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First Day

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska assembled in the House Chamber for the first regular session of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature, January 17 at 1:03 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor.

The following members of an Honor Guard from the Girl Scouts of Alaska presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Isabel Danner, Cagney Davis, Addy Mallott, Ainsley Mallott, Devin Moorehead, Annika Pearson, Cherri Porter, Amara Sanguni, Ella Schwartz

The following members of the Alaska Youth Choir and the Juneau-Douglas High School Choir sang "The Alaska Flag Song" under the direction of Richard Moore:

Alaska Youth Choir:
Cooper Blackgoat-Diehl, Kaycee Parady, Brooke Tainter, Piper Blackgoat-Diehl, Faith Montez, Silvester Montez, Leina Tillotson, Elena Lohrey, Amanda McDowell, Toby Russell, Clara Smith, and Blake Terry.

Juneau-Douglas High School Choir:
Lily Deitz, Elija Tuua, Finn Adam, Matthew Woodland, Merriam Meredith, Suzanne Nierra, Lydia Smith, Hunter Hill, Jia Jia Maas, Demetrio Lumba, Kyle Farley-Robinson, Kayla Kohlhase, Sierra Lloyd, Molly York, and Sadie Murphy.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Byron Mallott, Lieutenant Governor. Representative-elect Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

I am honored to accept the invitation of Representative Edgmon to give today's invocation.

Let us reach to the God to which we each pray. Let us recognize that we embark upon another important step in the long journey of Alaskans, and of Alaskans themselves. Let us ask that God to guide us to give this new legislature the wisdom, the strength, the courage, the moral certitude, the integrity, the sense of obligation to advance the interest of the people of our state. Let us remember that there is life in everything that surrounds us. That while we may walk the earth and treat all that is upon it in ways that change it, or grow it, or remove it that ultimately we are but stewards. That the capacity of this great land, Alaska, to continue to provide for Alaskans of many generations to come is something that each living generation has a responsibility to pass forward. In these halls in particular, to remember those who gave guidance and leadership and wisdom in the past - in this Chamber, in the Senate, in the Office of the Governor - those elected by the people of Alaska to serve their interests. To provide wise, considered, deliberative leadership on their behalf such that those things that they seek in their lives in health, in education, in safety, in maintaining the beauty and the economic capacity of this land is something that each will take seriously and act upon profoundly.

For those that go in harm's way to give us the opportunity to continue to live in the greatest country on the face of the earth. To live in the largest state, live to be provincial even before you God, the greatest opportunity, the best place to live, the best place to provide a future for. We pray to you and ask your guidance, your love, and your care. Amen.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott read the following Certificate of Election:

CERTIFICATE

"I, Josie Bahnke, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 8th day of November, 2016, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following are the certified results for the office designated:

House District 1	Scott J. Kawasaki
House District 2	Steve M. Thompson
House District 3	Tammie Wilson
House District 4	David Guttenberg
House District 5	Adam Wool
House District 6	David M. "Dave" Talerico
House District 7	Colleen Sullivan-Leonard
House District 8	Mark A. Neuman
House District 9	George Rauscher
House District 10	David Eastman
House District 11	DeLena Johnson
House District 12	Cathy L. Tilton
House District 13	Dan Saddler
House District 14	Lora Reinbold
House District 15	Gabrielle "Gabby" LeDoux

House District 16	Ivy Spohnholz
House District 17	Andrew L. "Andy" Josephson
House District 18	Harriet A. Drummond
House District 19	Geran Tarr
House District 20	Les S. Gara
House District 21	Matt Claman
House District 22	Jason S. Grenn
House District 23	Chris S. Tuck
House District 24	Charles M. "Chuck" Kopp
House District 25	Charisse E. Millett
House District 26	Chris Birch
House District 27	Lance Pruitt
House District 28	Jennifer B. Johnston
House District 29	Charles M. "Mike" Chenault
House District 30	Gary A. Knopp
House District 31	Paul Seaton
House District 32	Louise Stutes
House District 33	Sam S. Kito III
House District 34	Justin Parish
House District 35	Jonathan S. Kreiss-Tomkins

House District 36	Daniel H. "Dan" Ortiz
House District 37	Bryce E. Edgmon
House District 38	Zach Fansler
House District 39	Neal W. Foster
House District 40	Dean Westlake

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 1st day of December, A.D. 2016.

/s/

Josie Bahnke, Director
Division of Elections"

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 1	Scott J. Kawasaki
District 2	Steve M. Thompson
District 3	Tammie Wilson
District 4	David Guttenberg

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 5	Adam Wool
District 6	David M. "Dave" Talerico
District 7	Colleen Sullivan-Leonard
District 8	Mark A. Neuman

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 9	George Rauscher
District 10	David Eastman
District 11	DeLena Johnson
District 12	Cathy L. Tilton

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 13	Dan Saddler
District 14	Lora Reinbold
District 15	Gabrielle "Gabby" LeDoux
District 16	Ivy Spohnholz

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 17	Andrew L. "Andy" Josephson
District 18	Harriet A. Drummond
District 19	Geran Tarr
District 20	Les S. Gara

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 21	Matt Claman
District 22	Jason S. Grenn
District 23	Chris S. Tuck
District 24	Charles M. "Chuck" Kopp

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 25	Charisse E. Millett
District 26	Chris Birch
District 27	Lance Pruitt
District 28	Jennifer B. Johnston

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 29	Charles "Mike" Chenault
District 30	Gary A. Knopp
District 31	Paul Seaton
District 32	Louise Stutes

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 33	Sam S. Kito III
District 34	Justin Parish
District 35	Jonathan S. Kreiss-Tomkins
District 36	Daniel H. "Dan" Ortiz

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

District 37	Bryce E. Edgmon
District 38	Zach Fansler
District 39	Neal W. Foster
District 40	Dean Westlake

Lieutenant Governor Mallott administered the oath of office to the members.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Lieutenant Governor stated that nominations for Speaker pro tempore were now in order.

Representative LeDoux nominated Representative Tuck as Speaker pro tempore and moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered, and Representative Tuck was Speaker pro tempore.

Lieutenant Governor Mallott appointed Representatives Grenn and Reinbold to escort Representative Tuck, Speaker pro tempore, to the rostrum.

Speaker pro tempore Tuck appointed Representative Grenn and Reinbold to escort the Lieutenant Governor from the House Chamber.

Speaker pro tempore Tuck stated that, pursuant to AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules in effect during the previous legislature would serve as the rules of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature until adoption of permanent rules.

SPEAKER

Speaker pro tempore Tuck stated that nominations for Speaker of the House were now in order.

Representative Seaton nominated Representative Edgmon as Speaker of the House and moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed.

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, nominations were closed.

The question being: "Shall Representative Edgmon be elected Speaker of the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Edgmon
Speaker of the House

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

Nays: Eastman

And so, Representative Edgmon was elected Speaker of the House of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature.

Representative Tuck appointed Representatives Stutes and Thompson to escort the Speaker to the rostrum.

The Speaker received a standing ovation and delivered brief opening remarks regarding the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature.

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Roll call showed 40 members present.

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Pursuant to Uniform Rule 1(e), the Speaker appointed the following members to the Committee on Committees:

- Representative Edgmon, Chair
- Representative Foster
- Representative LeDoux
- Representative Seaton
- Representative Tuck
- Representative Millett
- Representative Chenault

The Speaker appointed Representatives Guttenberg and Talerico to advise the Governor that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Claman and Wilson to advise the Senate that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a Call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 2:17 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 2:41 p.m.

Representative Guttenberg reported that the Governor was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Claman reported that the Senate was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A message dated December 20, 2016, was read stating under the provision of art. III, sec 18 of the Alaska Constitution, the Governor requests the opportunity to address a joint session of the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. for the presentation of the State of the State Address.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following report of the Committee on Committees, dated January 17 was received:

The Committee on Committees met and submits the following names of Representatives to serve on the respective House committees:

Community & Regional Affairs: Fansler and Parish, Co-chairs; Drummond, Westlake, Rauscher, Saddler, Talerico; Claman, alternate

Education: Drummond, Chair; Parish, Vice Chair; Fansler, Spohnholz, Johnston, Kopp, Talerico; Tarr, alternate

Finance: Foster and Seaton, Co-chairs; Gara, Vice Chair; Grenn, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Ortiz, Pruitt, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson; Stutes, alternate

Health & Social Services: Spohnholz, Chair; Edgmon, Vice Chair; Kito, Tarr, Eastman, Johnston, Sullivan-Leonard; Kreiss-Tomkins, alternate

Judiciary: Claman, Chair; Fansler, Vice Chair; Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Eastman, Kopp, Reinbold; Stutes, alternate

Labor & Commerce: Kito, Chair; Wool, Vice Chair; Josephson, Stutes, Birch, Knopp, Sullivan-Leonard; Edgmon, alternate

Resources: Josephson and Tarr, Co-chairs; Westlake, Vice Chair; Drummond, Parish, Birch, Johnson, Rauscher, Talerico; Tuck alternate

Rules: LeDoux, Chair; Claman, Vice Chair; Kito, Stutes, Chenault, Eastman, Reinbold

State Affairs: Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair; LeDoux, Vice Chair; Tuck, Wool, Birch, Johnson, Knopp; Josephson, alternate

Transportation: Stutes and Wool, Co-chairs; Claman, Drummond, Kopp, Neuman, Sullivan-Leonard; LeDoux, alternate

HR 1

House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, and Tourism: Westlake, Chair; Edgmon, Josephson, Tuck, Knopp, Neuman, Talerico (pending passage of HR 1)

HR 2

House Special Committee on Energy: Wool, Chair; Spohnholz, Vice Chair; Claman, Westlake, Johnson, Johnston, Rauscher (pending passage of HR 2)

HR 3

House Special Committee on Fisheries: Stutes, Chair; Fansler, Kreiss-Tomkins, Tarr, Chenault, Eastman, Neuman (pending passage of HR 3)

HR 4

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: Tuck, Chair; LeDoux, Vice Chair; Parish, Spohnholz, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler (pending passage of HR 4)

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics: Tuck, Eastman; Parish, Reinbold, alternates

The report was signed by Representative Edgmon, Chair; and Representatives Foster, LeDoux, Seaton, Tuck, Millett, and Chenault.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HR 1**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 2

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Energy.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 3

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

HR 4

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4 by the House Rules Committee:

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

was read the first time and is on today's calendar.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HR 1**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Establishing a House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 1 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 1

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston,

Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

And so, HR 1 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

Senators Bishop and Wielechowski reported that the Senate is organized and ready to do business.

HR 2

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Establishing a House Special Committee on Energy.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 2 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 2

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

And so, HR 2 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 3

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3
Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 3 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 3

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

And so, HR 3 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

HR 4

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4
Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

The following fiscal note was submitted by the Rules Committee:

1. Zero, House Rules Committee

The question being: "Shall HR 4 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HR 4

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

And so, HR 4 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Tuck moved that the House confirm the appointments of Representatives Tuck and Eastman and Representatives Parish and Reinbold (alternates) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House confirm the appointments of Representatives Tuck and Eastman and Representatives Parish and Reinbold (alternates) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Confirm - Representatives Tuck and Eastman

Representatives Parish and Reinbold, Alternates

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fansler, Foster, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Millett, Neuman, Ortiz, Parish, Pruitt, Rauscher, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Spohnholz, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Westlake, Wilson, Wool

And so, the appointments were confirmed.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The Speaker appointed the following members to the Legislative Council:

Representative Kito, Chair
Representative Claman
Representative Edgmon
Representative Guttenberg
Representative Ortiz
Representative Stutes
Representative Millett
Representative Drummond, alternate
Representative Eastman, alternate

The Speaker appointed the following members to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee:

Representative Josephson, Vice Chair
Representative Kawasaki
Representative Seaton
Representative Spohnholz
Representative Johnston
Representative Ortiz, alternate

The Speaker appointed the following members to the Joint Armed Services Committee:

Representative Kawasaki, Co-chair
Representative Fansler
Representative LeDoux
Representative Tarr
Representative Reinbold

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In accordance with Uniform Rule 3, Representative LeDoux nominated Crystalline Jones as Chief Clerk of the House for the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed and Crystalline Jones be elected as Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative LeDoux introduced the following Clerk's staff:

Stephanie Hall
Krisztina Bury
Londi Ensor

Jackie Schulz
Abbey Janes

Representative LeDoux appointed Micaela Bradner as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the Thirtieth Alaska State Legislature.

The Speaker stated that the prefiled bills will be introduced tomorrow, and members have until 4:00 p.m. today to submit new bills to the Chief Clerk's Office for introduction tomorrow.

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Representative Thompson requested that members stand for a moment of silence to honor the life of former representative Mike Kelly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 18. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk