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Fifty-first Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative 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 thank you for allowing me to be here and to pray a blessing over this session, and I submit this prayer with the deepest respect to all Alaskans:

God, I offer a heartfelt prayer for these men and women here today. I ask that you bless the important work they do here, as it has great effect on every Alaskan and their families. I pray, God, that you instill in them a sense of integrity and honor that their positions require. Never let them forget the great state and whom they represent. Lord, I ask that your continual presence would be in this building long after this session and let it lead them as they consider the needs of Alaska. I ask for economic blessing and long-lasting stability for our state. Lastly God, I pray for their communities and the people who

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have sent them as their representative, their voice for their unique needs. Our state is geographically and culturally very diverse and requires a perspective that reflects this wonderful diversity and insures that every need is being represented here. God, I thank you for their willingness to serve. It is in the name of Jesus that I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Stutes.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 49th and 50th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Tlingit Code Talkers, 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 - Tlingit Code Talkers
By Representative Edgmon

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated March 5 was read stating the Governor withdraws the following name from legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted, which had been referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee (pages 134-138):

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board
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The letter further states 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 Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Kimberly Ziegler – Palmer

Appointed: 3/4/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 4 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SJR 7

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 by Senator Birch:

Requesting that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management implement an oil and gas leasing program in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Education & Early Development
School Capital Project Funding
Annual Report
February 28, 2019
(as required by AS 14.11.035)

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Alaska Training Program Performance Report
For Participants Exiting Programs in
State Fiscal Year 2017
February 2019
(as required by AS 23.15.580)

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Technical and Vocational Education Program Report
State Fiscal Year 2018
(as required by AS 23.15.835)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Dan Sullivan

as a member of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

The report was signed by Representatives Drummond and Hannan, Co-chairs; and Representatives Jackson, Claman, and Thompson.

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

Bruce Tangeman

as Commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

The report was signed by Representatives Wilson and Foster, Co-chairs; and Representatives Ortiz, Sullivan-Leonard, Josephson, Merrick, Knopp, LeBon, Tilton, Carpenter, and Johnston.

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

Christopher Jaime

as a member of the Marijuana Control Board.

The report was signed by Representatives LeDoux and Wool, Co-chairs; and Representatives Hannan, Fields, Talerico, and Stutes.

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

Corri Feige

as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

The report was signed by Representatives Tarr and Lincoln, Co-chairs; and Representatives Tuck, Hannan, Talerico, Hopkins, Rasmussen, Rauscher, and Spohnholz.

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

Torrence Saxe

as Commissioner & Adjutant General of the Department of Military & Veterans' Affairs.

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Kreiss-Tomkins, Co-chairs; and Representatives Vance, LeDoux, Wool, and Shaw.

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

John MacKinnon

as Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

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Edward Sinclair

as a member of the Board of Marine Pilots.

The report was signed by Representatives Wool and Stutes, Co-chairs; and Representatives Drummond, Talerico, and Rasmussen.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

In Memoriam - Joy Ruth Wiebe
By Representatives Wilson, Talerico

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 79

HOUSE BILL NO. 79 by Representatives Kopp, Shaw, and LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers and firefighters in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to eligibility of peace officers and firefighters for medical, disability, and death benefits; relating to liability 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 80

HOUSE BILL NO. 80 by Representatives Wilson and LeDoux, entitled:

"An Act relating to the right to demand a jury trial in cases involving termination of parental rights; amending Rules 18(b), 18(e), and 18(g), Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules of Procedure."

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

HB 81

HOUSE BILL NO. 81 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting disposable plastic shopping bags; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 82

HOUSE BILL NO. 82 by Representatives Josephson and Hopkins, entitled:

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

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

HB 83

HOUSE BILL NO. 83 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to voting by electronic transmission in a state election; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 84

HOUSE BILL NO. 84 by Representatives Josephson, Tuck, and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain diseases for firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and peace officers."

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

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HB 85

HOUSE BILL NO. 85 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to shared child custody; relating to relocation of a child out of state; and relating to a presumption of the best interests of the child in child custody and visitation determinations."

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

HB 86

HOUSE BILL NO. 86 by Representatives Fields, Josephson, and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to a state-owned inpatient mental health treatment hospital; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

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

In Memoriam - Haretina Krukoff
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Ortiz

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

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Representative Ortiz – from noon, March 6 to 1:00 p.m., March 7

Representative Fields – from 6:00 p.m., March 7 to 10:00 a.m., March 10

Representative Stutes – from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., March 8

Representative Eastman – from 11:00 a.m., March 8 to 8:00 a.m., March 11

Representative Kopp – from 12:30 p.m., March 8 to 10:00 a.m., March 10

Representative Tarr – from noon, March 8 to 10:00 p.m., March 10

Representative Spohnholz – from 8:00 p.m., March 8 to 9:45 p.m., March 10

HB 71

Representative LeDoux added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 71

"An Act relating to hiring for positions in state service based on substitution of military work experience or training for required civilian work experience or training."

SJR 7

Representatives Rauscher, Tuck, and Kopp added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Requesting that the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management implement an oil and gas leasing program in the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 8. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk