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Fifty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 11:57 a.m.

Roll call showed 34 members present. Representative Rasmussen had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent and his presence was noted later.

Representative Stutes, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Gillis, Neuman, Thompson, and Tarr be excused from the call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Stutes. 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 and spiritual beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer:

Dear Lord,

Let us start this prayer with feelings of gratitude for every day that we get to wake up refreshed and blessed with the ability to use that day to make a positive difference for ourselves, our community, and our world. We ask for wisdom and guidance through every important decision. Help us to live each day well, from start to finish.

We come to prayer this morning at a time when across the world and across our state people are experiencing worry and fear, some are ill, all are being asked to make tremendous personal sacrifice in the spirit of caring for others. Please fill our hearts with a generosity and patience to face these challenges. Help us find ways to support each other, to keep each other healthy, to care for those in need, and to keep our spirits up as we get through this together.

Sometimes difficult times show how deep the strength and generosity of others really is. We saw this during the earthquake when Alaskans came together. We know that stepping up when needed is what makes us Alaskans, and we are being called again to give of ourselves. As we work together to keep ourselves and others healthy, to protect vulnerable Alaskans, to make sure health care gets to those in need, please help us embrace this calling and remind us this is an honor to live in service to others.

As the days get longer and the sunshine stretches into the evening, please remind us of the power of time. That in time we will get back things as they were, back to hugs and handshakes, back to church services, concerts, and conferences, and please help us use this time to appreciate new experiences and ways of enjoying our friends, family, and faith. Perhaps this time will remind us just how special each person is in our lives and instead of things going back to how they were before we'll be more likely to prioritize our special people and times, because we were reminded, once again, that it is the people we love that make life special. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Tilton.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 53rd, 54th, and 55th legislative days and House Journal Supplement No. 8 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 16 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated March 13 was read stating that on February 4 in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27, of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn his name from consideration, effective immediately:

State Medical Board

Samuel Abbate – Wasilla

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 13 was read stating the Senate ratified the following public members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics pursuant to AS 24.60.130:

Deborah Fancher
Lee Holmes

HB 71

A message dated March 13 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 71 am

"An Act relating to hiring for positions in state service based on substitution of military work experience or training for required civilian work experience or training."

HB 71 am was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Administration

Monetary Terms of Agreement between the State and
Public Employees Local 71-Labor, Trades and Crafts Unit

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(as required by AS 23.40.215)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HJR 15**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to actions upon veto.

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

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

Do not pass (4): Carpenter, Tilton, Merrick, Sullivan-Leonard

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HJR 15 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 24

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 24

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 24(FIN)

"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; establishing limited language immersion teacher certificates; renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the membership of the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

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

Do pass (6): Ortiz, LeBon, Knopp, Josephson, Johnston, Foster

No recommendation (5): Carpenter, Tilton, Merrick, Wool, Sullivan-Leonard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 24(FIN):

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
3. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 24 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 91

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 91

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 91(L&C)

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; establishing the Naturopathy Advisory Board; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to disciplinary sanctions for naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Hannan, Gillis, Spohnholz

No recommendation (2): Story, Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 91(L&C):

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

HB 91 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 185

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 185

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 185(FIN)
(same title)

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

Do pass (8): Ortiz, Carpenter, LeBon, Knopp, Wool, Josephson, Johnston, and Foster.

No recommendation (2): Tilton, Sullivan-Leonard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 185(FIN):

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 185 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 290

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

"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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 290(JUD)

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

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

Do pass (5): LeDoux, Drummond, Stutes, Kopp, Claman

No recommendation (2): Shaw, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 290(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 290 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:

In Memoriam - William "Middy" Johnson
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 17

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17 by the House Rules Committee:

Suspending Rule 23(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

was read the first time and taken up as a Special Order of Business.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

HCR 17

Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be taken up as a Special Order of Business:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Suspending Rule 23(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**The presence of Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was noted.

**The presence of Representative Thompson, who was excused (page 1883), was noted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, HCR 17 would be held to tomorrow's calendar.

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 113

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was not taken up on the March 13 calendar (page 1873), would be held to tomorrow's 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, which was not taken up on the March 13 calendar (page 1873), would be held to tomorrow's 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."

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**SB 74**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(FIN)

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

HOUSE BILLS IN THIRD READING**HB 221**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was in third reading on the March 13 calendar (page 1873), would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 221(TRB)

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

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

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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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Thompson moved that the House ratify the appointment of Joyce M. Anderson to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Joyce M. Anderson to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Joyce M. Anderson

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Gillis, Jackson, Neuman, Rasmussen, Tarr

And so, the appointment was ratified.

Representative Thompson moved that the House ratify the appointment of Deb Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Deb Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Deb Fancher

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Gillis, Jackson, Neuman, Rasmussen, Tarr

And so, the appointment was ratified.

Representative Thompson moved that the House ratify the appointment of Lee Holmes to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Lee Holmes to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Lee Holmes

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Gillis, Jackson, Neuman, Rasmussen, Tarr

And so, the appointment was ratified.

The Senate ratified the appointments of Deb Fancher and Lee Holmes (page 1885).

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Co-chair of the State Affairs Committee, moved and asked unanimous consent that the five-day notice requirement in Uniform Rule 23(a) be waived so that the State Affairs Committee may hear a presentation March 17. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 201

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent to be added as prime sponsor of the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

"An Act relating to legal representation of public officers in ethics complaints."

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Representative Josephson be added as prime sponsor of HB 201?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 201

Representative Josephson to be added as Prime Sponsor

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 5 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Gillis, Jackson, Neuman, Rasmussen, Tarr

And so, the motion passed.

HB 32

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 32

"An Act making certain entities that are exempt from federal taxation under 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3), (4), (6), (12), or (19) (Internal Revenue Code), regional housing authorities, and federally recognized tribes eligible for a loan from the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; relating to loans from the Alaska energy efficiency revolving loan fund; and relating to the annual report published by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

HB 113

Representative Tuck 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 287

Representative Shaw removed 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 74

Representative Tuck added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(FIN)

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

ENROLLMENT**HB 29**

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 11:05 a.m., March 16:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 29(HSS) am S
"An Act relating to insurance coverage for benefits provided through telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

Finance Committee CHANGED TO:	3:30 p.m.
Judiciary Committee	CANCELED
Labor & Commerce Committee CHANGED TO:	15 min. after adjournment
Resources Committee	CANCELED

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 17. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 3:26 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk