

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Thursday**

**March 5, 2020**

**Forty-fifth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 9:10 a.m.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives Carpenter, Jackson, and Talerico had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Rasmussen was absent.

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 Kopp – today

Representative Shaw – today

Representative Neuman – from today to 1:00 p.m., March 9

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Guy Crockroft, Executive Director of Love Inc. 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:

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for this new day and for the blessings of living here in this great state of Alaska. I

thank you for each representative and pray your richest blessings upon them as they perform their duties in the service of all Alaskans.

I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 13, verse 1, where he wrote, *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.*

Lord, based on these words, I believe that you have appointed each representative in this body for such a time as this. I thank you, God, for their courage in running for office and for their successful campaigns.

Grant them wisdom, humility, grace, compassion, love for all people, and everything they need to excel and be good stewards of their positions that all may benefit from their efforts, and they may themselves be blessed.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Stutes.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 44th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated March 4 was read stating 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 Health & Social Services Committee:

**State Medical Board**

Sarah Bigelow Hood – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/2/2020      Term Expires: 3/1/2021

Lydia Mielke – Big Lake

Appointed: 3/2/2020      Term Expires: 3/1/2021

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

**Alaska Labor Relations Agency**

Patty Burley – Soldotna

Appointed: 3/2/2020      Term Expires: 3/1/2023

**Board of Massage Therapists**

Kristin Tri – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/2/2020      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

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

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated March 4 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., March 17 to hear the annual address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

A message dated March 4 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS**

**SB 81**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 81(L&C) by the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to electric and telephone cooperatives; and relating to telephone service and related telecommunications services."

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

### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A report of the Committee on Committees dated March 4 was read submitting amendments to the February 19, 2019, report (page 120). Additional reports are on pages 98, 120-122, 831-832, 1245, 1271, 1422, and 1700. The amendments follow:

Rules Committee: Johnson replaced Eastman

Judiciary Committee: Vance replaced Eastman

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 Committee on Committees report be adopted.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the Committee on Committees report be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Committee on Committees Report

Adopt

**YEAS: 32 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 1**

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Merrick, Ortiz, Prax, Pruitt, Rauscher, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Carpenter, Jackson, Kopp, Neuman, Shaw, Talerico

Absent: Rasmussen

And so, the Committee on Committees report was adopted.

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

**HJR 31**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 by the House State Affairs Committee:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and to appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

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

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

**HB 307**

HOUSE BILL NO. 307 by the House State Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to living conditions for prisoners."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

**THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 203**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 4 calendar (page 1796), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH)

"An Act relating to transportation of live crab."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 203(FSH) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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CSHB 203(FSH)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Claman, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillis, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Johnston, Josephson, Knopp, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, LeDoux, Lincoln, Merrick, Ortiz, Prax, Pruitt, Rauscher, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Sullivan-Leonard, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Carpenter, Jackson, Kopp, Neuman, Shaw, Talerico

Absent: Rasmussen

And so, CSHB 203(FSH) 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 Gillis – from 7:00 a.m., March 6 to 10:00 a.m., March 9

Representative Sullivan-Leonard – from noon, March 6 to 8:00 p.m., March 8

Representative Spohnholz – from 7:00 p.m., March 6 to 5:00 p.m., March 8

**HB 113**

Representative LeDoux added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

"An Act relating to employment preferences for spouses and children of veterans, disabled veterans, former prisoners of war, members of the national guard, and deceased service members."

**HB 187**

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor 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 203**

Representatives Tarr and Hannan added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203(FSH)

"An Act relating to transportation of live crab."

**HB 233**

Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Gillis added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

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

**HB 287**

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 287

"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."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 203**

CSHB 203(FSH) 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.

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The following meeting today was changed:

Finance Committee

CHANGED TO:

15 min. after adjournment

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., March 9. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk