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Thirty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 11:07 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Kopp had been excused from a call of the House today. District 3 was vacant.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Karen Perkins of Resurrection Lutheran Church. 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:

God of the North and its lands and seas and of all who dwell in this place: we give you thanks and praise for our country and for what we have achieved together. Increase our trust in one another; grant us humility to recognize injustice and strengthen our quest for justice; and bring us to unity and common purpose. You have made us of one blood; make us also of one mind. We honor your name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rasmussen.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 32nd, 33rd, and 34th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
Recommendation Regarding a Medicaid Resolution
February 7, 2020

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
Alaska Training Program Performance
For Participants Exiting Programs in
State Fiscal Year 2018
February 2020
(as required by AS 23.15.580)

The following letter dated February 21 was read:

"Speaker Edgmon:

This letter affirms that the Republican members of the House of Representatives confirmed the Governor's appointment of Glenn M. Prax to fill the vacant seat in House District 3 on Feb. 21st, 2020.

I sign this letter on behalf of the House Minority Caucus and the other Republican members of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
/s/
Representative Lance Pruitt
House Minority Leader"

OATH OF OFFICE

The Speaker appointed Representatives Wool and Talerico to escort Mike Prax to the rostrum.

Speaker Edgmon administrated the oath of office to Mike Prax.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 203

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

"An Act relating to transportation of live crab."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH)

(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Tuck, Hannan, Talerico, Hopkins, Tarr, Lincoln

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 203(FSH):

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game
2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 203 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 - Alaska Women's Hall of Fame 2020
By Representatives Tarr, Spohnholz, Drummond

Honoring - Joe Usibelli, Jr.
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative LeBon

Honoring - Quinn Christopherson
By Senator Begich; Representatives Fields, Drummond

In Memoriam - Herbert Stettler
By Senator Micciche; Representatives Vance, Knopp

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

HR 13

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13 by Representatives Tuck, Shaw, and Tarr:

Urging the United States Coast Guard to name one of the two new polar class icebreakers the "Polar Bear" and to station the icebreaker in the Arctic.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism.

HCR 15

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 by Representatives Tarr, Spohnholz, and Zulkosky:

Proclaiming 2020 as the Year of the Child; proclaiming April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month; and proclaiming April 3, 2020, as Go Blue Friday.

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

HCR 16

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 by Representative Eastman:

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the appearance of measures on the daily calendar after the ninetieth day of the regular session.

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

HJR 27

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 by Representatives Fields, Shaw, and Tuck:

Requesting the United States Department of Defense to invest in the Port of Alaska.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism.

HJR 28

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28 by Representative Carpenter:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to political caucuses in the legislature.

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

HJR 29

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Tarr, Zulkosky, Hopkins, and Tuck:

Commemorating the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945.

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

HJR 30

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30 by Representative Eastman:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the membership of the judicial council.

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

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

HB 272

HOUSE BILL NO. 272 by Representatives Vance, Talerico, Kopp, Ortiz, and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to special motor vehicle registration plates honoring Alaska Native heritages."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs and the State Affairs Committee.

HB 273

HOUSE BILL NO. 273 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to vehicles abandoned on private property."

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

HB 274

HOUSE BILL NO. 274 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act establishing a surcharge on property insurance policies issued or renewed in the state; relating to the Alaska Fire Standards Council; relating to the Alaska fire services personnel fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 275

HOUSE BILL NO. 275 by Representatives Vance and Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to penalties for motor vehicle violations."

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

HB 276

HOUSE BILL NO. 276 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to liability of an electric utility for contact between vegetation and the utility's facilities; and relating to vegetation management plans."

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

HB 277

HOUSE BILL NO. 277 by Representative Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs and the Judiciary Committee.

HB 278

HOUSE BILL NO. 278 by Representative Carpenter, entitled:

"An Act relating to binding votes by or for a legislator under the Legislative Ethics Act."

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

HB 279

HOUSE BILL NO. 279 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to the organized militia; and relating to the authority of the adjutant general."

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

HB 280

HOUSE BILL NO. 280 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 281

HOUSE BILL NO. 281 by Representative LeBon, entitled:

"An Act relating to operators' licenses for charitable gaming; relating to raffles and lotteries conducted by operators; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 282

HOUSE BILL NO. 282 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act establishing an Office of Public Policy Events at each campus of the University of Alaska."

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

HB 283

HOUSE BILL NO. 283 by Representative Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of physicians and health care practitioners when performing or inducing abortions."

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

HB 284

HOUSE BILL NO. 284 by Representative Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting abortions when the age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or older with certain exceptions; and repealing a prohibition against partial-birth abortions."

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

HB 285

HOUSE BILL NO. 285 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Coordinate System of 2022."

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

HB 286

HOUSE BILL NO. 286 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to early hunting seasons for certain disabled veterans."

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

HB 287

HOUSE BILL NO. 287 by Representatives Kopp, Edgmon, Shaw, and Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act requiring background investigations of village public safety officer applicants by the Department of Public Safety; relating to the village public safety officer program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs and the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

HB 288

HOUSE BILL NO. 288 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to immunity for consulting physicians."

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

HB 289

HOUSE BILL NO. 289 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to road service area consolidation."

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

HB 290

HOUSE BILL NO. 290 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act establishing an alternative to arrest procedure for persons in acute episodes of mental illness; relating to emergency detention for mental health evaluation; and relating to licensure of crisis stabilization centers."

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

HB 291

HOUSE BILL NO. 291 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial interior designers and commercial interior design; establishing registration and other requirements for the practice of professional commercial interior design; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of commercial interior design services; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 292

HOUSE BILL NO. 292 by Representatives Ortiz and Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 293

HOUSE BILL NO. 293 by Representatives Talerico and Jackson, entitled:

"An Act relating to permits for trapping cabins."

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

HB 294

HOUSE BILL NO. 294 by Representatives Rasmussen and Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to the start time of a day in session for public high schools."

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

HB 295

HOUSE BILL NO. 295 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to public policy neutrality and nondiscrimination by the University of Alaska; relating to the duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; relating to a free speech policy for the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 296

HOUSE BILL NO. 296 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to extreme risk protective orders; establishing the crime of enforcement of an extreme risk protective order; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 297

HOUSE BILL NO. 297 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the crimes of coercion and bribery involving legislators; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 298

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act establishing liability for injuries relating to the prohibition of firearms."

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

HB 299

HOUSE BILL NO. 299 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to occupational licensing."

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

HB 300

HOUSE BILL NO. 300 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act relating to deposits into the dividend fund and income of and appropriations from the earnings reserve account; relating to the community assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 301

HOUSE BILL NO. 301 by Representatives LeDoux, Fields, Spohnholz, Merrick, Tuck, Thompson, Shaw, Kopp, Claman, Stutes, Josephson, Gillis, Rasmussen, Tarr, and Knopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians."

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

HB 302

HOUSE BILL NO. 302 by Representatives Vance, Rauscher, Merrick, Stutes, Jackson, Johnson, Sullivan-Leonard, Thompson, Shaw, LeBon, Talerico, Kopp, Gillis, Carpenter, LeDoux, Tilton, Neuman, and Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting abortion after detection of fetal cardiac activity or fetal heart contractions."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services 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 - 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; Representatives Rasmussen, Claman

Honoring - Kodiak Shakesbears, 2020 State Champions in Drama and Forensics
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 21

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 21

"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."

HB 82

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 82

"An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

HB 236

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 236

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

HB 237

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

"An Act making special appropriations from the general fund for early literacy programs in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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., February 26. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk