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**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**May 3, 2017**

**One Hundred Seventh Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:37 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Pruitt was absent and his presence was noted later.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Knopp be excused from a call of the House from today to 9:30 p.m., May 7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Saddler. Representative Westlake moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Lord God, ruler of us all, I commend our state and its leaders to your care. Bless this House and all who labor in it. Grant us mindfulness of the sacred responsibility you have placed on us to be servants of the people. Keep before us your example of leadership: how you showed worthiness to lead, through willingness to serve, even to the point of washing the feet of your disciples. Grant us the gifts required for leadership: the wisdom to make decisions that bring order and justice to our society, the compassion to show empathy

for the suffering and less fortunate, the discernment to focus on the essential and disregard the ephemeral, the zeal to apply our talents effectively to the challenges before us, and the humility to accept the limits of our ability to achieve heaven on earth. I pray: that you free us from selfishness, that you fill our hearts with compassion for our brothers and sisters, and that you restore and maintain our faith, so we can better serve your will. I offer this prayer in the name of my Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Johnston.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 105th and 106th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

#### **SB 9**

A message dated April 28 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:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN)

"An Act relating to military facility zones; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 4, SLA 2017

Effective Date: April 29, 2017

#### **SB 46**

A message dated April 30 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:

SENATE BILL NO. 46

"An Act establishing October 25 of each year as African American Soldiers' Contribution to Building the Alaska Highway Day."

Chapter No. 5, SLA 2017

Effective Date: July 29, 2017

### MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated April 26 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

### FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

#### **SB 103**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 103(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska education innovation grant program; eliminating the Alaska education grant program; relating to the funding of and eligibility for the Alaska performance scholarship program; redesignating the Alaska higher education investment fund as the Alaska education innovation grant fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 5 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9.

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### **HB 197**

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 197

"An Act relating to the duties of the commissioner of natural resources; relating to agriculture; and relating to community seed libraries."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 197(RES)

"An Act relating to the duties of the commissioner of natural resources; relating to agriculture; and relating to the personal noncommercial transfer of seed and to community seed libraries."

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

Do pass (6): Birch, Talerico, Westlake, Johnson, Rauscher, Tarr

No recommendation (3): Parish, Drummond, Josephson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 197(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 197 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SCR 2**

The Rules Committee considered:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Proclaiming April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.  
2(2d RLS)

Proclaiming April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month;  
proclaiming April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and  
proclaiming April 6, 2018, as Go Blue Friday.

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

Do pass (4): Eastman, Chenault, Reinbold, LeDoux

Do not pass (2): Kito, Claman

No recommendation (1): Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS SCR 2(2d RLS):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

SCR 2 was returned to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Alaska Youth Orchestras 50th Anniversary  
By Representatives Tuck, Claman

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

Honoring - Jim Duncan  
By Representative Tuck

Honoring - Mike Hodsdon  
By Representative Tuck

Honoring - Victoria Erickson  
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Paul Costello  
By Representatives Kawasaki, Guttenberg

In Memoriam - Reverend Jesse Wilson, Jr.  
By Representative Tuck

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

#### **HB 241**

HOUSE BILL NO. 241 by Representative Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the per diem of members of the legislature; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 242**

HOUSE BILL NO. 242 by Representative Gara, entitled:

"An Act establishing landing fees for the Deadhorse Airport; establishing an oil and gas company contribution toll for use of the James Dalton Highway by certain vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 243**

HOUSE BILL NO. 243 by Representatives Eastman, Wilson, Johnson, Reinbold, and Millett, entitled:

"An Act requiring an advisory vote on the enactment of an individual income tax."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 208**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 208

"An Act relating to trusts and powers of appointment; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 208 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 208 will advance to third reading on the May 5 calendar.

### LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Tuck 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:

In Memoriam - Moses Patrick Paukan, Sr.

By Senator Olson; Representatives Foster, Edgmon, Birch, Chenault, Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Fansler, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, 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

\*\*The presence of Representative Pruitt was noted.

### SENSE OF THE HOUSE

The following Sense of the House was offered by Representatives Eastman, Wilson, Sullivan-Leonard, Rauscher, Reinbold, Tilton, Saddler, Millett, Johnston, Kopp, Chenault, Johnson, and Talerico:

#### "VETERANS CHOICE 2.0

It is the sense of the House that the recent extension of the Veteran's Choice Program, approved by Congress and now signed by the President, is a small but important step to ensuring that our veterans receive the

timely access to healthcare that they have been promised. While designed to improve access to care, and permit veterans on waiting lists for longer than 30 days and who have to travel more than 40 miles, to pursue care at non-VA facilities, the program was previously mired in red tape and has not always delivered care to veterans in a timely manner, resulting in even some veterans who were able to negotiate the red tape and receive approval under the Choice Program to abandon that approval and pursue other options for care. The current effort by VA Secretary Shulkin to reduce red tape and make the VA more responsive to veterans' needs, Veterans Choice 2.0, is a step in the right direction, especially efforts to reduce the high rate of suicide among our nation's military veterans."

Representative Eastman moved that the Sense of the House be adopted.

There was objection.

The Speaker referred the Sense of the House to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Tuck 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 1:00 p.m., May 4 to 8:00 a.m., May 8

Representative Claman – from 6:30 p.m., May 4 to 10:30 a.m., May 6

Representative Grenn – from 7:00 a.m., May 5 to 10:00 p.m., May 7

Representative Guttenberg – from 11:00 a.m., May 6 to 3:00 p.m., May 10

Representative Johnston – from 12:30 p.m., May 5 to 10:00 a.m., May 8



Representative Josephson – from 4:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., May 4; and from 7:00 p.m., May 5 to 7:00 p.m., May 7

Representative Kopp – from 7:00 p.m., May 4 to 10:00 a.m., May 8

Representative Reinbold – from 7:00 a.m., May 4 to 10:00 p.m., May 7

Representative Tilton – from 7:00 p.m., today to 9:45 p.m., May 4

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Alaska Youth Orchestras 50th Anniversary, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Alaska Youth Orchestras 50th Anniversary

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **HB 184**

Representative Kito added as a cosponsor to:

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 184**

"An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

**HB 200**

Representative Wool added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 200**

"An Act establishing a top two nonpartisan open primary election system for elective state executive and state and national legislative offices; repealing the special runoff election for the office of United States senator or United States representative; changing appointment procedures relating to precinct watchers and members of precinct election boards, election district absentee and questioned ballot counting boards, and the Alaska Public Offices Commission; requiring certain written notices to appear in election pamphlets and polling places; relating to declarations of candidacy and letters of intent; and amending the definition of 'political party.'"

**SB 6**

Representatives Thompson and Grenn added as cross sponsors to:

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(JUD)**

"An Act relating to the regulation and production of industrial hemp; relating to industrial hemp pilot programs; providing that industrial hemp is not included in the definition of 'marijuana'; and clarifying that adding industrial hemp to food does not create an adulterated food product."

**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., May 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk