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Ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:41 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. District 3 was vacant.

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 Rauscher - from today to 10:00 p.m., February 2

Representative Rasmussen - today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Major Gina Halverson of The Salvation Army. Representative Drummond moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord, thank you for the men and women who choose to serve our great state in leadership. We pray for their wives, husbands, children, and families on how to best support one another while their loved ones are away leading our great state forward.

We are so grateful for the staff of our leaders. Thank you for giving them the gift to support, provide guidance, strength, and encouragement as they help fulfill the roles their leaders have before them. Give each staff the knowledge they need to approach each situation. Father, we are so grateful for the democracy we are able to live in. The leaders who help secure the needs and desires of our great state. Be with our leaders as they work together to find solutions to difficult problems. May you guide them to speak respectfully and with humility to one another.

Lord, be with our officials here today and provide wisdom as they deal with the pressures of life. Give them wisdom, give them courage so that even when it is hard, they would continue to go boldly and do what is right in your eyes. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kopp.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventh and eighth legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated January 22 was received from Joel Bolger, Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court, stating that he nominated the following public members to serve on the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics pursuant to AS 24.60.130:

Joyce M. Anderson Deb Fancher Lee Holmes

The Speaker referred the appointments to the Judiciary Committee.

The following were received:

Alaska Energy Authority Susitna-Watana Hydro Project 2020 Report (as required by AS 44.83.085)

Alaska State Legislature Joint House & Senate VPSO Working Group Report Recommendations and Findings January 24, 2020

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 15

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto.

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

Do pass (5): Hopkins, Thompson, Story, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins

Do not pass (2): Vance, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HJR 15 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 187

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

"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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 187(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 (1): Fields

Do not pass (1): Vance

No recommendation (4): Hopkins, Thompson, Story, Shaw

Amend (1): Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 187(STA):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Corrections

HB 187 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - The 210th, 211th, 212th Rescue Squadrons of the 176th Wing, Alaska Air National Guard By Representatives Gillis, Shaw; Senator Revak

Honoring - Glacier Oil and Gas Corporation By Representatives Gillis, Rauscher, Rasmussen

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 230

HOUSE BILL NO. 230 by Representatives Lincoln and Gillis, entitled:

"An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 109

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

"An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military members."

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(EED)	979

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 109(EDC)

"An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military and National Guard members."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative LeDoux:

Page 1, line 14, following "ship,": Insert "armory,"

Representative LeDoux moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. There being no objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

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Page 1, line 11, following "residence": Insert "in the school district"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative LeDoux objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 109(EDC) am Second Reading Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 4 NAYS: 31 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 2 VACANT: 1

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Talerico, Tilton

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Merrick, Ortiz, Pruitt, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Vance, Wool

Excused: Rasmussen, Rauscher

Absent: Neuman, Zulkosky

Vacant: District 3

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 109(EDC) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 109(EDC) am will advance to third reading on the next calendar.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 12

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to the next calendar:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12 Dedicating Capitol Room 106 in the Alaska State Capitol to the late Senator Bettye J. Davis.

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 Metcalf By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - Rebecca Missler By Representative Wilson; Senator Coghill

Honoring - United States Coast Guard By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

Honoring - 2020 Top Five Kuskokwim 300 Finishers By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Alan S. Boraas, Ph.D. By Representative Knopp; Senator Micciche

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 Merrick – from 7:00 p.m., January 31 to 10:00 a.m., February 3

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Representative Neuman – from 11:30 a.m., January 31 to 10:30 a.m., February 3

Representative Thompson – from noon, January 30 to 10:00 a.m., February 3

Representative Kopp – from 9:00 a.m., January 31 to 9:00 p.m., February 2

Representative Stutes – from 10:00 a.m., January 31 to 9:00 a.m., February 2

Representative Wool – from 8:00 p.m., January 31 to 10:00 a.m., February 3

Representative Shaw – from noon, January 31 to 10:00 p.m., February 2

Representative Jackson – from 11:30 a.m., January 31 to 1:00 a.m., February 2

HB 184

Representative Talerico moved and asked unanimous consent that his name be added as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 184 "An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

There being no objection, it was so ordered. (Representative Wilson resigned, pages 1455, 1466).

HB 191

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent, citing Uniform Rule 35, that her name be added as prime sponsor to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered. (Representative Wilson resigned, pages 1455, 1466).

HB 178

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent, citing Uniform Rules 24(a) and 48(d), that the following be discharged from the Health & Social Services Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 178

"An Act interpreting the right to privacy under art. I, sec. 22, Constitution of the State of Alaska; defining 'abortion,' 'birth,' 'child,' 'conception,' 'natural person,' and 'preborn child'; relating to civil actions and liability under the Act; relating to murder of a child; repealing abortion procedures; amending the definition of 'person' for crimes against a person; repealing murder of an unborn child and penalties and provisions related to that crime; relating to the powers of guardians; relating to powers of attorney for health care decisions; relating to regulation of abortion; relating to medical treatment for minors; relating to relocation of a child; relating to the office of public advocacy; repealing medical assistance payment for abortions; relating to duties of the attorney general; relating to the limitation on the use of assets; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Thompson objected.

Representative Claman rose to a point of order regarding relevance of the remarks.

The Speaker ruled that the point was well taken and cautioned the member to confine remarks to the motion.

The question being: "Shall HB 178 be discharged from the Health & Social Services Committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 178 Discharge from HSS Committee

YEAS: 9 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 3 VACANT: 1

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Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Pruitt, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tilton, Vance

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, Lincoln, Merrick, Ortiz, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Wool

Excused: Rasmussen, Rauscher

Absent: LeDoux, Neuman, Zulkosky

Vacant: District 3

And so, the motion failed.

HB 178 is in the Health & Social Services Committee with further referrals to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

HB 109

Representatives Sullivan-Leonard, Spohnholz, and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 109(EDC) am

"An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military and National Guard members."

HB 187

Representatives LeDoux and Shaw added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

"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."

HB 223

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

"An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Memorial Bridge."

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., January 31 for a technical session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Crystaline Jones Chief Clerk