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Fifty-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:38 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Fields and Stutes had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Merrick 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 Mike Rose of Juneau Christian Center. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection:

Let's pray. Heavenly Father, thank you for the amazing gift of life that you have bestowed upon us. Help us to live our lives to the fullest today. Thank you for the privilege of freedom that we enjoy in this great nation and state. May we always honor the pledge that we are *one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

Help us to remember that while we can't control many of our circumstances, we can determine the manner in which we

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respond to them. Lord, we ask that you will help us to display an attitude that will reflect gratitude, integrity, productivity, and good will to all people. With your assistance may we demonstrate faith not fear, positive not negative, hope not despair, courage not discouraged, strength not weakness, built up not torn down, fearless not fretful, prayerful not anxious, bold not timid.

Lord, we ask you that you would grant your peace, wisdom, and strength to all who serve in the House today. God, thank you for hearing our requests today. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Story.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 51st and 52nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Wool introduced his daughters, Evelyn and Abby Wool, Guest Pages, from Fairbanks.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated March 7 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 Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Diane Thompson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/6/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 12**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

"An Act relating to protective orders."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 12(STA)

(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Kreiss-Tomkins, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Vance, LeDoux, Wool, Shaw, Story, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 12(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 12 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 14

The State Affairs Committee considered:

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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 14(STA)

(same title)

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The report was signed by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Fields, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Vance, LeDoux, Wool, Shaw, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins, Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 14(STA):

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

HB 14 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 34

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

"An Act naming the Scott Johnson Memorial Bridge."

The report was signed by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Fields, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Vance, LeDoux, Shaw, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins, Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

HB 34 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The House Special Committee on Fisheries reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Douglas Vincent-Lang

as Commissioner of the Department of Fish & Game.

The report was signed by Representative Stutes, Chair; and Representatives Tarr, Vance, Kopp, Edgmon, Pruitt, and Kreiss-Tomkins.

HB 56

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

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

The report was signed by Representative LeDoux, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Thompson, Kopp, Rauscher, Tarr, Jackson, Tuck, LeDoux

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 56 was referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Ira Edwards
By Representative Revak

In Memoriam - Michael R. O'Connor
By Senator Birch; Representative Johnston

In Memoriam - Mark Dennis Lee
By Senator Wilson; Representative Sullivan-Leonard

In Memoriam - Jason Derek Moore
By Senator Birch; Representative Shaw

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

HJR 11

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11 by Representatives Eastman, Sullivan-Leonard, and Rauscher:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska prohibiting a religious test for public office.

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

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

HB 87

HOUSE BILL NO. 87 by Representatives Thompson and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act extending the liquefied natural gas storage facility tax credit; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 88

HOUSE BILL NO. 88 by Representatives Talerico, Kopp, Hopkins, and Shaw, entitled:

"An Act naming the Trooper Gabe Rich Memorial Bridge."

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

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:

In Memoriam - Joy Ruth Wiebe
By Representatives Wilson, Talerico

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Representative Merrick – from today to 6:00 p.m., March 11

HB 14

Representative LeDoux 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."

HB 56

Representatives Kopp and Thompson added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

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

HB 70

Representative Hopkins added as a cosponsor to:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 70

"An Act relating to health education and physical activity requirements for students in grades kindergarten through eight; and establishing the Thursday in February immediately following Presidents' Day as PLAAAY Day."

HB 75

Representative Hopkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 75

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and relating to the Alaska higher education investment fund."

HB 85

Representative Eastman added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

"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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., March 11. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk