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Pursuant to Uniform Rule 13 the House was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Meyer at 10:07 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Tarr was absent.

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

In deepest respect for the beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the people of this state. We are a resilient group, but we are tired and going through a rough time right now with health, financial, and personal worries on our minds. Help us to be understanding of each other and kind, recognizing that decisions are made with the best information that we have at that time. Let us never forget that all people have a perspective that we can learn from and much to contribute in solving our challenges.

In our work in the Capitol this session, help us to listen and find common ground. Please guide us as we seek to do the work entrusted to us, to bring certainty and hope for the future to people in our communities at home and throughout our great state.

Give us energy for the tasks ahead. Please renew our spirits right now to start afresh in our endeavors together.

We pray for healing for all those who are ill with the Coronavirus, or other health issues, and we pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones. And we give you thanks for the helpers that are all around us. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Prax.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Patkotak
Speaker Pro Tempore

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Absent: Tarr

And so, Representative Patkotak was elected Speaker pro tempore.

Lieutenant Governor Meyer invited Speaker pro tempore Patkotak to take his place at the rostrum.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House recess to a call of the chair; and so, the House recessed at 10:21 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker pro tempore called the House back to order at 10:46 a.m.

Speaker pro tempore Patkotak stated that, pursuant to AS 24.05.120, the Uniform Rules in effect during the previous legislature would serve as the rules of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature until adoption of permanent rules.

SPEAKER

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 1(b), Speaker pro tempore Patkotak stated that nominations for Speaker of the House were now in order.

No nominations were made.

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., February 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Acting Chief Clerk