

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**January 21, 2020**

**First Day**

The House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 1:06 p.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

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 Tarr – today

Representative Gillis – from today to 10:00 a.m., January 27.

The following members of the Girl Scouts of Alaska presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Isabel Danner, Cagney Davis, Farrah Fremlin, Neeka Kendall, Devin Moorehead, Serenity Peterson, Violet Ricker, Amara Sanguni, Ashtyn Stevens, and Maddie Thorne.

The following members of the Glacier Valley Elementary School Dipper Singers sang "The Alaska Flag Song" under the direction of Lorrie Heagy, accompanied by Juneau Alaska Music Matters String Ensemble lead by Meagan Johnson:

Hunter Carte, Faith Contreras, Isaiah Galletes-Fale, Rylan Henderson, Aiden Jenkins, Jaxin Jim, Aaron Lazo, Aidan Lazo,

Ashlynn McDermott, Skylar Oliva, Charlie Pepper, Kirby Sidlo, Gracie Sievenpiper-Booth, Daevyon Topasna-Lujan, Avei Tuvaifale, Elijah Wyatt, and Franz Felkl.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Brian Ewing of Calvary Fellowship. Representative Drummond moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Father God, thank you for the men and women here today. They have been loaned by their friends and families back home to come here and serve the people of Alaska, and they have a rather daunting task before them.

Would you attend to the ones that they love, their parents, their spouses, their confidantes, their children? These men and women want to be present here and undistracted. So would you watch over the home front while they give their focus to this one.

Father, you gave a profound definition of social justice around 2500 years ago when you said, *O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.* Three simple actions which you said are the hallmark of what is good: to do what is just, to delight in kind actions, and to walk in a way that demonstrates that we understand that you are God and we are not.

Lord God, be present here in our struggle to do what is good. We truly want to leave a legacy for the people of this incredible state. Cause what we do here to be both good and enduring. Let it truly have a positive and lasting impact on our people.

I ask that you would get the accolades when we see your answer to these prayers. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 22nd through the 30th legislative days of the Second Special Session, the Final Supplement of the First Session and First and Second Special Sessions, House Journal Supplement No. 5, and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 10 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The Speaker appointed Representatives Lincoln and Sullivan-Leonard to advise the Governor that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Zulkosky and Talerico to advise the Senate that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess; and so, the House recessed at 1:30 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 2:36 p.m.

Representative Lincoln reported that the Governor was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Zulkosky reported that the Senate was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following Governor's Proclamation dated November 20, 2019, was received:

"WHEREAS, under AS 15.40.380, conditions for part-term senate appointment and special election, if a "vacancy is for an unexpired senate term of more than two years and five full calendar months, the

governor shall call a special election by proclamation and the appointment shall expire on the date the state senate first convenes or reconvenes following the certification of the results of the special election by the director."

WHEREAS, the untimely passing of Senator Chris Birch, the state senator for Senate District M, on August 7, 2019, created a vacancy in the Senate of the Alaska State Legislature of an unexpired term of more than two years and five full calendar months; and

WHEREAS, the Governor must issue a proclamation calling the special election at least 50 days before the election under AS 15.40.400.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, hereby proclaim that a special election to fill Senate District M seat will be held at the time of, and in the same manner as, the general election in November of 2020.

Dated: November 20, 2019

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor"

A letter dated November 16, 2019, was received stating the Governor appointed Bethany Marcum and Jordan Shilling to the Redistricting Planning Committee.

The following letter dated November 20, 2019, was read:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Pursuant to my authority under Article II, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution and the process outlined in AS 15.40.320, I have appointed Melvin Gillis to fill the vacancy in the Alaska State House, District 25.

Subject to confirmation by the House Republicans, Melvin Gillis will hold this office for the remainder of the unexpired term of the 31st Legislature for House District 25.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor"

An amended finance plan dated October 11, 2019, regarding the 2018 North Slope Borough Storm Disaster with an accompanying letter dated November 13, 2019, were received pursuant to AS 26.23.020. The amended finance plan and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

### COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated August 7, 2019, was received from Joel Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating that he nominated the following public member to serve as alternate on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics pursuant to AS 24.60.131:

Patrick FitzGerald

The Speaker referred the appointment to the Judiciary Committee.

A letter dated November 2, 2019, from Representative Revak, House District 25, to Speaker Edgmon, was received tendering his resignation from the House effective November 2, 2019.

Memorandums dated August 20 and November 26, 2019, from Speaker Edgmon regarding the appointment of Tyra Smith-MacKinnon to the Redistricting Planning Committee and her replacement Thomas James Presley were received.

The following letter dated December 2, 2019, was received:

"Dear Governor Dunleavy:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statutes 15.40.330, 15.40.340, House Republicans have met and

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discussed the nomination of Mel Gillis to fill the vacant seat in House District 25. I respectfully wish to inform you that Mel Gillis achieved the needed support to be seated. The meeting to confirm Representative Gillis to the house seat occurred on December 2, 2019. I swore in Representative Gillis on December 2, 2019.

Sincerely,  
/s/  
Bryce Edgmon  
Speaker of the House"

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Representative Gillis took the oath of office on December 2, 2019.

The following were received:

Alaska Citizen Review Panel (CRP)  
2018-2019 Annual Report  
(as required by AS 47.14.255)

Alaska Court System  
Annual Report FY 2019  
<http://www.courts.alaska.gov/admin/index.htm#annualrep>  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission  
Annual Report  
November 1, 2019  
(as required by AS 44.19.647)

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation  
2019 Annual Report  
<https://www.ahfc.us/about-us/reports/2019-annual-report>  
(as required by AS 18.56.200)

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority  
Interior Energy Project  
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature  
October 2019  
[www.interiorenergyproject.com](http://www.interiorenergyproject.com)  
(as required by Chapter No. 39, SLA 2015)

Alaska State Legislature  
Legislative Affairs Agency  
Division of Legal and Research Services  
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed  
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the  
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes  
December 2019  
(as required by AS 24.20.065)

Dept. of Corrections  
Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Joint Annual Report on Recidivism Reduction FY2019  
January 2020  
(as required by AS 47.38.100)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Annual Medicaid Reform Report  
FY 2019  
(as required by AS 47.05.270)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Division of Behavioral Health  
Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Funding in  
SFY2019  
November 2019  
(as required by Chapter No. 17, SLA 18)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Health Information Technologies  
2019 Progress and Recommendations Report on the Health  
Information Exchange System in Alaska  
[http://dhss.alaska.gov/HIT/Documents/2019\\_AnnualHIEReport.pdf](http://dhss.alaska.gov/HIT/Documents/2019_AnnualHIEReport.pdf)  
December 2019  
(as required by AS 18.23.315)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Office of Children's Services  
2019 Child Welfare Outcomes and Caseworker Retention Report  
Annual Report to the Legislature  
November 15, 2019  
(as required by AS 18.05.020)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Office of Children's Services  
2019 Response to the CRP Annual Report  
(as required by AS 47.14.255)

Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Dept. of Law  
Joint Legislative Report (Correction to the November 2019 Report)  
Fraud, Abuse, and Waste, Payment and Eligibility Errors for FY 19  
December 2019  
(as required by AS 47.07.076)

Dept. of Law  
Activities of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform  
State Laws  
Annual Report  
January 6, 2020

Dept. of Law  
Federal Laws and Litigation Report  
January 15, 2020  
(as required by AS 44.23.020)

Dept. of Public Safety  
2019 Report on Untested Sexual Assault Examination Kits  
November 15, 2019  
(as required by AS 44.41.070)

Dept. of Revenue  
Treasury Division  
Alaska ABLE program  
Annual Report  
January 15, 2020  
(as required by AS 06.65.350)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities  
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act  
Annual Report  
2019 Progress Report  
January 2020  
(as required by AS 44.42.067)



**HB 39**

Pursuant to HB 39-APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS (Chapter No. 1, FSSLA 19), the following was received:

Dept. of Corrections  
Community Placement of Inmates  
Progress Report  
January 15, 2020

**SB 19**

Pursuant to SB 19-APPROP: CAPITAL BUDGET; SUPPLEMENTAL, (Chapter No. 3, FSSLA 19), the following were received:

Dept. of Corrections  
Division of Administrative Services  
2018 Offender Profile  
2019 Offender Profile

Dept. of Corrections  
Statistical Review 2019

Dept. of Education and Early Development  
Statewide Suicide Prevention Council  
Joint Sustainability Report  
December 1, 2019

The following audit reports were received from the Division of Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required by AS 24.20.311:

2019 Annual Report, Unabridged  
2019 Annual Report, Condensed

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
State Medical Board  
Sunset Review  
April 26, 2019

Dept. of Corrections  
Board of Parole  
Sunset Review  
May 8, 2019

Dept. of Fish and Game  
Board of Game Regulatory Process  
Special Review  
September 23, 2019

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission  
Sunset Review  
March 15, 2019

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

A report of the Committee on Committees dated January 21 was read submitting amendments to the February 19, 2019, report (page 120). Additional reports are on pages 98, 120-122, 831-832, 1245, and 1271. The amendments follow:

Community & Regional Affairs: Johnson replaced Revak

Education Committee: Wilson replaced Revak

Finance Committee: Ortiz added as Vice Chair

Health & Social Services Committee: Spohnholz changed to Vice Chair; Zulkosky changed to Chair.

Judiciary Committee: Drummond and LeDoux replaced Wool and Thompson; Kopp removed as Vice Chair

Labor & Commerce Committee: Spohnholz replaced Wool as Chair; Gillis and Rasmussen replaced Revak and Talerico

State Affairs Committee: Thompson replaced Wool

Transportation Committee: Edgmon and Gillis replaced Wool and Rasmussen; Stutes changed to Chair.

**HR 1**

House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism: Gillis replaced Revak

**HR 4**

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: Shaw changed to Co-chair; Thompson added as Co-chair; Tuck removed as Vice Chair

Joint Armed Services Committee: LeDoux replaced Revak

The report was signed by Representative Edgmon, Chair; and Representatives Kopp, Foster, Thompson, Johnston, and Stutes.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report.

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection.

Representative Carpenter objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the Committee on Committees Report? The roll was taken with the following result:

Committee on Committees Report  
Adopt

**YEAS: 23 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Thompson, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Merrick, Neuman, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tilton, Vance, Wilson

Excused: Gillis, Tarr

And so, the Committee on Committees report was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Ron Braman  
By Representative Wilson

Honoring - Kerry Boyd  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Adelbert Lada "Al" Benerth  
By Representatives Wilson, Talerico

In Memoriam - Timothy T. Fisher  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Terance James Moran  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Arthur Lee Mathena  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Helen Louise Higgins  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Rebecca Louise Fuller  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Ronald Roy Tougas  
By Representative Wilson

In Memoriam - Lucille Elaine Reese  
By Representatives Wilson, Talerico

In Memoriam - Thomas Gary Pol  
By Representative Wilson

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

**HCR 12**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 by Representatives Spohnholz, Drummond, and Jackson:

Dedicating Capitol Room 106 in the Alaska State Capitol to the late Senator Bettye J. Davis.

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

**HJR 22**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska repealing the repayment requirement of the budget reserve fund.

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

**HJR 23**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 by Representatives Rasmussen and Kreiss-Tomkins:

Supporting the passage by the United States Senate of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019 relating to cannabis-related legitimate businesses' access to financial services.

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

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

**HB 180**

(Profile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 180 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

**HB 181**

(Profile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 181 by Representatives Claman, Drummond, and Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to mental health education."

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

**HB 182**

(Profile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 182 by Representatives Tarr, Spohnholz, and Drummond, entitled:

An Act relating to testing of sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date.

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

**HB 183**

(Profile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 183 by Representatives Fields and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and relating to staffing and wage standards for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute."

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

**HB 184**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 184 by Representatives Wilson and Kopp, entitled:

"An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

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

**HB 185**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 185 by Representatives Stutes and Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 186**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 186 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act naming the Irene Webber Bridge."

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

**HB 187**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 187 by Representatives Fields, Drummond, Josephson, Ortiz, Spohnholz, Hopkins, and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to correctional facilities; relating to the authority of the commissioner of corrections to designate the correctional facility to which a prisoner is to be committed; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 188**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 188 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 189**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 189 by Representative Talerico, entitled:

"An Act relating to the identification, location, and notification of specified family members of a child who is in state custody."

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

**HB 190**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 190 by Representative Talerico, entitled:

"An Act relating to allowable absences for a permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

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



**HB 191**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 191 by Representatives Wilson and Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to church attendance of a child who is in state custody."

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

**HB 192**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 192 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act removing certain limitations on campaign contributions made by nonresidents."

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

**HB 193**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 193 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act adding a second verse to the official state song."

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

**HB 194**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 194 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to consolidation of school districts; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Education, and Finance Committees.

**HB 195**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 195 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

**HB 196**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 196 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to the maximum annual awards for Alaska performance scholarships."

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

**HB 197**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 197 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act extending the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 198**

(Prefile released January 10)

HOUSE BILL NO. 198 by Representatives Josephson, Hopkins, Knopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, Spohnholz, and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to aggravating factors considered at sentencing."

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

**HB 199**

(Prefile released January 17)

HOUSE BILL NO. 199 by Representative Talerico, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries rehabilitation permit."

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

**HB 200**

(Prefile released January 17)

HOUSE BILL NO. 200 by Representatives Tarr and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure of employee compensation; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 201**

(Prefile released January 17)

HOUSE BILL NO. 201 by Representatives LeDoux, Josephson, and Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to legal representation of public officers in ethics complaints."

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

**HB 202**

(Prefile released January 17)

HOUSE BILL NO. 202 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to marriage, adoption, birth certificates, state custody of a minor, divorce, dissolution, and legal separation; defining 'spouse' for purposes of certain statutes relating to marriage and domestic relations; replacing the terms 'husband' and

'wife' in certain statutes relating to loans, trusts, spousal immunity and confidential marital communications, probate and nonprobate transfers, life and health insurance, workers' compensation, and property ownership; and making conforming amendments."

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

**HB 203**

HOUSE BILL NO. 203 by Representatives Knopp and Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to transportation of live crab."

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

**HB 204**

HOUSE BILL NO. 204 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to funding for early education programs; relating to a department literacy program; relating to a comprehensive reading policy; relating to the duties of the state Board of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Education, Community & Regional Affairs, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to literacy and early education titled the "Alaska Reads Act."

A student's ability to read is a critical predictor of educational and lifelong success. Children with an early basic knowledge of reading are more likely than their peers to experience later academic success, attain higher levels of education, and secure employment. Sadly, Alaska's students have scored below the national average in Grade Four reading every year since 2003. Last year, over two-thirds of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Three students attended schools in Alaska where 50 percent of Grade Three students were proficient in English language arts. A strong reading program, beginning in Kindergarten, continuing into Grade Three, and beyond, gives students the best possible chance to maximize their education.

The Alaska Reads Act would create a statewide comprehensive reading policy designed to improve our children's reading performance. Comprehensive implementation strategies for reading policies are necessary to ensure early identification of struggling readers and establish intensive reading intervention services for students who need more help to become successful readers. Early identification of students' reading skills – through assessments, strong reading programs, and additional supports for struggling readers – together form a pathway that leads to student success.

The first program in this bill, for our youngest students, would create an early education grant program for four and five year olds attending school district early education programs. School districts would receive a three-year grant designed to help these programs meet higher state standards, beginning with the lowest performing districts and progressing to encompass all early education programs over the course of ten years.

The second program is a targeted literacy program, designed to improve school literacy programs for young students, from early education through elementary school. As part of the literacy program, the Department of Education and Early Development would employ

reading specialists that will initially focus on Alaska's lowest-performing schools. These specialists would help design reading plans, create school improvement goals, and coach district teachers in order to increase reading performance and outcomes.

The final program in this bill is a comprehensive reading intervention program, designed to increase literacy for children in Kindergarten through Grade Three. First, the Department of Education and Early Development would establish a system of support for districts, including training, methods to monitor progress, and a statewide screening tool the department would administer to students three times every school year. Second, districts would offer students in Kindergarten through Grade Three reading intervention services, including a reading teacher for students with identified reading deficiencies. Districts would create tailored reading improvement plans for identified students and work with parents to improve reading skills both at home and in school. Multiple pathways are provided for students to demonstrate sufficient reading skills for progression to Grade Four, including performance on the statewide reading screening or assessment or an alternative reading assessment as determined by the State Board of Education, or, as evidenced through a student reading portfolio. The legislation also allows for good cause exemptions, which include being a student with a disability who operates with an individualized education plan or a student learning English as a second language.

A comprehensive reading program, beginning in Kindergarten and continuing into Grade Three and beyond, gives students the best possible chance to maximize their education.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy

Governor"

## **HB 205**

HOUSE BILL NO. 205 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's operating budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

The FY 2021 operating budget totals \$4.397 billion Unrestricted General Funds (UGF), \$894.4 million Designated General Funds (DGF), \$707.6 million Other State Funds, and \$2.866 billion Federal Funds.

This budget makes strategic investments in public safety, honors statutory formula programs by fully funding K-12 education and a full statutory distribution of the Permanent Fund Dividend, while reducing total agency operation spending. My administration continues to seek budget reductions while providing better delivery of services to Alaskans by focusing on state agency operating efficiencies and modernization.

The FY 2021 budget preserves State services at approximately the same level as the current fiscal year (FY 2020).

My administration looks forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2021 budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 206**

HOUSE BILL NO. 206 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

A letter dated January 17 with an accompanying spreadsheet, to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees from Amanda Holland, Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, was attached (as required by AS 37.14.003) and is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations.

This budget utilizes \$157.8 million in Unrestricted General Funds (UGF), \$52.4 million in Designated General Funds (DGF) and \$17.2 million in Mental Health Trust Authority Funds (Other State Funds).

The FY 2021 proposed mental health budget reflects the requests that were put forward to the Office of Management and Budget by the Alaska Mental Health Trust (Trust). The requests support programs and activities in Trust focus areas that meet the identified treatment and service needs of Trust beneficiaries and areas of system change to improve the lives of beneficiaries. Trust focus areas include housing and long-term services and supports, beneficiary employment and engagement, substance abuse prevention and treatment, and disability justice.



I look forward to working with the Legislature to produce a FY 2021 mental health budget for Alaska.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 207**

HOUSE BILL NO. 207 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.

This budget utilizes \$135.6 million in Unrestricted General Funds (UGF), \$75.5 million in Designated General Funds (DGF), and \$52.7 million in Other State Funds to leverage \$1.1 billion in Federal Funds.

The FY 2021 proposed capital budget makes important investments in projects that generate economic activity for our State, provides matching funds for federal transportation, water and sewer programs, and funds deferred maintenance programs for aging State assets. The FY 2021 capital budget also supports housing and energy efficiency programs to assist Alaska families, and proposes important resources for the men and women of law enforcement to fulfill their duty to keep our communities safe.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to produce a FY 2021 capital budget for Alaska.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael J. Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 208**

HOUSE BILL NO. 208 by Representative Knopp, entitled:

"An Act renaming College Road in Soldotna as Alan Boraas Road."

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

**HB 209**

HOUSE BILL NO. 209 by Representatives Thompson, Edgmon, and Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to public finance; creating the Department of Management and Budget; transferring the duties of the office of management and budget to the Department of Management and Budget; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 210**

HOUSE BILL NO. 210 by Representative Jackson, entitled:

"An Act relating to speedy trial time limits; and amending Rules 45(b), 45(c)(6), and 45(d)(7), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure, and repealing Rule 45(d)(3), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure."

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

**HB 211**

HOUSE BILL NO. 211 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to motor vehicle window tinting."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 212**

HOUSE BILL NO. 212 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the importation of bees and bee equipment into the state."

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

**HB 213**

HOUSE BILL NO. 213 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the use of an official 'Made in Alaska' emblem."

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

**HB 214**

HOUSE BILL NO. 214 by Representatives Johnson by request and Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act designating the O-S Cross cabbage, commonly known as 'giant cabbage,' as the official state vegetable."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

**HCR 10**

The following, which was not taken up from the May 15 calendar (page 1079), was returned to the Rules Committee:

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Relating to the earnings of the Alaska permanent fund; establishing a bicameral legislative working group on the use of earnings of the Alaska permanent fund; and relating to a special session for the sole purpose of deliberating the issues surrounding the use of the earnings of the Alaska permanent fund.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**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 Drummond – from 7:00 p.m., January 23 to 1:30 p.m., January 25

Representative Eastman moved to correct the message regarding the Republican's confirmation of Representative Gillis and withdrew the motion. There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

The following memorandum dated November 6, 2019, from Jean M. Mischel, Revisor of Statutes, was received:

"We have discovered a post-enrollment manifest error in sec. 3, ch. 9, SLA 2019 (CSHB 104(L&C) am S). Section 3 amends AS 06.60.015(b), as amended by sec. 2, ch. 9, SLA 2019, effective January 1, 2020. Section 2 was amended on the Senate floor by amendment no. 1 to add to AS 06.60.015(b)(4)(G) a nondisclosure provision that protects a purchaser's financial information in certain circumstances. Due to a clerical error, the language added to AS 06.60.015(b)(4)(G) was omitted from sec. 3 of the bill.

This error was discovered after enrollment, during publication of the 2019 supplement to the Alaska Statutes. I have instructed the publisher to add the omitted language to sec. 3, ch. 9, SLA 2019.

Please publish a copy of this in the journal in order to provide notice of the error under AS 01.05.031."

**HR 12**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 12

Establishing a House Special Committee on Climate Change.

**HB 91**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 91

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

**SB 80**

Representative Rasmussen added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 80 am

"An Act relating to proposing and enacting laws by initiative; and prohibiting the state and its agencies and corporations from spending funds to influence the outcome of certain ballot propositions and questions."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Transportation Committee

CHANGED TO:

30 min. after adjournment

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk