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Forty-ninth Day

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

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Jackson and Neuman had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Knopp be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Caroline Malseed of St. Brendan's Episcopal 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:

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech you so to guide and bless our representatives in the Legislature of Alaska, that they may enact such laws as shall please you, to the glory of your name and the welfare of all your people. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Sullivan-Leonard.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 45th, 46th, 47th, and 48th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Wool introduced his daughters, Abby and Evelyn Wool, Guest Pages, from Fairbanks.

Representative Pruitt introduced his sons, Jacob and Bryce Pruitt, Guest Pages, from Anchorage.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following letter dated March 6 was received:

"Dear President Giessel and Speaker Edgmon:

Based on the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management's (DHS&EM) continuing programmatic work with disaster applicants and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) declining to declare this a Federal Disaster, project adjustments will require additional authority for the 2019 August Summer Wildfire (AK266). In this case, the Public Assistance Program projects and the Individual Assistance requests exceeded the initial \$1,000,000 in the Governor's declaration.

The total additional State General Funds required for this disaster is \$3,326,087. All of the State General Funds are within the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) available balance of \$18,788,101.

Pursuant to AS 26.23.020(k)(1), I am requesting your concurrence to approve the transfer of funds. A draft concurrence letter for the disaster is also enclosed.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

The letter and finance plan were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency with accompanying letter dated March 6 regarding the fire that destroyed much of the Harold Kaveolook School in the City of Kaktovik were received. The declaration and accompanying letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 6 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 167

SENATE BILL NO. 167 by the Senate Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act providing for an aggravating factor at sentencing for contractors, volunteers, and employees of the Department of Corrections; and providing for an effective date."

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HCR 14

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14
Proclaiming March 2020 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

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

Do pass (4): Thompson, Claman, Drummond, Hannan

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 14 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 148

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 148

"An Act relating to solemnization of marriage."

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

Do pass (4): LeDoux, Drummond, Shaw, Claman

No recommendation (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 148 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 159

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 159

"An Act relating to repayment conditions for medical education program participants."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 159(FIN)

"An Act relating to repayment conditions for medical education program participants; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Ortiz, Tilton, LeBon, Wool, Josephson, Johnston, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 159(FIN):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 159 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 186

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

"An Act naming the irene Webber Bridge."

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

Do pass (10): Ortiz, Tilton, LeBon, Knopp, Merrick, Wool, Josephson, Sullivan-Leonard, Johnston, Foster

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 236

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 236

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

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

Do pass (4): Zulkosky, Tuck, Story, Drummond

Do not pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (1): Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization

HB 236 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - 40th Anniversary of PND Engineers, Inc.
By Senators Giessel, Costello, Wielechowski

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 123

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123
"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

with the:

Journal Page

TRA RPT 4DP	671
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	671
FN2: ZERO(DPS)	671
JUD RPT 5DP 1NR	980
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	980
FN2: ZERO(DPS)	980

The Rules Committee submitted the following updated fiscal notes:

3. Zero, Dept. of Administration
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 123 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall HB 123 Advance to Third Reading on the Same Day?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 123

Second Reading

Advance to Third Reading on the Same Day

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Jackson, Knopp, Neuman

Absent: Tarr

And so, HB 123 advanced to third reading.

HB 123 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 123 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 123

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Jackson, Knopp, Neuman

Absent: Spohnholz

And so, HB 123 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 101

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 101

"An Act establishing March 12 of each year as Ashley Johnson-Barr Day."

with the:	Journal Page
STA RPT 6DP	1795
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	1795

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 101 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 101 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SB 101 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 101
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Jackson, Knopp, Neuman

And so, SB 101 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 24

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 24

"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and relating to limited teacher certificates."

HB 24 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HCR 15

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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.

HJR 27

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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

HB 43

Representative Johnson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

"An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; petitioning the United States Department of Transportation to change the time zones of the state; and providing for an effective date."

HB 123

Representatives Drummond and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

HB 272

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

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

HB 287

Representative Story 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."

SB 101

Representatives Tilton, Spohnholz, Kopp, Story, Hannan, and Josephson added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE BILL NO. 101

"An Act establishing March 12 of each year as Ashley Johnson-Barr Day."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 123

HB 123 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 11. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk