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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.

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

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 Bettie 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

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

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.

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

**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.



**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

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