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Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

February 20, 2019

Thirty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 9:05 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:

Meditation is training in coming back to being right here in the present moment. The practice of being fully present and welcoming each moment with an open mind is a way to claim courage, kindness, and strength.

Please join me in allowing our minds to settle in the present moment by bringing awareness to our in breath and our out breath.

May you and I see clearly and embrace reality with warmth and kindness.

May you and I dwell in equanimity.

May you and I step into a life of presence with open minds
and open hearts.

May we be wise.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rauscher.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 36th legislative day and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 3 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Talerico introduced Alex Helmer, Guest Page, from Eagle.

Representative Zulkosky introduced Kaylee King, Guest Page, from Bethel.

Representative Ortiz introduced David Bean, Guest Page, from Sitka.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated December 7, 2018, was read stating that, in accordance with AS 44.19.040 and art. III, sec. 13, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Lieutenant Governor Successor

Dr. Michael Johnson

The resume for the appointment is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

Letters dated January 15, 17, and 31 were read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and AS 44.39.030 and art. III, sec. 25,

Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

Commissioner, Department of Administration (withdrawn 1/25/19)

John Quick

Appointed: 12/3/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism and the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Julie Anderson

Appointed: 12/3/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the Finance Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Revenue

Bruce Tangeman

Appointed: 12/3/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game

Douglas Vincent-Lang

Appointed: 1/16/2019

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services

Adam Crum

Appointed: 12/3/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary and Finance Committees:

Attorney General, Department of Law

Kevin Clarkson

Appointed: 12/5/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Tamika Ledbetter

Appointed: 12/3/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

Jason Brune

Appointed: 12/3/2018

Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

Corri Feige

Appointed: 12/3/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Commissioner & Adjutant General, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Torrence Saxe

Appointed: 12/21/2018

Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Amanda Price

Appointed: 12/5/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs and Finance Committees:

Commissioner, Department of Administration

Kelly Tshibaka

Appointed: 1/31/2019

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees:

Commissioner, Department of Corrections

Nancy Dahlstrom

Appointed: 12/5/2018

The Speaker referred the following to the Transportation Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

John MacKinnon

Appointed: 12/3/2018

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A letter dated February 12 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 44.64.010, the Governor submits the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Kathleen Frederick

Appointed: 3/1/2014

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

A resume for the appointment is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

Letters dated January 15, 29, February 1, 12, and 15 were read stating that, in accordance with AS 14.40.150 and AS 39.05.080 and art. VII, sec. 3, and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees:

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Dan Sullivan – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

Board of Education and Early Development

Bob Griffin – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/15/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Tiffany Scott – Kotzebue

Appointed: 3/2/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Sally Stockhausen – Ketchikan

Appointed: 1/15/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Kalesha Dolan – Eagle River (withdrawn February 15)

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Todd Smoldon – Willow

Appointed: 1/23/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Janine Todd – Delta Junction

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Tamara Van Wyhe – Glennallen

Appointed: 1/8/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

University of Alaska Regents

John Bania – Wrangell

Appointed: 2/4/2019

Term Expires: 2/1/2027

Darroll Hargraves

Appointed: 2/4/2019

Term Expires: 2/1/2027

Tamera Randolph (withdrawn 2/1/2019)

Appointed: 1/8/2019

Term Expires: 2/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Ken McCarty – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Joe Riggs – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

John Sturgeon – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

Jedediah Cox – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Trevor Shaw – Ketchikan

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Alaska Judicial Council

Dave Parker – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2013

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

John Francis – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Karen Smith – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Wes Tegeler – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Charlie Cross – Nome

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Jessica Steele – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/11/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Board of Dental Examiners

Brittany Dschaak – Dillingham

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Jesse Hronkin – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Kelly Lucas – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/25/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

David Nielson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Jonathan P. Woller – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Paula Harrison – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Dennis Moen – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Bob Shefchik – Fairbanks (withdrawn February 12)

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Marijuana Control Board

Christopher Jaime – Soldotna

Appointed: 1/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Vivian Stiver – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Noah Shields – Kenai

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Massage Therapists

Julie Endle – Palmer

Appointed: 1/24/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Dana Espindola – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Cathy Mosher – Willow

Appointed: 1/25/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Board of Nursing

Shannon Connelly – Palmer

Appointed: 1/25/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Marisha Dieters – Eagle River

Appointed: 1/25/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Emily Henry – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/15/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Wendy Monrad – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/25/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Danette Schloeder – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Julie Tisdale – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

Vincent Perez – Wasilla

Appointed: 7/12/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Brad Cross – Soldotna

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Pharmacy

Leif Holm – North Pole

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy

Enlow Walker – North Pole

Appointed: 5/14/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Matthew Dammeyer – Soldotna

Appointed: 1/24/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Erin Johnson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Ashlee Stetson – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/2/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Real Estate Commission

Cheryl Markwood – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Jaime Matthews – Glennallen

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

PeggyAnn McConnochie – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Margaret Nelson – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/26/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Jesse Sumner – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Michael Tavoliero – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Social Work Examiners

Geoffry McCormick – North Pole

Appointed: 5/14/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Colleen Vague – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Scott Flamme – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Bradley Austin – Juneau

Appointed: 10/1/2010

Term Expired: 3/1/2013

Reappointed: 3/1/2013

Term Expired: 3/1/2016

Reappointed: 3/1/2016

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Randy Beltz – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Charles "Chuck" Collins Jr. – Juneau

Appointed: 6/1/2010	Term Expired: 3/1/2012
Reappointed: 3/1/2012	Term Expired: 3/1/2015
Reappointed: 3/1/2015	Term Expired: 3/1/2018
Reappointed: 5/14/2018	Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Bob Doyle – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
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Julie Duquette – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
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Sara Faulkner – Homer

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
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Al Haynes – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
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Sarah Lefebvre – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2009	Term Expired: 3/1/2010
Reappointed: 3/1/2010	Term Expired: 3/1/2013
Reappointed: 3/1/2013	Term Expired: 3/1/2016
Reappointed: 3/1/2016	Term Expires: 3/1/2019
Reappointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Christopher Twiford – Kodiak (withdrawn February 12)

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
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The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Jason Bunch – Kodiak

Appointed: 3/2/2018	Term Expires: 3/1/2019
Reappointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Tom Harris – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/11/2018	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
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Cash Joyce – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/29/2018	Term Expires: 3/1/2019
Reappointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Marilyn Charles – Emmonak

Appointed: 1/28/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Moses Toyukak Sr. – Manokotak

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

State Commission for Human Rights

Marcus Sanders – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

State Board of Parole

Edie Grunwald – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Personnel Board

Craig Johnson – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Alaska Public Offices Commission

Suzanne Hancock – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

James McDermott – Fairbanks

Appointed: 8/20/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Rick Stillie – Delta Junction

Appointed: 1/16/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees:

Alaska Police Standards Council

Stephen Dutra – North Pole

Appointed: 5/14/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Rebecca Hamon – King Salmon

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2015

Reappointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2015

Term Expires: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Burke Waldron – Bethel

Appointed: 1/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Joseph White – Ketchikan

Appointed: 5/14/2018

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

Jennifer Winkelman – Juneau

Appointed: 1/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

The Speaker referred the following to the Transportation Committee:

Board of Marine Pilots

Edward Sinclair – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

Letters dated January 25, February 1, 12, and 15 were received stating the Governor withdraws the following names from legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted:

Commissioner, Department of Administration

John Quick

Appointed: 12/3/2018

University of Alaska Regents

Tamera Randolph – North Pole

Appointed: 1/8/2019

Term Expires: 2/1/2027

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Bob Shefchik – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Kalesha Dolan – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Christopher Twiford – Kodiak

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Initial Finance plan dated September 5, 2018, regarding the 2018 Sustina River Flood Disaster with an accompanying letter dated November 14, 2018, from Governor Walker were received. The initial finance plan and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter including initial finance plans dated December 2, 2018, regarding the November 30th earthquake were received from Governor Walker. The Declaration of Disaster Emergency and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

Amended finance plans dated December 14, 2018, regarding the 2013 Spring Flood Disaster and 2013 November Storm Disaster with an accompanying letter dated December 21, 2018, were received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The amended finance plans and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority
Interior Energy Project
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature
February 14, 2019
www.interiorenergyproject.com
(as required by Chapter No. 39, SLA 2015)

Dept. of Education & Early Development
Division of Student Learning
Pilot Project, Curricula Review, Incentives Report
(as required by AS 14.07.180)

Dept. of Administration

Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and the Alaska State Employees Association-General Government Bargaining Unit
November 16, 2018/January 24, 2019
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

Dept. of Administration

Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and the Teachers' Education Association-Mt. Edgecumbe
November 20, 2018/January 24, 2019
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

Dept. of Administration

Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and the Alaska Public Employees Association-Confidential Employees Association
November 21, 2018/January 24, 2019
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

Dept. of Administration

Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and the Public Safety Employee Association-Public Safety Officers Unit
January 24, 2019
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

Dept. of Administration

Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and the Alaska Public Employees Association-Supervisory Bargaining Unit
January 24, 2019
(as required by AS 23.40.215)

The Speaker referred the monetary terms to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Alaska School Activities Association High School Hall of Fame Class of 2019
By Senator Costello

Honoring - Dimond High School Flag Football Team 2018 Cook Inlet Conference Champions

By Senator Costello; Representative Rasmussen

In Memoriam - Mary Ciuniq Pete

By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

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

HCR 1

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representative Eastman:

Suspending certain Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature during the First Regular Session of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature to allow the house of representatives to organize to do business; and providing for temporary rules for the house of representatives.

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

HJR 1

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representatives Rauscher and Jackson:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibiting the imposition of a broad-based individual income tax or statewide general sales tax without the approval of the voters of the state.

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

HJR 2

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by Representative Claman:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the duration of regular sessions of the legislature.

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

HJR 3

(Profile released January 11)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3 by Representative Tuck:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and establishing the earnings reserve account.

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

HJR 4

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Representative Rauscher:

Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 or a similar bill.

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

HJR 5

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibiting the establishment of, or increase to, a state tax without the approval of the voters of the state; and relating to the initiative process.

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 29 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IX, Section 1. The proposed amendment would provide that any law to establish or increase a State tax – any tax – will not take effect without an affirmative vote of the people. Additionally, the proposed amendment would require any initiative passed by the voters that would establish or increase a state tax would not take effect unless approved by the legislature.

I propose this measure as the most effective means to require State government to involve all Alaskans in the decision to levy or increase taxes to pay for State services. My proposal retains taxing power with the legislature but ensures that the legislature must listen to the voice of the people, which is exercised through the ballot box. This amendment would be placed before the voters during the next state general election.

Our State cannot achieve a permanent fiscal plan if Alaskans are not directly involved in the decisions about the types and levels of State services they desire and are willing to support. With this resolution, we can establish an effective way to implement the will of the people and move the State forward in a transparent and positive manner. All government officials work for the people of the State of Alaska.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HJR 6

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the House Rules Committee
by request of the Governor:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and the permanent fund dividend.

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 29 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IX, Section 15.

For decades, the Alaska Permanent Fund and the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) have functioned as intended. Its recent politicization has broken trust with Alaskans, taken important dollars from our state economy, and placed a direct financial burden on Alaskans and their families without an affirmative vote of the people.

The proposed amendment would constitutionally protect the people's right to determine the future of the PFD. The amendment requires voter approval for any changes to the existing dividend program in the future.

The PFD creates a vital connection between the people and the government by providing every Alaskan a share of our great state's natural resources. Distributing a dividend which is based on performance of the fund also creates an important connection between its owners and the activities and investments that provide the fund's security and growth.

I propose this measure as the most effective means of protecting the PFD and ensuring its sustainable use for generations to come. The principle of the Alaska Permanent Fund is constitutionally protected,

and I believe that Alaskans' share of the common resource wealth should also be protected. Any change to the statutory PFD formula would require a vote of the people. It is Alaskans' PFD and I trust them with its future.

This amendment would be placed before the voters at the next state general election.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HJR 7

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget reserve fund and establishing the savings reserve fund; and relating to the permanent fund.

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 29 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill proposing a resolution to amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Article IX, Sections 16 and 17. The proposed amendment would establish a baseline for a constitutional appropriation limit so that appropriations for a fiscal year would not exceed the average of the appropriations for the last three fiscal years plus 50 percent of inflation and population or two

percent, whichever is less. The amendment includes exemptions from the limit for certain purposes, such as money deposited into the permanent fund, the permanent fund dividend program, money to pay general obligation and revenue bond proceeds, money of trust funds, and the appropriation of federal funds.

Additionally, the proposed amendment implements a constitutional savings plan that would transfer the unexpended, unobligated and unappropriated balance in the general fund at the end of a fiscal year first, to the Alaska Permanent Fund and second, to a savings reserve fund. The savings reserve fund may be allowed to grow until the balance is equal to the appropriation limit for the next fiscal year. After that, all surplus revenue would be deposited in the Alaska Permanent Fund.

We must develop a budget that is stable, predictable, and sustainable if we are to place our state on a trajectory for economic growth and future success. This amendment provides an important mechanism for the people of Alaska to curb the growth of future government spending. This amendment respects the intent of voters who choose to restrict the size of their government by lowering the constitutional appropriation limit amount and tying future appropriations to those made in the previous fiscal year. This amendment will ensure that when government collects more revenue than it needs to fund essential state services, the surplus revenue is saved for the future – not spent on growing government as in the past.

This resolution is a powerful but simple way to structurally reduce and cap government growth and implement a savings plan. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

HJR 8

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representative Neuman:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the office of attorney general.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 1

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 by Representative Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to in-home personal care services agencies; establishing the In-Home Personal Care Services Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 2

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2 by Representatives Rauscher and Sullivan-Leonard, entitled:

"An Act relating to the relocating and convening of the legislature at the Legislative Information Office in Anchorage; relating to the regulation of lobbying; relating to annual student guests of the legislature; relating to locations of sessions of the legislature; relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; relating to the relocation of functions of state government; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

HB 3

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the purchase and sale of state land; relating to discounts for veterans on state land purchases; and relating to assignments of permanent fund dividends."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Resources and Finance Committees.

HB 4

(Profile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 4 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to assault in the third and fourth degrees; and relating to reckless endangerment."

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

HB 5

(Profile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 5 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting the expenditure of state money on gender reassignment medical procedures."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Health & Social Services, and Education Committees.

HB 6

(Profile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 6 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the display of the national and state mottos."

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

HB 7

(Profile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 7 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to sex education, human reproductive education, and human sexuality education."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Health & Social Services Committees.

HB 8

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the liability of an excavator for damaging an underground facility."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Resources Committees.

HB 9

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 9 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to victims of criminal offenses; relating to probation; relating to sentencing; relating to treatment program credit for time spent toward service of a sentence of imprisonment; relating to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board; relating to permanent fund dividends; relating to electronic monitoring; relating to penalties for violating municipal ordinances; relating to parole; relating to community work service; relating to revocation, termination, suspension, cancellation, or restoration of a driver's license; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to civil in rem forfeiture actions; repealing Rules 38(d) and (e), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 10

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving a controlled substance; providing for substitution of judgment; and relating to sentencing."

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

HB 11

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 12

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to protective orders."

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

HB 13

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to apply for a waiver to establish work requirements for certain adults who are eligible for the state medical assistance program."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 14

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 by Representatives Lincoln, Claman, Fields, Spohnholz, Tarr, Tuck, Zulkosky, Hopkins, and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to assault in the first degree; relating to sex offenses; relating to the definition of 'dangerous instrument'; and providing for an aggravating factor at sentencing for strangulation that results in unconsciousness."

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

HB 15

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 by Representatives Fields, Josephson, Tarr, LeDoux, Tuck, and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to sentencing for vehicle theft in the first degree."

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

HB 16

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 16 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; and relating to the sale of milk, milk products, raw milk, and raw milk products."

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

HB 17

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 17 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act repealing the certificate of need program for health care facilities; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 18

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 by Representative Knopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to the compensation for certain public officials, officers, and employees not covered by collective bargaining agreements; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 19

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 19 by Representative Knopp, entitled:

"An Act exempting certain water taxi operators from regulation as transportation services by the Big Game Commercial Services Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 20

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 20 by Representatives Tarr, Spohnholz, Tuck, Rauscher, and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act requiring law enforcement agencies to send sexual assault examination kits for testing within six months after collection; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 21

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 21 by Representatives Claman and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 22

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 22 by Representatives Tarr and Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 23

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 23 by Representative Neuman, entitled:

"An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 24

(Prefile released January 7)

HOUSE BILL NO. 24 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Fields, and Johnston, entitled:

"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and relating to limited teacher certificates."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 25

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 25 by Representative Sullivan-Leonard, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to the definition of 'peace officer'; and relating to private police organizations."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 26

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 26 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to contracts for highway construction projects."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 27

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 by Representatives Tarr and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to the manufacture, sale, distribution, and labeling of child-related products containing certain flame retardant chemicals; relating to an interstate chemicals clearinghouse; adding unlawful acts to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 28

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 28 by Representatives Tarr and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to an annual report concerning the payment of equal pay for comparable work; increasing the minimum wage; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 29

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 29 by Representative Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for benefits provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 30

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 30 by Representatives Josephson and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to the exclusiveness of liability of an employer in the case of death; relating to the payment of workers' compensation benefits in the case of permanent partial impairment; relating to notice of workers' compensation death benefits; relating to the payment of workers' compensation death benefits payable to a child of an employee where there is no surviving spouse; relating to the payment of workers' compensation death benefits for an employee without a surviving spouse or child; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 31

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Ortiz, and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Alaska permanent fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 32

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 32 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act making certain entities that are exempt from federal taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), (4), (6), (12), or (19) (Internal Revenue Code), regional housing authorities, and federally recognized tribes eligible for a loan from the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; relating to loans from the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; and relating to the annual report published by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

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

HB 33

(Prefile released January 11)

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 by Representatives Claman, Lincoln, Fields, Tarr, Spohnholz, Zulkosky, Tuck, and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to defenses to sexual assault; and relating to registration of sex offenders."

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

HB 34

HOUSE BILL NO. 34 by Representatives Talerico and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge."

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

HB 35

HOUSE BILL NO. 35 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

HB 36

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 by Representatives Stutes and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act repealing an exemption for containing or confining loads being transported on highways; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 37

HOUSE BILL NO. 37 by Representative Talerico, entitled:

"An Act exempting certain low voltage projects from contractor and electrical administrator requirements."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 38

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other

appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 14 follows:

Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's capital budget.

Alaska Statute 37.07.020 required that I submit a budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020) to the Legislature and public on December 15th of last year. That law also requires that "bills identical in content" to those I released in December be delivered to the Legislature before the 4th legislative day of the next regular session for introduction.

The Administration will use the next four weeks to prepare, for delivery to you, a responsive state budget for FY2020. I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize a FY2020 capital budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 39

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; 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."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 14 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's operating budget.

Alaska Statute 37.07.020 requires that the Governor submit a budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020) to the Legislature and public by December 15th of each year. That law also requires that "bills identical in content" to those released in December be delivered to the Legislature before the 4th legislative day of the next regular session for introduction.

My Administration is fully engaged in developing an amended budget for FY2020 to be delivered in the coming weeks. I look forward to working with the Legislature to produce a FY2020 operating budget for Alaska.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

HB 40

HOUSE BILL NO. 40 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

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

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 14 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020).

Alaska Statute 37.07.020 requires that the Governor submit a budget for FY2020 to the Legislature and public by December 15th of each year. That law also requires that "bills identical in content" to those released in December be delivered to the Legislature before the 4th legislative day of the next regular session for introduction. AS 37.07.020(a)(1) requires the mental health bill to include both operating and capital appropriations. The mental health budget reflects the requests that were put forward to the Office of Management and Budget by the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

My Administration is fully engaged in developing an amended budget for FY2020 to be delivered in the coming weeks. I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize a FY2020 mental health budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 41

HOUSE BILL NO. 41 by Representative Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act relating to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations to engage in shellfish enhancement projects; relating to application fees for salmon hatchery permits; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Finance Committee.

HB 42

HOUSE BILL NO. 42 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to outdoor advertising."

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

HB 43

HOUSE BILL NO. 43 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 44

HOUSE BILL NO. 44 by Representative Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act relating to fees for using an automated teller machine; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 45

HOUSE BILL NO. 45 by Representative Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Dental Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 46

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making special appropriations from the earnings reserve account for the payment of permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a special appropriations bill that authorizes the payment of unpaid dividends, which came as a result of executive and legislative action in 2016, 2017, and 2018. The transfer occurs over the next three fiscal years. The bill also authorizes the transfer for the payment of the Permanent Fund Dividend Program for the fiscal years ending 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

The Permanent Fund Dividend Program was established in 1980 to allow all Alaskans to benefit directly from Alaska's mineral and investment wealth. For years, the Alaska State Legislature, through a carefully balanced statutory formula, has assured a dividend payment that keeps the Permanent Fund on healthy financial footing, while at the same time benefitting the mineral owners, Alaskans.

The past three years Alaskans have not received the full ownership value of their mineral wealth share. Instead, either through executive or legislative action, the dividend payments have been less than the statutory formula directs. I intend to follow the law and take restorative action to the unpaid portions of the Permanent Fund dividends from 2016, 2017, and 2018 to eligible individuals.

Also, in order to restore the trust of Alaskans, I am seeking the authorization for the next four fiscal years for the transfer of funds and the payment of dividends per the statutory formula that has been used since the first dividend check was issued in 1982. This is a clear signal to Alaskans that we will not pick and choose which laws to follow. We will honor the law and will fund the dividend program as the law is written.

As the State of Alaska is coming to terms with balancing revenue with expenditures in our annual budgets, I want Alaskans to know that we

are not going to deny them their ownership share of Alaska's mineral wealth. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 47

HOUSE BILL NO. 47 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act directing the Department of Revenue to pay dividends to certain eligible individuals; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that directs the payment of the unpaid amounts of the 2016, 2017, and 2018 Permanent Fund dividend. The payment of the unpaid amounts would be distributed to eligible individuals over the next three years. I believe that this action will correct an error that resulted in a decreased dividend.

The Permanent Fund Dividend Program was established in 1980, to allow all Alaskans to benefit directly from Alaska's mineral and investment wealth. For years, the Alaska State Legislature, through a carefully balanced statutory formula, has assured a dividend payment that keeps the Permanent Fund on healthy financial footing, while at the same time, benefitting the mineral owners, Alaskans themselves.

The past three years, Alaskans have not received the full value of their mineral wealth ownership share. Instead, either through executive or legislative action, the dividend payments have been less than the statutory formula directs. I intend to follow the law, and take restorative action to pay the unpaid portions of the Permanent Fund dividends from 2016, 2017, and 2018 for all eligible individuals.

Eligible individuals will be determined by the receipt of a prior year's dividend and the eligibility for a current year's dividend. An individual eligible for the 2016 unpaid dividend is a person who received the 2016 dividend and is eligible for a 2019 dividend; an individual eligible for the 2017 unpaid dividend is a person who received a 2017 dividend and is eligible for a 2020 dividend; and an individual eligible for the 2018 unpaid dividend is a person who received a 2018 dividend and is eligible for a dividend in 2021.

As our economy faces a recession, and our unemployment rate is one of the highest in the nation, the payment of the unpaid amounts of the 2016, 2017, and 2018 dividends, distributed over the next three years, can significantly contribute to improving Alaska's economy. It will restore the trust of Alaskans that we will follow the law and the statutory formula that has been used since the first dividend check was issued in 1982. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 48

HOUSE BILL NO. 48 by Representative Wilson, entitled:

"An Act removing from the exempt service of the state persons who are employed in a professional capacity to make a temporary or special inquiry, study, or examination as authorized by the governor and including those persons in the partially exempt service of the state."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

HB 49

HOUSE BILL NO. 49 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to controlled substances; relating to probation; relating to sentencing; relating to reports of involuntary commitment; amending Rule 6, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Law

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the classification of crimes, sentencing, and probation.

By far, the most serious threat facing Alaska is crime. In 2017, the rate of crime increased across all major categories from 2016 – violent crimes, including murder, rape, robbery, and assault increased by seven percent; property crimes such as car theft and burglary rose by six percent. These statistics are even more dramatic when compared to the rate of crime in 2013. In 2017, property crime was up by 22 percent and violent crime was up 34 percent when compared to crime statistics from 2013. Alaskans do not feel safe in their homes, businesses are being targeted, and communities are impacted by senseless acts of violence.

One major event occurred as the rate of crime began to rise – the passage of Senate Bill 91 (SB 91). SB 91 has limited our ability to address the increase in crime and how we deal with criminals. Most importantly, SB 91 has contributed to the loss of public trust in our criminal justice system and our ability to keep Alaskans safe.

We need to ensure that public safety officers, prosecutors, courts, and correctional institutions have the tools they need to keep our communities safe and we need to send the message to criminals that Alaskans will no longer be victims. We need a strong criminal justice system – not a weak one. We must repeal SB 91 and put in place laws that protect Alaskans from those who choose to harm them.

This bill repeals provisions of SB 91 that relate to the classification of crimes, sentencing, and probation of offenders. Measures in this bill will increase sentencing and probation lengths for most offenses, create additional tools which will allow the State to identify repeat offenders and those that threaten others, strengthen penalties for drug traffickers that prey on Alaskans through the distribution of drugs, and finally, create efficiencies within the criminal justice system – giving our prosecutors and courts the tools they need.

Increased Sentencing Ranges and Probation Lengths

This bill will reenact the sentencing ranges that were in law prior to the passage of SB 91 which will effectively increase the range of sentences by approximately two years for most Class A, B, and C felonies. The bill will remove the 30-day sentencing cap for misdemeanors and, once again, give judges the discretion to sentence a person who is convicted of a Class A misdemeanor to up to one year in jail. It will return the maximum sentence for Class B misdemeanors to 90 days. Likewise, maximum probation lengths are returned to lengths allowable before the passage of SB 91. The maximum probation term for sex offenders will be 25 years and the maximum probation term for all other offenses will be 10 years. The increased sentencing ranges and probation terms will allow judges the discretion to impose sentences that are appropriate for the conduct and circumstances of each case.

Additional Tools to Address Repeat Offenders and Threats

The State's current laws are inadequate when it comes to addressing threats made to others – especially in our schools. In this digital age, threats can be communicated through numerous platforms and can have a devastating impact on those who receive them. The bill proposes to enact a threat statute that will better address threats that place others in fear of physical injury or cause the evacuation of public places.

Additionally, current law requires a person to submit a DNA sample upon arrest and conviction of certain crimes. This sample is checked against a national database and may help determine whether a person is suspected of committing other crimes in another state. It is currently a crime to refuse to submit a DNA sample upon conviction, however, there is no penalty for refusing to submit a sample upon arrest. The bill will close this loophole and make it a Class A misdemeanor to refuse to submit a DNA sample when a person is arrested for a qualifying offense.

Stronger Penalties for Drug Traffickers

This legislation will reenact the drug offense structure that was in place prior to SB 91, returning the focus from the quantity of a distributed drug to the nature of the drug itself. This structure will better address the danger of certain types of drugs and return discretion to judges to assess the significance of multiple factors such as the purity, the street value in a particular community, and the relative availability or scarcity of the drug in a particular community. This legislation also reclassifies distribution crimes to higher level offenses. Finally, this legislation will reenact the enhanced sentencing ranges for making methamphetamine around children or engaging children in the sale of methamphetamine. The process of making methamphetamine is extremely dangerous and is often done in a person's dwelling putting everyone in the area, including children, at risk.

Criminal Justice Efficiencies

Finally, it is critical that our criminal justice system is evaluated to improve processes and find efficiencies. To that end, the bill streamlines the grand jury process by allowing prosecutors to use a person's "rap sheet" or Alaska Public Safety Information Network

report to prove the existence of prior convictions when prior convictions are an element of an offense. For example, if a person has two prior convictions for assault, the third assault will be a felony. This will require proof of the existence of the prior convictions. Allowing the use of a rap sheet at the indictment phase of the case, instead of requiring certified judgments, which may take days to obtain, will expedite the process and protect the public by keeping dangerous offenders in State custody while awaiting trial.

The bill proposes to allow the court system to give the Department of Public Safety information about those who have been involuntarily committed and, therefore, cannot possess firearms. Under current law, the court system may only provide information from 2014 forward. The bill will allow the court system to provide information prior to 2014 so that the Department of Public Safety may have a more complete record of who these prohibited individuals are and better protect the public.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

HB 50

HOUSE BILL NO. 50 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to pretrial release; relating to sentencing; relating to treatment program credit toward service of a sentence of imprisonment; relating to electronic monitoring; amending Rules 38.2 and 45(d), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Law
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration
5. Indeterminate, Dept. of Corrections
6. Indeterminate, Dept. of Corrections

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to pretrial release, credit toward a person's sentence for time spent in a treatment program or electronic monitoring, and amending the Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This bill repeals pretrial service provisions of SB 91 and places the authority and discretion back in the hands of the Courts to determine bail and release conditions. Additionally, it authorizes the Commissioner of Corrections to monitor and enforce pretrial conditions as the Department does with probation and parole services, reenacting the third-party custodian system and electronic monitoring systems, which were in place prior to SB 91.

The bill prohibits an individual from obtaining jail credit for time spent on electronic monitoring before trial. Current law allows a person to earn day for day credit for time spent on electronic monitoring while out on bail release. Only the most serious offenses are limited to earning 360 days of credit, otherwise, there is no limit to the amount of time a person can have credited toward their sentence. This can result in ultimately spending little to no time in jail once a person is convicted and sentenced. Case law has held that time spent on electronic monitoring is not akin to time spent in jail. *Matthew v. State*, 152 P.3d 469 (Alaska App. 2007). The bill will amend the law to conform to this holding and prohibit the accrual of jail credit when a person is on electronic monitoring while on pretrial release.

The bill increases the efficiency of the criminal justice system by encouraging the court system to use videoconferencing for all pretrial

hearings wherever that technology is feasible. Current practice is to require an in-custody defendant to be physically present at all pretrial hearings. Some of these hearings are simple scheduling hearings which only take a few minutes. However, it requires significant resources to transport a defendant from the jail to the courthouse. Each time a prisoner is transported, there is the potential for an escape or for contraband to be brought back into the prison facility. The increased use of videoconferencing will decrease these risks and improve the efficiency of the criminal justice system.

Finally, the bill allows a defendant's counsel to agree to continuances of trial. This is helpful in the event that the defendant's counsel needs more time to adequately prepare for trial. If the defendant's counsel is unprepared it can result in the case being overturned on appeal or having the conviction vacated through an ineffective assistance of counsel claim. Both situations delay justice for victims and put the State in a position of having to retry the case because the defendant did not appreciate the importance of allowing for a continuance. The court would still need to make an independent evaluation of whether or not a continuance is appropriate. Continuances are a tactical matter which the defendant's counsel should control.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

HB 51

HOUSE BILL NO. 51 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to probation; relating to a program allowing probationers to earn credits for complying with the conditions of probation; relating to early termination of probation; relating to parole; relating to a program allowing parolees to earn credits for complying with the conditions of parole; relating to early termination of parole; relating to eligibility for discretionary parole; relating to good time; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Law
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Corrections
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill repealing provisions of SB 91 that deal with the sentencing caps on technical violations of probation and parole, repealing statutory early termination of probation and parole, reducing earned compliance credits, amending discretionary parole eligibility, and repealing good time credit for time spent on electronic monitoring.

This bill will repeal the sentencing caps on technical violations of probation. Current law defines a "technical violation" as a violation that is not absconding or a new law violation. Currently, a person may only be sentenced to up to three days on the first violation, five days on the second violation, and ten days on the third violation. On the fourth violation, the person may be sentenced to the remainder of the time left on their sentence. A similar provision of law exists for parolees as well. These caps are an ineffective deterrent and take away the judge's discretion to factor in the nature of the violation(s) and the underlying offense for which the person was placed on probation. Repealing these caps will restore the court's ability to tailor an appropriate sanction for each probationer taking into consideration the underlying offense, the risk to the community, the rehabilitative needs of the probationer, and the nature of the violation(s).

The bill repeals the statutory timelines for early termination of probation and parole. Under SB 91, a probation officer is required to recommend that the court terminate a person's probation after 18

months if the person has completed all of their programming, has had no violations for those 18 months, and is currently in compliance with their probation. There are similar provisions in law for parole officers making early termination recommendations to the parole board. Prior to January 1, 2017, probation officers made early termination recommendations to the court when they felt it was appropriate and not based on any timelines in statute. Before SB 91, there was nothing in statute guaranteeing early termination. This bill will repeal these timelines and give a probation or parole officer the discretion to make such a recommendation when the officer believes it is appropriate.

The bill also returns discretionary parole eligibility and release factors to what they were prior to SB 91. SB 91 expanded discretionary parole to offenders who previously were ineligible. It also created a presumption of release on discretionary parole for those who were eligible. Returning discretion back to the parole board who has intimate knowledge of an offender's history and their recent and past behavior will help to protect the public and ensure that those who are released on discretionary parole are appropriate for release.

The bill reduces the credit a person may earn for not violating their probation or parole. Under the current structure, a person may receive 30 days for every 30 days without a probation or parole violation. This could reduce a person's period on probation or parole by half. Such a significant reduction in supervision reduces the rehabilitative assistance probation and parole can provide to a person. The bill will amend the credit to be one day for every three days without a violation providing an appropriate incentive and reward for complying with a person's conditions of probation or parole.

Finally, the bill eliminates good time credit for time spent on electronic monitoring. Prior to the passage of SB 91, a person was able to earn day-to-day credit for time spent on electronic monitoring. The concept of good time is to incentivize prisoners to comply with the rules of a prison institution. Eliminating good time credit for time spent on electronic monitoring restores the balance between incentivizing good behavior while in a prison institution and enjoying certain freedoms while on electronic monitoring.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 52

HOUSE BILL NO. 52 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act eliminating marriage as a defense to certain crimes of sexual assault; relating to enticement of a minor; relating to harassment in the first degree; relating to harassment in the second degree; relating to indecent viewing or production of a picture; relating to the definition of 'sexual contact'; relating to assault in the second degree; relating to sentencing; relating to prior convictions; relating to the definition of 'most serious felony'; relating to the definition of 'sexual felony'; relating to the duty of a sex offender or child kidnapper to register; relating to eligibility for discretionary parole; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services
3. Zero, Dept. of Law
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 22 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill making several amendments to

current law to address Alaska's high rate of sexual assault and sexual abuse of minors, including recognizing changes in technology, clarifying the sentencing ranges for sex offenders, parole eligibility for certain offenders, and tightening sex offender registration requirements.

In this evolving digital age, predators have access to countless means of communication for the purpose of victimizing others. This legislation will position the State and its judicial system to protect the public within the ever-expanding economy of technology. As an example, under current law, it is illegal to entice or solicit sexual acts from a minor via computer. However, as technology has advanced, means of communication is no longer limited to a single device. The method of communication should be irrelevant. Our laws must focus on the *content* of the communication. Therefore, the bill proposes to make it illegal to entice or solicit sexual acts from a minor regardless of the method of communication. The bill also makes knowingly viewing or producing an indecent image of an adult or a child a registerable sex offense. This conduct is inherently predatory and can be more appropriately addressed through our sex offense laws. Additionally, the bill criminalizes repeatedly sending unwanted images of genitalia to another person: yet another example of technology being misused as a form of harassment. This change would update our laws to reflect new technology, thus allowing the State to address this offensive conduct.

The bill also makes certain crimes that are sexual in nature punishable as sex offenses. The bill adds conduct causing a victim to come into unwanted contact with semen to the definition of "sexual contact" thereby subjecting this conduct to the same punishments as other sex offenses. Recent cases have highlighted the need to correct this gap in the law, so the State can better address the true criminal nature of this conduct. Further, under current law, sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree – that is, sexual contact with a person who is 13, 14, or 15 and at least four years younger than the offender, is not sentenced as a sexual felony. The bill proposes to sentence sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree as a sexual felony, subject to the enhanced sentencing range, when there is a six-year age difference between the offender and the victim. This distinction will allow for the current lower sentencing structure for those cases in which the offender and victim

are closer in age and an enhanced sentencing range as the age difference grows wider.

While State law has long prevented a person from using marriage as a defense to most forms of sexual assault where consent is an issue, current law still allows an individual to use marriage as a defense to the crime of sexual assault if the person engages in sexual activity with their spouse when they know that their spouse is mentally incapable, incapacitated, or unaware that the sexual act is being committed. The bill would remove this section of law and prevent a person from using marriage as a defense if they engage in this kind of conduct. Intimate partner sexual violence is all too common in this state. Removing this defense will strengthen Alaska's sexual assault laws and assist in addressing our intolerable rates of intimate partner violence.

The bill also addresses several recent court decisions which have effectively reduced punishments for sex offenders in Alaska. The bill clarifies that when an offender is being sentenced for a sexual felony, all of the offender's prior felonies, both non-sexual and sexual, will count when determining the appropriate presumptive sentencing range. It is important that all felony criminal history regardless of nature is considered when determining an appropriate sentence. The bill also clarifies that those offenders who are ineligible for good time credit are also ineligible for discretionary parole. It makes little sense for a person to be deemed so dangerous that they are not eligible for statutory good time, but, at the same time, allow them to be eligible for discretionary parole. Finally, the bill requires sex offenders, who have been convicted and required to register as a sex offender in another state, to register in Alaska regardless of whether Alaska has a similar offense in statute. This is a matter of reciprocity and improves the State's ability to protect the public from sex offenders who may come to this state.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 53

HOUSE BILL NO. 53 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations for fire suppression activities and restoration projects relating to earthquake disaster relief; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 25 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska State Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 related to the Southcentral Earthquake Disaster.

Days before I took office, Alaska was hit by the second-largest earthquake in our history. In the two short months that have followed, roads have been repaired, cleanup efforts have been organized, and emergency responders have secured the safety of impacted Alaskans. The total costs of the earthquake response cannot be accurately calculated yet. The full damage to highways may not be known until spring. An estimated appropriation for disaster relief that includes funding for federal match requirement, authority to receive federal disaster relief funding, and a capitalization of the Disaster Relief Fund is transmitted for consideration. Further, this legislation provides funding for the FY 2019 fire suppression season.

I urge the favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 54

HOUSE BILL NO. 54 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 25 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska State Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

I took office with a promise to reduce State spending, put public safety first, and renew trust in government. To that end, I am presenting a supplemental budget for the consideration of the Legislature that returns money to the general fund.

This legislation proposes to allocate resources for the renovation of the Hiland Mountain Women's Mental Health Unit, in order to provide appropriate services to prisoners and increase efficiency in the management of our prison population. It funds pay increases for our Alaska State Troopers, pays off the Whittier Tunnel project ahead of schedule, and pays Medicaid obligations for FY 2018 that were not fully funded. These supplemental items are offset by reversals from the FY 2019 budget, resulting in the return of \$5,817,200 to the General Fund.

I urge your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 55

HOUSE BILL NO. 55 by Representatives Foster, Zulkosky, Tuck, and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act establishing May 31 of each year as Katie John Day."

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

HB 56

HOUSE BILL NO. 56 by Representatives Tarr, LeDoux, Shaw, Tuck, and Jackson, entitled:

"An Act establishing May 15 of each year as Hmong-American Veterans Day."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

HB 57

HOUSE BILL NO. 57 by Representatives Wilson and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to expanding the period in a day during which an employed child under 16 years of age may perform work in the summer; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 58

HOUSE BILL NO. 58 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to election of a permanent presiding officer."

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

HB 59

HOUSE BILL NO. 59 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing the credit for municipal payments against the state levy of tax on oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property; repealing the levy of tax by a municipality on oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources, Community & Regional Affairs, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to repealing the credit for municipal payment against the state levy of tax on oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property and the levy of tax by a municipality on oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property.

Under current law, the state assesses the value of oil and gas exploration, production, and pipeline transportation property. Municipalities with this property in their jurisdiction can then levy a property tax based on the state's assessment. Taxpayers are then required to pay a tax to two taxing jurisdictions – the municipality and the state. This system is inefficient for both taxpayers and the state. Taxpayers are allowed to credit payments made to a municipality

against the tax due to the state. Due to the credit allowed against the state tax levy for municipal tax payments, the state general fund receives only a fraction of the revenues generated by this tax. This results in lower general fund revenues, from vital properties of statewide economic importance, to be appropriated to municipalities around the state and support of vital state programs.

This bill would repeal the ability of municipalities to levy tax on these properties of vital statewide importance. Therefore, the bill would also repeal the credit for a payment made to a municipality against the state tax. Instead, the state would assess and collect all of the tax on these properties. As a result of the exclusion of these properties from a municipality's tax base, the required local contribution for public school funding would be reduced.

The bill would also implement efficiencies in administration of the tax. Taxpayers would only have one taxing jurisdiction to report to on these properties. The bill would streamline the appeals process to be consistent with other administrative appeals by eliminating automatic trial de novo at the superior court level. Taxpayers could still appeal to the specialized State Assessment Review Board for a hearing.

I urge your favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 60

HOUSE BILL NO. 60 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing the senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Health & Social Services, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Senior Benefits Payment Program.

This bill would repeal the Senior Benefits Payment Program. The program provides three payment levels based on the senior's gross annual income and income limits are tied to the Federal Poverty Guidelines for Alaska and change each year and eligibility and enrollment increases each year as the guidelines change. There is no asset test to determine eligibility. Currently, the program is set to expire on June 30, 2024. This bill sets the repeal date to June 30, 2019.

I urge your favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 61

HOUSE BILL NO. 61 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing statutes providing for reimbursement for costs of University of Alaska capital projects, municipal capital projects, and power projects; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
3. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 12 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that repeals three statutes which provide for annual reimbursement by the state for debt and financing costs associated with certain capital construction projects.

The statutes I propose for repeal are AS 14.40.257 Reimbursement of Capital Costs for University of Alaska Projects; AS 29.60.700 Reimbursement of Capital Costs for Municipal Projects; and AS 42.45.065 Reimbursement of Capital Costs for Costs of Power Projects.

To bring forth a budget that builds on core functions that impact a majority of Alaskans, each program offered by the state was examined for its value in building a sustainable, predictable, and affordable budget. Each statute that is proposed for repeal in this bill provided for reimbursement "subject to appropriations," and it is apparent that continued appropriations for these projects are not sustainable by the state. For transparency and budget planning by municipalities, and the University of Alaska, the better course is to repeal these statutes effective July 1, 2019.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 62

HOUSE BILL NO. 62 by Representatives Tarr, Josephson, and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to gun violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to a central registry for protective orders; requiring physicians, psychologists, psychological associates, social workers, marital and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors to report annually threats of gun violence; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 63

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 by Representative Hannan, entitled:

"An Act requiring publication of notice by state agencies when they create, eliminate, or transfer positions in the classified, partially exempt, or exempt service."

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

HB 64

HOUSE BILL NO. 64 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the appropriation of alcoholic beverage excise tax proceeds for community assistance; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Excise Tax proceeds.

The bill would permit the legislature to appropriate half of the proceeds, currently going into the General Fund, for community assistance purposes. This recognizes the need to assist communities through use of tax proceeds on the sale of alcoholic beverages and allow communities the opportunities to use these resources to address substance abuse and homelessness issues at the local level.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 65

HOUSE BILL NO. 65 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing the fisheries business tax allocation to municipalities; repealing the refunds to local governments of fisheries business taxes; repealing revenue sharing for the fishery resource landing tax; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 36, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill repealing statutes providing allocations, refunds, and revenue sharing to municipalities from the Fisheries Business Taxes and Fishery Resource Landing Tax.

Currently, the state shares revenues from state fisheries business taxes with municipalities. For the fisheries business taxes, 50 percent of Fisheries Business Taxes are shared with the municipalities where the fishery resources were processed. Similarly, the state shares 50 percent of the Fishery Resource Landing Tax with the municipality where the fishery resources were landed. The revenues that form the basis of the disbursement each October are from taxes collected for the previous calendar year of processing and landing of fisheries resources. In fiscal year 2018, the state shared approximately \$29 million in revenues. This bill would repeal the statutes that provide for this revenue sharing.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 66

HOUSE BILL NO. 66 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing state aid for costs of school construction debt; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Education, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Debt Service

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the repeal of the statute authorizing payments to municipalities for reimbursement of school construction bonded debt.

The bill would repeal AS 14.11.100, which provides authority for school construction debt to be reimbursed by the state in an allowable percentage of the municipal debt payment. The percentage has varied based on numerous amendments to the statute over the years. The program, while well-intentioned, has become unsustainable and unnecessary. The level of school debt should remain at the municipal level, where voters can decide what type of school construction is reasonable and sustainable for their district. Recently, this program was put on hold through July 1, 2020; and it is apparent that a new direction beyond a holding pattern is needed.

The bill also addresses how funding for school construction and maintenance in the Regional Educational Attendance Areas through the small municipal school district fund is handled with the repeal of the state aid for school construction statutes. Further, the bill makes conforming amendments to the statutes governing the bond reimbursement and grant review committee and other statutes that refer to the current program for reimbursement of school construction debt.

Importantly, the bill would add a provision to the duties of The Bond Reimbursement and Grant Review Committee (which would be renamed the Grant Review Committee) requiring that, in developing criteria for cost-effective school construction, the committee would

consider multipurpose function and designs. Through creative thinking and multi-use designs, we can bring down school construction costs and better serve the affected communities.

The bill would be effective July 1, 2019.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 67

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 19 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The bill adds a new duty for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to coordinate and monitor state career and technical education (CTE) programs by cooperating with the Department of Education and Early Development, the University of Alaska, and any

other entities that provide or fund these programs. The bill formalizes the Department's role in promoting CTE programs, leverages existing workforce planning efforts, and directly utilizes the department's direct knowledge of Alaska's labor market to help inform CTE programs in the state.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 68

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the division of labor standards and safety; relating to the division of workers' compensation; establishing the division of workers' safety and compensation; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 19 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to two divisions within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The bill would merge the Division of Labor Standards and Safety with the Division of Workers' Compensation as of July 1, 2019. The new division would be called the Division of Workers' Safety and

Compensation and would administer the same programs as are currently administered by the divisions of Labor Standards and Safety and Workers' Compensation. This bill would improve fiscal management within the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and allow for efficiencies through management and administrative restructuring and improved coordination of service delivery.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 69

HOUSE BILL NO. 69 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act repealing the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 19 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission.

This bill would repeal the Alaska Public Broadcasting Commission (Commission) as of June 30, 2019. The Commission was created to aid in developing a statewide, integrated public broadcasting system and to coordinate all public broadcasting stations. The Commission's primary purpose has been to apply for, receive, and disburse grant funding for public broadcasting related purposes. This function can be accomplished utilizing non-governmental entities that can be attuned to and more responsive to the local broadcasting needs of communities. This bill directs the Commissioner of the Department of Administration to transfer all of the assets of the Commission to Alaska non-profit public broadcasting entities at no cost.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the citations (pages 116-119) on today's calendar would be held to tomorrow's calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HCR 1

Representative Eastman, citing Uniform Rule 27(b), moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Suspending certain Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature during the First Regular Session of the Thirty-First Alaska State Legislature to allow the house of representatives to organize to do business; and providing for temporary rules for the house of representatives.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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 10:11 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:02 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 11:02 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear the State of the Judiciary Address by the Honorable Joel Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court.

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 Story and Senator Micciche to escort the Honorable Joel Bolger to the joint session.

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

Chief Justice Bolger was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Giessel.

Chief Justice Bolger delivered his address, and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 4.

The Chief Justice received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Story and Senator Micciche.

Senator Costello moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Giessel adjourned the joint session at 11:23 a.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 11:25 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The Speaker announced, pursuant to Uniform Rule 23(a), the deadline for scheduling committee hearings on any bill for February 25 is 4:00 p.m., today.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 21. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk