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**Wednesday**

**February 3, 2021**

**Sixteenth Day**

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 13 the House was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Meyer at 10:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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

I offer the following prayer with the deepest respect to the religious beliefs and faith traditions of every Alaskan:

Heavenly Father,

We come before you as the stewards of this great state which you have so deeply blessed.

As we consider the important work with which we have been tasked, we must reflect on your word. In 1<sup>st</sup> Peter, scripture admonishes us, *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* Father, each of us in this body has been graced with gifts. Give us the heart, Lord, to use those gifts to serve not only those who elected us, but also to serve each other.

Father, you know the challenges we face and the seemingly confounding problems with which we wrestle. Remind us,

Lord God, that in the book of James you tell us that if we lack wisdom, you will generously give it and without reproach. Open our minds to the wisdom only you can convey.

Lastly, Father, help us to show compassion to each other as you have shown us. Let us heed these words from Colossians, *Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

And Father God, please put a hedge of protection around our families as we are here serving the State of Alaska.

I ask all these things in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Ortiz.

### **SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

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

Representative Patkotak moved to nominate Representative Foster as Speaker pro tempore.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Patkotak moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Foster be elected as Speaker pro tempore.

There was objection.

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

Representative Foster  
Speaker Pro Tempore

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

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

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

And so, the motion failed.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House reopen nominations for Speaker pro tempore.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House reopen nominations for Speaker pro tempore?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Reopen nominations for 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

## ADJOURNMENT

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Acting Chief Clerk