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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:56 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives Neuman and Rasmussen had been excused from a call of the House today.

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 Rauscher – today

Representative Talerico – today

Representative Fields – from 11:30 a.m., today to 10:00 a.m., March 16

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:

Holy One, the creator of health and sustainer of all peoples, protect this state of Alaska in a time of national and world medical crisis. Give us wisdom and understanding to create

policies that promote the health and safety of our citizens and all who visit here. Help us to find resources that enable us to avoid disease and the transmission of illness. We ask this by all the names by which you are known to us. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Tarr.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 51st and 52nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent that the 31st Alaska State Legislature delegate to the Legislative Council Chair or Vice Chair, in consultation with the leadership, the authority to make all decisions regarding restricting access or reopening access to the Capitol complex in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to amend the motion to expire the first day of the next regular session.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House amend the previous motion?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

Delegate Legislative Council Chair or Vice Chair to
Make Decisions on Capitol Access
Expires on 1st day of the next Regular Session

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 31 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillis, Jackson, Vance

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

Excused: Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Talerico

And so, the motion failed.

The question being: "Shall the House delegate authority to the Legislative Council Chair or Vice Chair to make all decisions on Capitol access? The roll was taken with the following result:

Delegate Legislative Council Chair or Vice Chair to
Make Decisions on Capitol Access

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, LeDoux, Tuck

Excused: Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Talerico

And so, the motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 8 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 16.

A memo dated March 12 from Speaker Edgmon was read stating the joint session with U.S. Senator Sullivan on March 17 has been canceled.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Lucinda Mahoney

as Commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

The report was signed by Representative Johnston, Co-chair; and Representatives Ortiz, Carpenter, Tilton, LeBon, Merrick, Wool, Josephson, and Sullivan-Leonard.

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Samantha Cherot

as the Public Defender.

Todd Fletcher

as a member of the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The reports were signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives LeDoux, Stutes, Drummond, and Shaw.

HB 235

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

"An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 235(L&C)

"An Act relating to employee contributions for the Alaska technical and vocational education program; relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Hannan, Story, Fields, Stutes, Spohnholz

No recommendation (2): Gillis, Rasmussen

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 235(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
6. Fiscal, University of Alaska

HB 235 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 285

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

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

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

Do pass (6): Vance, Thompson, Shaw, Story, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins

No recommendation (1): Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 285 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HB 301

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 301(L&C)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Hannan, Gillis, Story, Fields, Stutes, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 301(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 301 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 307

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 307
"An Act relating to living conditions for prisoners."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 307(STA)
(same title)

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 to CSHB 307(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections

HB 307 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 115

The Transportation Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 115(FIN)(efd fld)

"An Act relating to vehicle registration fees; and relating to the motor fuel tax."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 115(TRA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Story, Edgmon, Claman, Drummond, Stutes

No recommendation (2): Talerico, Gillis

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 115(TRA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
3. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

CSSB 115(FIN)(efd fld) was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 123

The Resources Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(RBE)

"An Act relating to the creation and regulation of electric reliability organizations; relating to participation of electric utilities in electric reliability organizations; relating to duties of electric reliability organizations; providing for integrated resource planning; requiring project preapproval for certain interconnected large energy facilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Tuck, Hannan, Talerico, Spohnholz, Hopkins, Tarr, Lincoln

The Committee adopted the Senate letter of intent (Senate Journal page 1866)

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

CSSB 123(RBE) was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

**Representative Thompson, who was excused (page 1854), left the Chamber.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The House Special Committee on Fisheries reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

John Wood

as a member of the Board of Fisheries.

Marilyn Charles

as a member of the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council.

The report was signed by Representative Stutes, Chair; and Representatives Kopp, Vance, Tarr, and Kreiss-Tomkins.

HJR 27

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27(MLV)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Rauscher, Spohnholz, Tuck, Jackson, Shaw, Thompson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 27(MLV):

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HJR 27 was referred to the House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam - Matthew John Helgesen
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Nick Olstad & Tyler Aklestad, 2020 Iron Dog Winners
By Representatives Rauscher, Tilton; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Ronald Senungetuk
By Representatives Foster, Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Frank "Obbie" Greene
By Representative Lincoln; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Gary Eugene Schoening
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Diana Jean Selfe
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Dean Allen Stumpe
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - David Stanton
By Representatives Rauscher, Johnson; Senator Hughes

In Memoriam - Diana Kay Crisp
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Jane Stein
By Senator Micciche; Representative Knopp

In Memoriam - Joanna Marilouise Hollier
By Senator Micciche; Representative Knopp

In Memoriam - Jack Irving Goodwill
By Senator Micciche; Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Christopher Jim Birch
By Senators Giessel, Revak, von Imhof; Representatives Edgmon,
Johnston, Kopp

**Representative Fields, who was excused (page 1863), left the Chamber.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 113

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be moved to the bottom of the calendar:

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 124

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be moved to the bottom of the calendar:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 124

"An Act relating to the recording of documents; relating to notaries and notarization, including notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals; and providing for an effective date."

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 221

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 11 calendar (page 1847), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(TRB)

"An Act providing for state recognition of federally recognized tribes; and providing for an effective date."

The House adjourned.

CSHB 221(TRB) will be on the March 16 calendar in third reading.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 113

The following, which was moved to the bottom of the calendar (page 1872), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on the March 16 calendar:

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 124

The following, which was moved to the bottom of the calendar (page 1872), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on the March 16 calendar:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 124

"An Act relating to the recording of documents; relating to notaries and notarization, including notarial acts performed for remotely located individuals; and providing for an effective date."

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

The following citations were not taken up today and will be on the March 16 calendar:

Honoring - Jeremy "Icay Ives" Calara Viray
By Representative Tarr; Senator Begich

Honoring - West Anchorage High School, 2020 Hockey State Champions
By Senator Costello; Representative Claman

Honoring - West Anchorage High School, Drama, Debate & Forensics 2020 State Champions
By Senator Costello; Representatives Claman, Drummond

Honoring - Alaska School Activities Association, High School Hall of Fame Class of 2020
By Senator Costello

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 79

Representative Hopkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

"An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers and firefighters in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to eligibility of peace officers and firefighters for medical, disability, and death benefits; relating to liability of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

HB 263

Representative Knopp added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 263

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

HB 301

Representative Hannan added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 301

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

ENROLLMENT**HB 206**

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 5:45 p.m., March 11:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 206(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

The following letter dated March 12 to Ms. Mary Jane Michael, Chair, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, was transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 5:39 p.m., March 12:

"Dear Ms. Michael:

Pursuant to the requirements of AS 37.14.005(c), this letter and the enclosed report describe the funding for FY21 Mental Health programs. The appropriations contained in HB 206 follow the FY21 Mental Health Trust Authority's funding recommendations for the State's integrated comprehensive mental health program. While the statute requires reporting only on general fund expenditures, information regarding expenditures of Authority receipts is also included in the attached report.

In HB 206 the Legislature appropriated all FY21 Mental Health Trust Authority recommendations. In addition to the Mental Health Trust Authority recommendations, HB 206 includes an FY20 supplemental appropriation for COVID-19 Virus Mitigation and Response.

Below are the differences from HB 206 relative to the Governor's FY21 Mental Health Trust Authority budget proposal.

- Legislature added unrestricted general fund match for the Public Defender Agency's implementation of Holistic Defense Project in Bethel consistent with Mental Health Trust Authority recommendation
- Legislature added unrestricted general fund match for the DHSS Comprehensive Program planning coordinator consistent with Mental Health Trust Authority recommendation
- Legislature added unrestricted general fund match for Senior and Disabilities Services Administration, IT Application/Telehealth Service System Improvements consistent with Mental Health Trust Authority recommendation
- Legislature changed a portion of the fund source for the Pioneer Home from recidivism reduction funds to unrestricted general funds
- Legislature changed a portion of the fund source for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants from unrestricted general funds to recidivism reduction funds and marijuana education and treatment funds
- Legislature maintained funding for suicide prevention grants at FY20 levels
- Legislature added unrestricted general funds for DHSS Deferred Maintenance and Accessibility Improvements consistent with Mental Health Trust Authority recommendation
- Legislature added unrestricted general fund for AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing and Homeless Assistance Improvements consistent with Mental Health Trust Authority recommendation

The attached report provides a summary of the FY21 Mental Health appropriations included in HB 206. If you have questions regarding the enclosed reports, please contact Kelly Cunningham of the Legislative Finance Division at 465-3821.

Sincerely,

/s/

Representative Neal Foster
Chair of House Finance

Senator Bert Stedman
Chair of Senate Finance

Enclosures

1. FY21 Mental Health Appropriations Summary (HB 206)"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Stutes, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn (page 1873) to 11:00 a.m., March 16.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House Adjourn?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Adjourn

YEAS: 29 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 2

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson

Excused: Fields, Neuman, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Talerico, Thompson

Absent: Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux

And so, the House adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk