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**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**February 5, 2021**

**Eighteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker pro tempore Patkotak at 10:05 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative McCarty. Representative Tuck 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:

Almighty God and Great Spirit of Heaven and Earth, we beseech an audience before your mighty presence.

We are humbled servants and stewards of your appointment to serve our beloved of Alaska within this House. Ancient of Days, with sincerity of hearts we ask for divine knowledge, understanding, and wisdom to manage the affairs of this land and our people. Inspire in us a spirit of unity and kindred hearts that in the fellowship of our roles in this House we accomplish much. Protect us from a spirit of divisiveness. And may you boast in our efforts in all that we say and do which promotes kindness, justice, and rightful actions.

With sincerity of our collective spirits and those of our families, we lift up this prayer to you. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rasmussen.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

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

### **SPEAKER**

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

Representative Vance nominated Representative Thompson as Speaker of the House.

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

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent to elect Representative Thompson as Speaker of the House.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Representative Thompson be elected Speaker of the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Thompson  
Speaker of the House

**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, Representative Thompson was not elected Speaker.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 8. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Acting Chief Clerk