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First Day

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska assembled in the House Chamber for the first regular session of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature, January 19 at 1:06 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Kevin Meyer, Lieutenant Governor.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Zulkosky. Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,

As we gather today, we thank you for bringing us safely together from all corners of Alaska. And for the well-being of all the people around us who make this work possible. We thank you that amidst differences in our home communities, families, life experiences and perspectives, we find commonality in a call to public service and working on behalf of this place we love.

In this time of great division and conflict in our nation, of historic decisions and challenges before our State, we humbly ask for guidance and wisdom as we begin our work together. As families around the state and our country continue to grieve the untimely and tragic loss of loved ones or balance

the hardships posed by the global pandemic, we pray for peace and comfort. And we again humbly ask for focus and compassion, so that we are able to make difficult and at times courageous decisions in love of neighbor.

As we convene the 32nd Legislature, may we remember that the work we do reaches beyond the boundaries of our districts. Lord, help us to remember the poignant words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his 1963 Letter from Birmingham Jail, in which he writes, *Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.*

We thank you again for the gift of today and lift all of these things to you.

Amen. Quyana.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative LeBon.

Lieutenant Governor Meyer read the following Certificate of Election:

CERTIFICATE

"I, Gail Fenumiai, Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 3rd day of November, 2020, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following are the certified results for the office designated:

House District 1	Barton S. LeBon
House District 2	Steve M. Thompson
House District 3	Glenn M. Prax
House District 4	Grier Hopkins

House District 5	Adam L. Wool
House District 6	Mike Cronk
House District 7	Christopher Kurka
House District 8	Kevin J. McCabe
House District 9	George Rauscher
House District 10	David Eastman
House District 11	DeLena Johnson
House District 12	Cathy L. Tilton
House District 13	Ken McCarty
House District 14	Kelly R. Merrick
House District 15	David Nelson
House District 16	Ivy Spohnholz
House District 17	Andrew L. Josephson
House District 18	Harriet A. Drummond
House District 19	Geran Tarr
House District 20	William Z. Fields
House District 21	Matt W. Claman
House District 22	Sara Rasmussen
House District 23	Chris Tuck
House District 24	Thomas W. McKay

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House District 25	Calvin R. Schrage
House District 26	Laddie Shaw
House District 27	Elizabeth Hodges Snyder
House District 28	James Kaufman
House District 29	Benjamin E. Carpenter
House District 30	Ronald D. Gillham
House District 31	Sarah L. Vance
House District 32	Louise B. Stutes
House District 33	Sara T. Hannan
House District 34	Andrea Story
House District 35	Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
House District 36	Daniel H. Ortiz
House District 37	Bryce Edgmon
House District 38	Tiffany Zulkosky
House District 39	Neal W. Foster
House District 40	Josiah Patkotak

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 30th day of November, A.D. 2020.

/s/

Gail Fenumiai, Director
Division of Elections"

OATH OF OFFICE

Lieutenant Governor Meyer announced to comply with the policy set forth by Legislative Council, the oath of office will be taken in shifts.

Lieutenant Governor Meyer requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 1	Barton S. LeBon
House District 2	Steve M. Thompson
House District 3	Glenn M. Prax
House District 4	Grier Hopkins
House District 5	Adam L. Wool
House District 6	Mike Cronk
House District 7	Christopher Kurka
House District 8	Kevin J. McCabe
House District 9	George Rauscher
House District 10	David Eastman

Lieutenant Governor Meyer administered the oath of office to the members.

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House District 11	DeLena Johnson
House District 12	Cathy L. Tilton
House District 13	Ken McCarty
House District 14	Kelly R. Merrick
House District 15	David Nelson
House District 16	Ivy Spohnholz
House District 17	Andrew L. Josephson
House District 18	Harriet A. Drummond
House District 19	Geran Tarr
House District 20	William Z. Fields

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House District 21	Matt W. Claman
House District 22	Sara Rasmussen
House District 23	Chris Tuck
House District 24	Thomas W. McKay
House District 25	Calvin R. Schrage
House District 26	Laddie Shaw
House District 27	Elizabeth Hodges Snyder
House District 28	James Kaufman
House District 29	Benjamin E. Carpenter
House District 30	Ronald D. Gillham

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House District 31	Sarah L. Vance
House District 32	Louise B. Stutes
House District 33	Sara T. Hannan
House District 34	Andrea Story
House District 35	Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
House District 36	Daniel H. Ortiz
House District 37	Bryce Edgmon
House District 38	Tiffany Zulkosky
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The Lieutenant Governor delivered remarks regarding the Thirty-second Alaska State Legislature and requested members sign their oath in the chamber today.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Lieutenant Governor stated that nominations for Speaker pro tempore were now in order.

Representative Johnson nominated Representative LeBon as Speaker pro tempore and moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed.

Representative Johnson moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative LeBon be elected as Speaker pro tempore.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Representative LeBon be elected as Speaker pro tempore?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative LeBon
Speaker Pro Tempore

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Thompson, Tilton, Vance

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Ortiz, Patkotak, Schrage, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

And so, the motion failed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following letter dated January 19 was received:

"Dear Representatives,

Pursuant to AS 24.10.030 and Uniform Rule 1(c), I have authorized House Chief Clerk Crystaline Jones and Sergeant-at-Arms Micaela Bradner and their respective staff to continue to assist the Lieutenant Governor and temporary presiding officer until the House is organized to do business and formally reappoints or replaces them.

Regards,

/s/

Jessica Geary

Executive Director"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., January 20. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Acting Chief Clerk