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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:37 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Neuman had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Sullivan-Leonard 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 Dan Wiese of Juneau Church of the Nazarene. Representative Shaw moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

It is with great respect for all who gather here and the various religious beliefs represented in this room that I offer a prayer for us this day:

Most gracious God, we come humbly before you today on behalf of the Alaska State House of Representatives. I thank you for these officials who have taken on the responsibility of leadership in our great state. I thank you for all the support staff who work in this building. We live in a beautiful state populated by people whom you love and for whom you provided hope, grace, and mercy through your son, Jesus. These men and women have been elected to a great

responsibility to conduct the business of the state, to know many different issues and make decisions that will impact many people. I pray for wisdom, guidance, and conviction to make good and right decisions as they deal with issues affecting the lives of Alaskans across the state. Our state faces many challenges in budgets and finance, as well as many other issues that require decisions and actions that will determine the future of our state. Please give a great measure of your spirit to discern what is good and best for our future.

And finally, God, I pray for these representatives and their families. They carry their own burdens and concerns. Would you go with them and help them? Would you provide for them, guide them, and bring healing to the various areas of personal concern? And I pray you would guide them as they uphold the integrity of their office and their position of leadership. Bless them this day!

It is in special honor of the Christian Holy Week that I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Johnson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 92nd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Adam Crum

as Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services.

The report was signed by Representatives Zulkosky and Spohnholz, Co-chairs; and Representatives Pruitt, Tarr, Jackson, and Drummond.

The Health & Social Services reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Ken McCarty
John Sturgeon

as members of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees.

The report was signed by Representatives Spohnholz and Zulkosky, Co-chairs; and Representatives Pruitt, Drummond, Tarr, and Jackson.

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

Amanda Price

as Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

The report was signed by Representative Fields, Co-chair; and Representatives Vance, LeDoux, Wool, Shaw, and Story.

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

Dr. Michael Johnson

as Lieutenant Governor Successor.

Kathleen Frederick

as Chief Administrative Law Judge.

Marcus Sanders

as a member of the State Commission for Human Rights.

Edie Grunwald

as a member of the State Board of Parole.

Craig Johnson

as a member of the Personnel Board.

Stephen Dutra
Rebecca Hamon
Burke Waldron
Joseph White
Jennifer Winkelman

as members of the Alaska Police Standards Council.

Suzanne Hancock
James McDermott
Rick Stillie

as members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

The reports were signed by Representative Fields, Co-chair; and Representatives Vance, Wool, and Story.

HJR 12

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Supporting the completion of the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

The report was signed by Representatives Stutes and Wool, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Story, Talerico, Drummond, Rasmussen, Stutes, Wool

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HJR 12 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 14

The Judiciary 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(JUD)

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

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

Do pass (4): Wool, Shaw, Kopp, Claman

Amend (2): Eastman, LeDoux

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

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
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections

HB 14 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 23

The Transportation Committee considered:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"An Act relating to registration fees for snowmobiles and off-highway vehicles."

The report was signed by Representatives Wool and Stutes, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Drummond, Rasmussen, Talerico, Story, Wool, Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

SSHB 23 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 114

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 114

"An Act relating to a workforce enhancement program for health care professionals employed in the state; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Zulkosky and Spohnholz, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Tarr, Jackson, Claman, Drummond, Zulkosky, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 114 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HR 6**

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Expressing support and appreciation for the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

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

Do pass (7): Vance, Ortiz, Edgmon, Talerico, Kopp, Lincoln, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs

HR 6 was referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HR 7

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

Urging the governor to continue to fully implement the Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact and build ongoing partnerships between the state and tribal governments.

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

Do pass (7): Vance, Ortiz, Edgmon, Talerico, Kopp, Lincoln, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs

HR 7 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 93

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

"An Act relating to temporary courtesy licenses for certain nonresident professionals; and relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

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

Do pass (6): Thompson, Rauscher, Tuck, Jackson, Tarr, LeDoux

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 93 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 126

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act establishing November as Alaska Native Heritage Month."

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

Do pass (7): Vance, Ortiz, Edgmon, Talerico, Kopp, Lincoln, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 126 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Evelyn Beason

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Meghan Redmond, 2019 National Assistant Principal of the Year

By Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Jerry Charles "JC" Wieber

By Representative Thompson

In Memoriam - Ronald James Qaggaq Kanayurak

By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Beulah Ballot

By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Captain Roxy Kuuguq Oyagak Jr.

By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Van Derrick Maasak Edwardsen

By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Lela Kiana Oman

By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 138**

HOUSE BILL NO. 138 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act requiring the designation of state water as outstanding national resource water to occur in statute; relating to management of outstanding national resource water by the Department of Environmental Conservation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 139

HOUSE BILL NO. 139 by Representative Johnston, entitled:

"An Act providing an exemption from the state procurement code for the acquisition of investment-related services for assets managed by the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance 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 - Chef Kellie Puff
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Leola Rutherford
By Representatives Josephson, Johnston

Honoring - Kaitlyn Gilmour
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Mary Kauffman
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - William G. Moran, Jr.
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Bob Teachworth
By Senator von Imhof; Representative Kopp

Honoring - Anchorage Christian School, 2019 3A Girls State Basketball Champions

By Representative Pruitt; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Anchorage Christian School, 2019 3A Boys State Basketball Champions

By Representative Pruitt; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Anchorage Christian School, 2018 Track & Field State Champions

By Representative Pruitt

Honoring - Marathon Petroleum Corporation, 50 Years of Serving Alaska

By Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Victoria M. Pennison-Johnson

By Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Wayne John Tobuk, Sr.

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Francis Suluk Alvanna

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Thomas Eli "Topsekok" Menadelook, Jr.

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Sophie Beatus

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Ted Jones

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Ronna Lynn Engstrom

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Ralph Keoni Anullaqtaq Atmaq Ivanoff

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Timothy Martin "Anaqasuk" Towarak
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Vernon H. Boyles
By Senators Birch, Coghill, Bishop

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 83

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral and added a Judiciary Committee referral for the following:

SENATE BILL NO. 83

"An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to the public utility regulatory cost charge; relating to the regulation of telecommunications; relating to exemptions, charges, and rates applicable to telecommunications utilities; relating to regulation of telephone services; and relating to alternate operator services."

SB 83 is in the Labor & Commerce Committee with a further referral to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 14

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

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 14 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

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 Johnson – from 7:00 a.m., April 18 to 2:00 p.m., April 21

Representative Jackson – from 11:30 a.m., April 18 to 8:30 p.m., April 21

Representative Vance – from 7:00 p.m., April 18 to 11:00 a.m., April 22

Representative Merrick – from 7:00 p.m., April 18 to 11:00 a.m., April 22

Representative Talerico – from 8:00 a.m., July 21 to 5:30 p.m., August 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following meetings today were changed:

Judiciary Committee CANCELED

Labor & Commerce
CHANGED TO: Call of the Chair

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess until 12:50 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 10:52 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:55 p.m.

**The presence of Representative Sullivan-Leonard, who was excused (page 643), was noted.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

Consideration of the Governor's appointments will be published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 7.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 8:49 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 79

Representative Claman added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

"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."

HB 128

Representatives Story and Drummond added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

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

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., April 18 for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk