

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**February 7, 2020**

**Eighteenth Day**

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

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives Merrick, Shaw, and Vance had been excused from a call of the House today. 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 Drummond – today

Representative Jackson – from today to 10:00 p.m., February 9

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Rabbi Yehoshua Mizrahi, student of Rabbi Emeritus Mordechai Eskovitz of the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deep and abiding respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following benediction:

May it be your will, Lord our God, and God of our ancestors, that we devote time every day to reflect on our deeds; that we

accustom ourselves to the study of your teachings in the Holy Torah; and that we cleave to your commandments. Bring us not into sin, transgression or iniquity, no matter how petty, nor into temptation, scorn, anger, jealousy, or rage so that our evil inclination not have mastery over us.

Rather, cause us to cleave to what Abraham Lincoln described as the better angels of our nature, to the good inclination and to good deeds, and let us subordinate our impulses in your service. Grant us this day and every day: grace, kindness, and mercy; wisdom, knowledge, and insight; and may be adjudged favorably in your eyes and in the eyes of all who behold us. Now let us say. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative LeDoux.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 16th and 17th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Hannan introduced Kate and Callie Stickel, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated February 6 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 18.85.030, the Governor submits the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

#### **Public Defender**

Samantha Cherot – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/12/2019

Term Expires: 9/12/2023

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

The letter further stated 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 names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission**

Lem Wheelles – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

**University of Alaska Board of Regents**

Cachet Garrett – Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/1/2019

Term Expires: 5/31/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

**Commission on Judicial Conduct**

Todd Fletcher – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2023

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

**Board of Nursing**

Catherine Hample – Wasilla

Appointed: 5/24/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Lena Lafferty – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/24/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

**Board of Professional Counselors**

Laura Patin – Eagle River

Appointed: 11/14/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

**Big Game Commercial Services Board**

Peter Buist – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/21/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

**Alaska Public Offices Commission**

Hardy "Van" Lawrence – Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/18/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter including initial finance plans dated February 5 regarding the November 27 - December 10, 2019, Kenai Peninsula winter storm were received from Governor Dunleavy. The Declaration of Disaster Emergency and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration

Division of Risk Management

Fiscal Year Report 2020

<http://doa.alaska.gov/drm/pdf/ActuarialReport.pdf>

(as required by AS 37.05.287)

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

Technical and Vocational Education Program Report

State Fiscal Year 2019

(as required by AS 23.15.835)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**HB 27**

The Resources Committee considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 27**

"An Act relating to the manufacture, sale, distribution, and labeling of child-related products containing certain flame retardant chemicals; relating to an interstate chemicals clearinghouse; adding unlawful acts to the Alaska Unfair Trade

Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 27(RES)

"An Act relating to the manufacture, sale, and distribution of products containing certain flame retardant chemicals; relating to an interstate chemicals clearinghouse; adding unlawful acts to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Tuck, Hannan, Hopkins, Tarr, Lincoln

No recommendation (2): Talerico, Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 27(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 27 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

### **HB 186**

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

"An Act naming the irene Webber Bridge."

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

Do pass (6): Story, Talerico, Drummond, Claman, Edgmon, Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

HB 186 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**HB 198**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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

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

No recommendation (1): Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Administration
3. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 198 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**HB 185**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 185

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 185(FSH)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Kopp, Edgmon, Tarr, Stutes

No recommendation (1): Neuman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 185(FSH):

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

HB 185 was referred to the Transportation Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

In Memoriam - Terrance J Quinn, II, Ph.D.

By Representatives Hopkins, Story; Senator Kiehl

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

#### **HB 240**

HOUSE BILL NO. 240 by Representatives Hannan and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to pollutants; relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation; and relating to firefighting substances."

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

#### **HB 241**

HOUSE BILL NO. 241 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to allowable absences from the state for individuals serving in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps and the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps for purposes of

permanent fund dividend eligibility; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 242**

HOUSE BILL NO. 242 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the prescription of opioids; relating to the practice of dentistry; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to the practice of podiatry; relating to the practice of osteopathy; relating to the practice of nursing; relating to the practice of optometry; relating to the practice of pharmacy; relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; relating to the state medical examiner; relating to the controlled substance prescription database; relating to the duties of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 243**

HOUSE BILL NO. 243 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to the authority of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to issue revenue bonds to finance the Sweetheart Lake hydroelectric project; and providing for an effective date."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 142**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 5 calendar (page 1544), was read the third time:



CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142(JUD)

"An Act relating to Alaska Native organizations' family assistance programs."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 142(JUD) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 142(JUD)

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 33 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0 VACANT: 1**

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Neuman, Ortiz, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Drummond, Gillis, Jackson, Merrick, Shaw, Vance

Vacant: District 3

And so, CSHB 142(JUD) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### 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 Fields – from 11:30 a.m., today to 10:00 a.m., February 10

Representative Rauscher – from 8:00 p.m., today to 11:00 a.m., February 10

Representative LeDoux – from midnight to 1:30 p.m., February 10

Representative Sullivan-Leonard – from 6:00 a.m., February 8 to 10:00 a.m., February 10

**HJR 15**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto.

**HJR 25**

Representative Hopkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25

Encouraging the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Governor of the state to assist the National Park Service in its efforts to ensure long- term access into Denali National Park and Preserve by way of the existing roadway.

**HB 32**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

"An Act making certain entities that are exempt from federal taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), (4), (6), (12), or (19) (Internal Revenue Code), regional housing authorities, and federally recognized tribes eligible for a loan from the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; relating to loans from the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; and relating to the annual report published by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

**HB 142**

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 142(JUD)

"An Act relating to Alaska Native organizations' family assistance programs."

**HB 194**

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

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

**HB 198**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

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

**HB 233**

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

"An Act relating to the display of documents on an electronic device."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 142**

CSHB 142(JUD) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

Judiciary Committee CANCELED

Labor & Commerce Committee CANCELED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 10. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk