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Thirty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:16 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Brandee Gerke, Council Member of the Juneau Shambhala Center. Representative Shaw 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 invite you into a time of reflection and prayer:

The Shambhala teachings are founded on the premise that there is basic human wisdom that can help solve the world's problems. Trungpa Rinpoche, who brought these teachings to the West, taught that this wisdom is human bravery—the ability to face fear and go beyond it.

We use meditation to help us discover and access this bravery and to synchronize our minds and bodies. Meditation practice awakens our trust that the wisdom and compassion we need are already within us. It helps us to know ourselves: our rough parts and our smooth parts, our passion, aggression, ignorance, and wisdom.

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Please take a moment with me to bring your awareness to your body and notice your breathing. Let your thoughts go and for a moment just feel your breath. Connect with your aliveness and humanity.

May you connect with your innate wisdom and confidence.

May you hold your minds steady and hearts open when facing difficult people or circumstances.

May you face difficult decisions without aggression.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rasmussen.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 35th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Education & Early Development
State Board of Education and Early Development
Report to the Alaska State Legislature
January 2019
(as required by AS 14.07.168)

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following citations would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

Honoring - Rabbi Michael Oblath
By Representative Josephson; Senator Wielechowski

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Honoring - Patrick "Jeremy" Pletnikoff
By Representative LeBon; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Rick "Rydell" Green
By Representative Rasmussen

Honoring - The Uniform Law Commission
By Representative Claman; Senator Coghill

Honoring - Goldstream Valley Lions Club
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Coghill

Honoring - Denise Wartes
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative LeBon

Honoring - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representative Drummond

Honoring - Alaska School Activities Association, High School Hall of Fame Class of 2018
By Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Robert B. Gillam
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Colt Richter
By Representative Claman

In Memoriam - Anne B. Sherman
By Representative Wool

In Memoriam - Senator Bettye Jean Davis
By Representatives Drummond, Tarr; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Jason Dean Roberts
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Rena Annabelle Sumner
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

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In Memoriam - Jeff and Charlene Esley
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Ruth Eleanor Louise Niemann
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Jody Lynn Ramos
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Preston Louis Davis
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - John Hajdukovich
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Julie Lynn Farrer-Fogarty
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Ruth Piser
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Holly Myles
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Keith Alan Goss
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Verdie Graham
By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Sarah E. Mitchell
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Bryan Imus
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative LeBon

In Memoriam - James Doak Walker
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

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In Memoriam - John Aqumgaciq Active
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Jerry C. Brigham
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Ray Lloyd Smith
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Hopkins, Wool

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House recessed at 10:29 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:00 a.m.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Edgmon turned the gavel over to President Giessel who called the joint session to order at 11:01 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Giessel appointed Representative LeBon and Senator Stevens to escort the Senator to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

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Senator Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Giessel.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address, and it is published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 3.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative LeBon and Senator Stevens.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Giessel adjourned the joint session at 12:00 p.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:02 p.m.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to the call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 12:02 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 3:22 p.m.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to introduction of guests.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following report of the Committee on Committees, dated February 19 was received:

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

Community & Regional Affairs: Drummond and Hannan, Co-chairs; Claman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Thompson, Jackson, Revak

Education: Drummond and Story, Co-chairs; Hopkins, Tuck, Zulkosky, Johnson, Revak

Finance: Foster and Wilson, Co-chairs; Johnston, Vice Chair; Josephson, Knopp, LeBon, Ortiz, Carpenter, Merrick, Sullivan-Leonard, Tilton

Health & Social Services: Spohnholz and Zulkosky, Co-chairs; Claman, Drummond, Tarr, Jackson, Pruitt

Judiciary: Claman, Chair; LeDoux, Vice Chair; Kopp, Stutes, Wool, Eastman, Shaw

Labor & Commerce: LeDoux and Wool, Co-chairs; Fields, Hannan, Stutes, Revak, Talerico

Resources: Lincoln and Tarr, Co-chairs; Tuck, Vice Chair; Hannan, Hopkins, Spohnholz, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Talerico

Rules: Kopp, Chair; Johnston, Vice Chair; Edgmon, Stutes, Thompson, Eastman, Pruitt

State Affairs: Kreiss-Tomkins and Fields, Co-chairs; LeDoux, Story, Wool, Shaw, Vance

Transportation: Stutes and Wool, Co-chairs; Claman, Drummond, Story, Rasmussen, Talerico

HR 1

House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, and Tourism: Hannan, Chair; Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins, Lincoln, Tuck, Rasmussen, Revak

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HR 2

House Special Committee on Energy: Hopkins, Chair; Fields, Vice Chair; Lincoln, Spohnholz, Zulkosky, Pruitt, Rauscher

HR 3

House Special Committee on Fisheries: Stutes, Chair; Edgmon, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, Tarr, Pruitt, Vance

HR 4

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: LeDoux, Chair; Tuck, Vice Chair; Kopp, Tarr, Thompson, Jackson, Rauscher

The report was signed by Representative Edgmon, Chair; and Representatives Kopp, Foster, Thompson, Wilson, Johnston, and Stutes

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the Committee on Committees report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Committee on Committees Report

Adopt

YEAS: 25 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Wilson, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Merrick, Neuman, Pruitt, Revak, Shaw, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Rasmussen, Rauscher

And so, the Committee on Committees report was adopted.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved that the House confirm the appointments of Representatives Stutes and Johnson and Representatives Hannan and Sullivan-Leonard (alternates) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House confirm the appointments of Representatives Stutes and Johnson and Representatives Hannan and Sullivan-Leonard (alternates) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Confirm - Representatives Stutes and Johnson

Representatives Hannan and Sullivan-Leonard, Alternates

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Merrick, Neuman, Ortiz, Pruitt, Revak, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Wilson, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Eastman, Vance

Excused: Rasmussen, Rauscher

And so, the appointments were confirmed.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The Speaker appointed the following members to the Legislative Council:

Representative Stutes, Vice-chair

Representative Edgmon

Representative Foster

Representative Kopp

Representative Thompson

Representative Wilson

Representative Johnson

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

Representative Tuck, Chair
Representative Foster
Representative Josephson
Representative Spohnholz
Representative Neuman
Representative Johnston, alternate

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

Representative Tarr, Co-chair
Representative LeDoux
Representative Spohnholz
Representative Tuck
Representative Shaw

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

Representative Foster, Co-chair of the Finance Committee, moved and asked unanimous consent to waive Uniform Rule 23(a) for the limited purpose of scheduling a meeting at 1:30 p.m. on February 21 to hear an overview on the Governor's amended budget. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 9:00 a.m., February 20. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk