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Fifty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 12:34 p.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representative Hawker had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Neuman was absent and his presence was noted later. There was one vacancy.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Sue Bahleda of Resurrection Lutheran Church. Representative Wilson 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 diversity of voices, beliefs, and practices that call out to a power beyond our individual selves, I offer the following prayer:

Compassionate One:

We have been made witnesses to hopelessness and despair. We have also been made witnesses to care, skill, responses, and resources that fight for life. Help us this day to seek paths of life for all who depend on the work of this body, this house. Help these servants whom you have called to this mighty

work to use their gifts for the well-being of all. For the sake of the people they serve, for the sake of the land they steward, give them courage, open them to surprise, fill their speech with grace, turn their hearts to the vulnerable, make them models of justice and joy. Help us all to know your peace. Strengthen us all to abide in your peace. Bless us all as we rest in your peace. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Millett.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 49th and 50th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Tuck introduced Briella and Kendal Herron, Guest Pages, from Bethel.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following letter dated March 8, 2016, was read:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Pursuant to my authority under Article II, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution, I have appointed Ivy Spohnholz to fill the vacancy in the Alaska State House of Representatives, District 16.

Subject to confirmation by the House Democrats, Ivy Spohnholz will hold this office for the remainder of the unexpired term for House District 16.

Sincerely,
/s/
Bill Walker
Governor"

COMMUNICATIONS

The following letter dated March 8, 2016, was read:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

This letter affirms that the members of the House of Representatives who are Democrats unanimously confirmed Governor Bill Walker's appointment of Ivy Spohnholz to fill the vacant House District 16 seat on this day.

I sign this letter on behalf of the members of both the minority and majority caucuses of the House of Representatives who are Democrats.

Best regards,

/s/

Representative Chris Tuck, D - Anchorage
Alaska Independent Democratic Coalition Leader"

A letter dated March 7, 2016, was received from Lieutenant Governor Mallott, stating he certified the proper filing of the following petition, and it is on file in the Chief Clerk's office: "An Act Allowing Qualified Individuals to Register to Vote When Applying for a Permanent Fund Dividend."

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 227**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

"An Act relating to medical assistance reform measures; relating to administrative appeals of civil penalties for medical assistance providers; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to audits and civil penalties for medical assistance providers; relating to medical assistance cost containment measures by the Department of Health and Social

Services; relating to medical assistance coverage of clinic and rehabilitative services; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 227(HSS)

"An Act relating to medical assistance reform measures; relating to administrative appeals of civil penalties for medical assistance providers; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to audits and civil penalties for medical assistance providers; relating to medical assistance cost containment measures by the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to medical assistance coverage of clinic and rehabilitative services; relating to federal reimbursement for Alaska Native health services; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Stutes, Talerico, Wool, Tarr, Foster, Seaton

Do not pass (1): Vazquez

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 227(HSS):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
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HB 227 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 256

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, making reappropriations, making supplemental appropriations, and making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 256(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; repealing appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Saddler, Edgmon, Munoz, Neuman, Thompson

No recommendation (4): Pruitt, Wilson, Guttenberg, Gattis,

Amend (2): Kawasaki, Gara

HB 256 is on today's calendar.

HB 257

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 257(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Saddler, Edgmon, Munoz, Neuman, Thompson

No recommendation (5): Pruitt, Gara, Wilson, Guttenberg, Gattis

Amend (1): Kawasaki

HB 257 is on today's calendar.

**The presence of Representative Neuman was noted.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - The Spear Squadron Ranger Battalion of the Nepalese Army

By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Ronald McMahan

By Representative Guttenberg

In Memoriam - Charles Caldwell Hawley

By Representative Hawker

In Memoriam - Doug Demarest

By Senator Gardner

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 370**

HOUSE BILL NO. 370 by the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal tax exemptions."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 256**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, making reappropriations, making supplemental appropriations, and making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 256(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; repealing appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 256(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 256(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 257

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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FIN RPT CS(FIN) NT 5DP 5NR 1AM

1759

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 257(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 257(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 257(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Millett 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 - Evangeline Cox

By Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool; Senator Micciche

Honoring - Steve Heimel

By Senator Gardner; Representatives Drummond, Gara, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Edgmon, Foster, Gattis, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

Honoring - West High School Eagles, 2016 4A Hockey State Champions

By Senators Costello, Stoltze; Representatives Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Dorothy Joan Burnett Henry

By Representatives Vazquez, Gara, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gattis, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Doctor Julius Rockwell

By Senator Gardner; Representatives Drummond, Josephson, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Austin Hunter Edenfield

By Senator Huggins; Representatives Neuman, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Colver – from 6:00 p.m., March 11 to 10:00 p.m., March 13

HB 186

Representative Stutes added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

"An Act relating to vehicle registration; relating to off-road system restricted noncommercial drivers' licenses; relating to off-road system eligible areas; and relating to motor vehicle liability insurance."

HB 328

Representative Herron added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 328

"An Act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date."

SB 9

Representative Claman added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 9

"An Act repealing the authority to include certain material from a political party in the election pamphlet."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

Resources Committee

CHANGED TO: 15 minutes upon adjournment

Labor & Commerce Committee

CHANGED TO: 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 10, 2016. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk