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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives Revak and Vance had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Kirk Elmore of Landmark Apostolic Church. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

I first want to say how grateful I am to have the honor to pray a blessing over this session and offer this prayer with the deepest respect to all Alaskans:

I would like to acknowledge a relatively new Alaskan, my granddaughter, Eden Brook who will be turning 2 years old in just a few months. Let us pray. Lord, this morning I pray that you will bless and guide this legislative body in the direction that leads our state to prosperity and continued favor. God, I ask that you impart wisdom and understanding as their responsibility to their constituents is a great burden and is not to be taken lightly. God, your word tells us: *for by the grace*

given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. God, I pray that you remind this body that leading also means that they must follow. They must follow the will of the people, follow the laws of the land, and just as importantly follow the road that leads us to what is good and righteous before your eyes. I pray a blessing for their families and their communities that they represent. Keep them safe in their travels to and from the places they call home and continue to guide them throughout this session. It is in the name of Jesus that I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Sullivan-Leonard.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 44th through 48th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Hannan introduced Brennen Hafer, Angelica Rodriguez, Gracie Stickler, and Anya Tyrrell, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated February 27 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, 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 Education Committee:

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Chris Reitan – Craig

Appointed: 2/27/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2020

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Energy Authority
Report to Alaskans
2018 Annual Report
March 1, 2019
<http://www.akenergyauthority.org/Library>
(as required by AS 44.83.940)

Alaska Energy Authority
Statistical Report of the Power Cost Equalization Program
Fiscal Year 2018
March 1, 2019
<http://www.akenergyauthority.org/Library>

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

John Francis

as a member of the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives Eastman, Wool, LeDoux, Shaw, and Kopp.

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Jedediah Cox

as a member of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar.

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives Eastman, LeDoux, and Kopp.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Poker Flat Research Range, 50th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Hopkins, Wool

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

Honoring - Dimond High School Girls Volleyball Team, 2018 State Champions
By Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Haretina Krukoff
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Ortiz

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 10**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Representative Talerico:

Supporting development of the road belt electrical transmission line; and urging members of the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue the development of this high-voltage electrical line in the interior of the state.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 78**

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to an insurer's corporate annual disclosure; relating to insurance company holding systems; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 28 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to updates to the insurance code and adding new sections providing for a corporate governance annual disclosure. The changes to the insurance code, under this bill, conform to changes in model laws adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) and will assist the state in maintaining its accredited status with the NAIC and improve uniformity nationwide in the regulation of insurance.

Specifically, this bill makes changes to the insurance code relating to AS 21.22 (insurance holding companies), and adds new sections to AS 21.09 (authorization of insurers and general requirements) requiring domestic insurers to provide a corporate governance annual disclosure to the director. These changes conform the insurance code to changes in NAIC model laws and add the new NAIC model law on corporate governance annual disclosure. The bill is described in more detail below.

Section 1 of the bill adds new sections to AS 21.09 requiring domestic insurers to file a corporate governance annual disclosure with the director. Corporate governance is the system under which a company is directed and controlled. The corporate governance annual disclosure will summarize a domestic insurer's corporate governance structure, policies and practices, and is intended to give the director a means of understanding the insurer's corporate governance.

The bill describes the scope and required contents of the corporate annual disclosure, authorizes the director to promulgate regulations, and retain independent consultants. Under the bill the corporate governance annual disclosure and related information will be confidential, as they may contain trade secrets and proprietary information. The bill also provides for penalties to be imposed on an insurer that fails to timely file a corporate governance annual disclosure.

Sections 2 - 4 of the bill make changes to AS 21.22 relating to insurance holding companies. AS 21.22 is based on a NAIC model law. This bill amends AS 21.22 to clarify when a domestic insurer is required to notify the director of a transaction between the domestic insurer and a person in its insurance holding company holding system and makes documents and information obtained by the director, in the course of an investigation or examination under AS 21.22, confidential.

Section 5 of the bill adds a new section to AS 21.22 giving the director the authority to act as the group-wide supervisor of an internationally active insurer or acknowledge another insurance regulatory official as the group-wide supervisor.

Section 6 of the bill adds two new definitions to AS 21.22 defining terms added to the insurance code in Section 5 of the bill.

By conforming to the changes to the NAIC model laws and adding the new sections, Alaska will remain current with the national standard and maintain its accredited status.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Hans Roald Amundsen

By Representative Knopp; Senators Micciche, Olson

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

Honoring - Poker Flat Research Range, 50th Anniversary

By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Hopkins, Wool

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 14**

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

"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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 6. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk