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Eighty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:34 a.m.

Roll call showed 34 members present. Representatives Lincoln and Neuman had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Eastman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Stutes, and Wool be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. Charlotte Basham of the Chena Ridge Friends Meeting. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Honoring the Spirit of life that goes by many names and no name, I invite you to join me in a moment of prayer and reflection:

May this day be blessed by the Spirit that unites us. May we pay attention to that Spirit as we make decisions for the common good. May we be enlightened by the wisdom passed down by many generations of indigenous people of this land. May our actions be in harmony with care for the land and its people. And may our actions be those that hold to the promise of peace and justice for all. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hannan.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 87th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Tiffany Scott

as a member of the Board of Education and Early Development.

The report was signed by Representatives Story and Drummond, Co-chairs; and Representatives Revak, Tuck, Zulkosky, and Hopkins.

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

Chris Reitan
Janine Todd
Tamara Van Wyhe

as members of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

The report was signed by Representatives Drummond and Story, Co-chairs; and Representatives Hopkins, Zulkosky, and Tuck.

HB 10

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

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

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

Do pass (4): Story, Shaw, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins

No recommendation (3): Vance, LeDoux, Wool

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections

HB 10 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 118

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 118

"An Act relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; and relating to planning for prisoner reentry."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Story, Shaw, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins

No recommendation (3): Vance, LeDoux, Wool

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 118(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Corrections

HB 118 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - The Legislative Affairs Agency, Online Democracy Award Winner

By Representative Eastman; Senator Shower

Honoring - John Sturgeon

By Representatives Eastman, Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Agnes Royer

By Representative Ortiz

In Memoriam - Priscilla Loretta Kunz

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 116

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 116 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to the renewal or extension of site leases for aquatic farming and aquatic plant and shellfish hatchery operations."

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

HB 130

HOUSE BILL NO. 130 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the community assistance fund and to community assistance; repealing the civil legal services fund, power cost equalization endowment fund, power cost equalization and rural electric capitalization fund, curriculum improvement and best practices fund, and Alaska higher education investment fund; disposing of proceeds; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Education, Community & Regional Affairs, Judiciary, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization
6. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Fund Capitalization
7. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Fund Transfer
8. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Fund Transfer
9. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated April 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill repealing multiple funds in the state's general fund.

This bill would repeal various funds in the general fund, specifically, the civil legal services fund, the power cost equalization endowment fund, the power cost equalization and rural electric capitalization fund, the curriculum improvement and best practices fund, and the Alaska higher education investment fund. The community assistance fund statute would be repealed and reenacted to remove the fund

designation, but still allow legislative appropriations for community assistance.

Next, the bill would provide for funds received by gift, bequest, or donation to be returned to the original donors, while the remainder of the fund balances would be deposited into the general fund on the bill's effective date of July 1, 2019. The proliferation of designated funds over the years causes complexities in budgeting, and failure to apply a fresh look at state spending. Removing these funds will contribute to a more transparent annual budget analysis.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 131

HOUSE BILL NO. 131 by the House Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 106

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

"An Act relating to school bond debt reimbursement."

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with the:

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Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 106 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 106 will advance to third reading on the April 15 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 - Robert Auth

By Representatives Claman, Drummond

Honoring - Aliy Zirkle

By Senator Coghill

Honoring - Jyotsna and Steve Heckman

By Senator Coghill

Honoring - Alaska's 60th Anniversary of Statehood

By Senator Coghill

Honoring - University of Alaska, Student Government Associations

By Senators Kawasaki, Birch; Representative LeDoux

In Memoriam - Dick L. Madson

By Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Jon Thomas Lundquist

By Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Sarah Latta Carter Crawford
By Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Benedict A. Snowball
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Dr. Derrick Leedy
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Ellen Amaateka Baize
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Ida Ruth "Tattoovik" Nakarak
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - LaVonne Okeasik
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Mildred M. Oyoumick "Iggalli"
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

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:

Representative Wool – from today to 10:00 a.m., April 15

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins – from today to 10:00 a.m., April 17

Representative Eastman – from today to 11:00 a.m., April 15

Representative Fields – from noon, today to 10:00 a.m., April 15

Representative Merrick – from 6:30 p.m., today to 10:00 a.m., April 15

Representative Tarr – from noon, April 13 to 10:15 p.m., April 14

Representative Kopp – from 1:00 p.m., today to 10:00 a.m., April 15

HB 97

Representative Revak added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

"An Act relating to the prescription of drugs by a physician assistant without physical examination."

HB 128

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

"An Act relating to national board certification for public school teachers."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 48

Reconsideration of the following was not taken up on this legislative day. It was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48(FIN) am

"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; repealing the authority of the governor or a designee of the governor to authorize higher pay than is otherwise allowable for certain partially exempt employees in the executive branch; requiring the commissioner of administration to submit a report to the legislature; and providing for an effective date."

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., April 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk