2. Fiscal, Legislative Agency

HB 293 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 319

The Health, Education & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 319

"An Act relating to the practice of dentistry and to dental assistants."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 319(HES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (1): Fairclough

No recommendation (2): Keller, Gardner

Amend (3): Cissna, Roses, Wilson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 319(HES):

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

HB 319 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 325

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 325

"An Act relating to the teachers' and nurses' housing loan program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 325(FIN)

"An Act relating to the teachers' and health care professionals' housing loan program in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (8): Crawford, Thomas, Stoltze, Hawker, Joule, Nelson, Meyer, Chenault

No recommendation (2): Gara, Kelly

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 325(FIN):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 325 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HCR 21

Representatives Ramras, Dahlstrom, Lynn, Gruenberg, and Holmes added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

Supporting the National Crime Victims' Rights Week of 2008.

HB 285

Representatives Gara and Crawford added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

"An Act relating to an optional exemption from municipal property taxes for residences of widows and widowers of certain members of the armed forces of the United States; and providing that this Act may be known as the Sergeant Irving Hernandez, Jr., Act."

HB 366

Representative Gardner added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 366

"An Act relating to an exemption from public disclosure of certain appropriations from the dividend fund; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published daily under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Samuels moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 9:00 a.m., February 19, 2008. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk