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**February 21, 2020**

**Thirty-second Day**

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

Roll call showed 29 members present. Representatives Drummond, Gillis, Johnson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, and Tilton had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Eastman was absent. District 3 was vacant.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Shaw be excused from a call of the House from today to 10:00 p.m., February 23. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Dr. Thomas Fox Thornton of Juneau Society of Friends (Quakers). Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Good morning Friends,

With deepest respect for this community and this meeting, I invite you into a time of prayer:

Lord, help us recognize every day and every encounter as a meeting for learning. Let us come ready to participate fully by sharing our experiences and knowledge, and by listening compassionately to the experiences and wisdom brought by

others, by remaining open to new insights and ideas for addressing human needs now and for future generations. We know this powerful combination of grounded experience and spiritual openness, rationality and faith, humility and reflection enables a deeper truth to emerge. Let us commit, then, with clearness and discernment, to looking for creative solutions, not simply the least common denominator or compromise.

In a true meeting for learning, unity in understanding and spirit engenders revelation, inspiration, growth, and the conviction to act on behalf of the greater community. It is divine. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Spohnholz.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 30th and 31st legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Story introduced Maxie Lehauli and Quincy Malacas, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

#### **HJR 9**

A message dated February 20 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

#### **CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(STA)**

Requesting the United States Secretary of the Treasury to mint not less than 5,000,000 \$1 coins honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich under the Native American \$1 Coin Act.

Legislative Resolve No. 15

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****SB 106**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 106(L&C)

"An Act relating to renewal of insurance coverage for homeowners and renters; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Gillis, Hannan, Story, Fields, Rasmussen, Stutes, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

CSSB 106(L&C) was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**SB 144**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 144

"An Act establishing June 7 of each year as Walter Harper Day."

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

Do pass (7): Vance, Hopkins, Thompson, Shaw, Story, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

SB 144 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**HB 218**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 218

"An Act relating to salt water sport fishing operators and salt water sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 218(FSH)  
(same title)

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

Amend (5): Kopp, Vance, Tarr, Kreiss-Tomkins, Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 218(FSH):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 218 was referred to the Resources Committee.

**HB 232**

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

"An Act relating to a municipal air quality improvement tax credit; and relating to a municipal energy efficient new construction tax credit."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 232(ENE)

"An Act relating to a municipal air quality improvement tax credit; and relating to a municipal energy efficient construction tax credit."

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

Do pass (5): Fields, Lincoln, Spohnholz, Zulkosky, Hopkins

No recommendation (1): Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 232(ENE):

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

HB 232 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

In Memoriam - Joann Jackson

By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins; Senator Stedman

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

Honoring - League of Women Voters, 100th Anniversary

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Timothy Benintendi

By Senators Hoffman, Gray-Jackson; Representative Josephson

Honoring - Denali Drilling, Inc.

Senator Costello; Representative Rasmussen

Honoring - Kodiak Shakesbears, 2020 State Champions in Drama and Forensics

By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

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

#### **HCR 14**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14 by Representatives Tuck and Story:

Proclaiming March 2020 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

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

**HJR 26**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 26 by Representatives Tuck and Story:

Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to implement a renewable energy testing program in the state; supporting the development and testing of renewable energy resources in the state; and encouraging entrepreneurs to develop renewable energy projects in the state.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 21**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 21 by Representatives Claman, Hopkins, Drummond, Fields, and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 191**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 191 by Representatives Vance and Wilson, 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 262**

HOUSE BILL NO. 262 by Representative Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal elections."

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

**HB 263**

HOUSE BILL NO. 263 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain rail properties conveyed to the state under the Alaska Railroad Transfer Act."

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

**HB 264**

HOUSE BILL NO. 264 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to proof of financial responsibility after certain motor vehicle accidents."

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

**HB 265**

HOUSE BILL NO. 265 by Representative Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for pharmacy services."

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

**HB 266**

HOUSE BILL NO. 266 by Representative Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to foster care."

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

**HB 267**

HOUSE BILL NO. 267 by Representative Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act relating to short-term health care insurance; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 268**

HOUSE BILL NO. 268 by Representative LeBon, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority."

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

**HB 269**

HOUSE BILL NO. 269 by Representative Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act requiring certain school districts to give teachers who are nursing mothers reasonable breaks and a location to express breast milk."

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

**HB 270**

HOUSE BILL NO. 270 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act establishing state land vouchers; relating to restricted land sales for veterans; relating to the veterans' land purchase discount; relating to the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to accept state land vouchers; relating to



eligibility for public assistance; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 20 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would create an option for Alaskans eligible for the Permanent Fund Dividend to choose to receive a land sales voucher for use to purchase state land instead of a monetary payment. One of the top priorities of my administration is to increase access to Alaska's lands for Alaskans.

The voucher would be issued by the Department of Revenue and have a value set at twice the amount of the monetary dividend as calculated by the current statutory formula. A voucher could be used alone or in combination with other vouchers to purchase parcels of land offered for sale by the Department of Natural Resources. Land vouchers may also be used in combination with the veterans' land purchase price discount and separately towards the purchase of land offered at a restricted land sale.

The land vouchers do not expire and are transferable to another person like any other piece of intangible property. They would be available as payment for land sales contracts entered into on or after the effective date of this bill. If a person who opts to receive a voucher is subject to a writ of garnishment, or other means of collecting repayment of a debt, a creditor may attach a land voucher up to the amount available based on that year's cash dividend.

The Department of Revenue would annually report the number and amount of vouchers issued and the Department of Natural Resources

would report the number and value of vouchers accepted for purchase of land.

For decades, eligible Alaskans have received and invested all or a portion of their share of Alaska's resource wealth into our economy. This bill will encourage and support Alaskans to invest in one of our greatest assets – our land.

In order to provide for more state land for private ownership and to encourage the development of our greatest asset for Alaskans, I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

### **HB 271**

HOUSE BILL NO. 271 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the public defender agency; relating to the office of public advocacy; and establishing the Alaska Public Counsel Commission."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary 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 - Brad and Christine St. Pierre, 2019 Farm Family of the Year

By Representatives Tarr, Hopkins, Talerico

Honoring - Dimond High School Girls Soccer, 2019 State Champions  
By Senator Costello; Representative Rasmussen

Honoring - Team Rubicon  
By Senator Reinbold

Honoring - Fraternal Order of Eagles 4207  
By Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Sammye Seawell  
By Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Kevin Mitchell Thomet  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Dr. Bob Johnson  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

### **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 7:00 p.m., tonight to 10:30 a.m., February 24

Representative Kopp – from noon, today to 10:00 p.m., February 25

Representative Ortiz – from noon, today to 1:00 p.m., February 22

Representative Edgmon – from 7:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:00 a.m., February 24

Representative Stutes – from 7:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:00 a.m., February 24

Representative Foster – from 7:00 a.m., February 22 to 10:00 a.m., February 24

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Joann Jackson, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Joann Jackson  
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins; Senator Stedman

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****HB 232**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

"An Act relating to a municipal air quality improvement tax credit; and relating to a municipal energy efficient new construction tax credit."

**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., February 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk

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