

# HOUSE JOURNAL

## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

### TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

January 25, 2012

#### Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Olson, Thomas, and T. Wilson were absent.

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Thompson be excused from a call of the House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

O Heavenly Father:

Today this body of people has assembled for the purpose of governing the people and resources of the great state of Alaska. I ask for your guidance for this assembly of people who have been entrusted with the duties of state. As we follow those who have gone before us, may we be true to the good of our fellow citizens and humble enough to look from another point of view.

May we be sober minded, have clarity of purpose, and be honest with ourselves as we look to the business of this day.

May we be found with justice, fairness, and concern for others as we deal with delicate issues. May we receive strength, courage, and patience from on high as we go through this day to sustain us on the wings of truth and honor above the strife and conflict of this day. Bless this body today.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Fairclough.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

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

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Representative Johnson introduced Michaela Bradner, Sergeant-at-Arms, from Anchorage.

Representative Johansen introduced Connor Pihl, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, from Ketchikan.

Representative Lynn introduced David Head, House Page, from Anchorage.

Representative Dick introduced Elijah Verhagen, House Page, from Nenana.

Representative Stoltze introduced Justin Shattuck, House Page, from Chugiak.

Representative Munoz introduced Hanna Davis, House Page, from Juneau.

Representative Kerttula introduced Yasmine Habash and Mackenzie Burnett, House Pages, from Juneau.

\*\*Representative Thompson, who was excused (page 1403), left the Chamber.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letters dated January 19, 2012, were received from Walter L. Carpeneti, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating that pursuant to AS 24.60.130 he has nominated the following public members for reappointment to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Dennis Cook  
Herman Walker, Jr.

The Speaker referred the appointments to the Judiciary Committee.

The following were received:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
Advisory Opinions Rendered by the Committee  
Volume XXXII  
January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011  
(as required by AS 24.60.150)

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
Public Decisions Issued by the Committee  
Volume XIV  
January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011  
(as required by AS 24.60.150)

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development  
Office of the Commissioner  
Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Program  
FY 11 Achievement Report and  
FY 12 Annual Performance Plan under  
Strategic & Performance Plans  
Available at <http://www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/oshhome.htm>  
(as required by AS 18.60.040)

**SB 46**

Pursuant to SB 46-BUDGET: CAPITAL (Chapter No. 5, FSSLA 11), the following was received:

Port of Anchorage Intermodal Expansion Project  
Quarterly Report for the Fourth Quarter 2011  
January 13, 2012  
[www.portofalaska.com](http://www.portofalaska.com)

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES****HB 247**

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 247

"An Act establishing July 30 each year as Alaska National Guard Day."

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

Do pass (6): Lynn, Austerman, Cissna, Miller, Saddler, Thompson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 247 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 - Jason W. Brune  
By Senator Giessel; Representative Costello

Honoring - Scott McKim  
By Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Reverend Jesse and Lillian Faye Johnson Mitchell,  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
By Senator Davis

Honoring - Ducks Unlimited - 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Gara

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

**HCR 20**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20 by Representative  
P. Wilson:

Designating February 2012 as American Heart Month.

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services  
Committee.

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

**HB 272**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 272 by  
Representatives GARA, GUTTENBERG, GARDNER, KERTTULA,  
HOLMES, TUCK, KAWASAKI, PETERSEN, GRUENBERG,  
CISSNA, and Miller, entitled:

"An Act providing for a reduction in interest on postsecondary  
education loans for residents."

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

**HB 293**

HOUSE BILL NO. 293 by Representatives Tuck, Gardner, Kerttula,  
Gruenberg, Miller, and Lynn, entitled:

"An Act relating to the rights of crime victims; relating to the  
duties of prosecuting attorneys; and amending Rule 45, Alaska  
Rules of Criminal Procedure."

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

**HB 294**

HOUSE BILL NO. 294 by Representatives Edgmon and Herron, entitled:

"An Act relating to the power cost equalization program."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Finance Committee.

**HB 295**

HOUSE BILL NO. 295 by Representative Hawker, entitled:

"An Act approving an interim classification by the commissioner of natural resources closing certain land within the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages to new mineral entry; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 296**

HOUSE BILL NO. 296 by the House Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to service of process on prisoners; relating to the crime of escape; relating to the definition of 'correctional facility'; amending Rule 4, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 297**

HOUSE BILL NO. 297 by the House Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act adopting and relating to the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act."

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

**HB 298**

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 by Representatives Seaton and Kawasaki, entitled:

"An Act exempting sand and gravel and marketable earth mining operations from the mining license tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

Representative Austerman 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:

Honoring - Robert B. Hoekzema

By Senator Giessel; Representatives Chenault, Cissna, Costello, Dick, Doogan, Edgmon, Fairclough, Feige, Foster, Gara, Gardner, Gatto, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Holmes, Johansen, Johnson, Joule, Kawasaki, Keller, Kerttula, Lynn, Miller, Millett, Munoz, Neuman, Olson, Petersen, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stoltze, Thomas, Thompson, Tuck, P. Wilson, T. Wilson

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Austerman 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 Chenault – from 6:30 a.m., January 27 to 1:00 p.m., January 29

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Representative Herron – from 6:00 p.m., January 27 to 10:30 a.m., January 30

Representative Doogan – from 8:00 a.m., February 4 to 9:00 a.m., February 8

Representative Holmes – from 6:30 p.m., February 17 to 10:30 a.m., February 20

Representative Gardner – from:

6:00 p.m., February 10 to 10:00 p.m., February 12;

6:00 p.m., February 17 to 2:00 p.m., February 19; and

7:00 p.m., February 21 to 10:00 a.m., February 27

**HJR 16**

Representative Johansen added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to state aid for education.

**HJR 29**

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Urging the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, to plug legacy wells properly and to reclaim the legacy well sites as soon as possible in order to protect the environment in the Arctic region.

**HB 145**

Representative Johansen added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

"An Act establishing the parental choice scholarship program to be administered by school districts for the purpose of paying the cost of attending grades kindergarten through 12 at public and private schools; and providing for an effective date."



**HB 232**

Representative Lynn added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

"An Act amending the medical examination requirements for firefighters entitled to a presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain diseases."

**HB 234**

Representative Austerman added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

"An Act relating to picketing or protests at a funeral."

**HB 243**

Representative Kerttula added her name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 243

"An Act prohibiting certain automated telephone solicitations."

**HB 247**

Representative Miller added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 247

"An Act establishing July 30 each year as Alaska National Guard Day."

**HB 275**

Representative Miller added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

"An Act requiring that a policy of group health insurance offered by the state and certain local governments include coverage for colorectal screening, allow retirees to choose between brand-name and generic drug products, and limit certain prescription drug benefit payments to an amount based on the cost of the generic drug product."

**HB 281**

Representative Austerman added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 281

"An Act establishing March 30 of each year as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

**HB 282**

Representative Austerman added his name as cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

"An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military service members."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Austerman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 27, 2012. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk