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Twenty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker pro tempore Patkotak at 10:06 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Kurka. Representative Tuck 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 Alaskans of all faiths, I offer the following prayer:

O Holy God, creator of the universe. Thank you for creating us different from the animals, for giving us the breath of life. Thank you for giving us value by creating us in your image for we are fearfully and wonderfully made from the moment we are conceived. Thank you, Father, for giving us the founders of this nation that sought you when designing our system of civil government that we are a nation birthed in liberty. Help us, O Father, preserve this heritage and pass on the blessings of liberty to our posterity.

Thank you for placing us in Alaska, for giving us this extraordinary land of opportunity. Let us not squander it like the wicked servant that buried his talent, but to be good stewards to prosper it wisely.

O Lord, you are a just and holy God. Give us mercy. Lord, we humbly repent for our sin. Keep us humble. Give us a contrite spirit. Give us a burning desire to seek you, your face, to seek your will. Give us ears to hear your voice. Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Pour out on us. Teach us to do your will. Lord, give us courage to protect the innocent and defenseless, those that have no voice. Help us to make not merely politically calculated decisions, but what is best for our state, our communities, and first to be in obedience to you.

In Jesus' holy name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Snyder.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 23rd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SPEAKER

Speaker pro tempore Patkotak stated that nominations for Speaker of the House were now in order.

Representative Fields nominated Representative Stutes 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 Fields moved and asked unanimous consent to elect Representative Stutes as Speaker of the House.

There was objection.

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

Representative Stutes
Speaker of the House

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, Representative Stutes was elected Speaker of the House of the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

Speaker pro tempore Patkotak invited Speaker Stutes to the rostrum.

The Speaker received a round of applause and delivered brief opening remarks regarding the Thirty-Second Alaska State Legislature.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a Call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 10:13 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:02 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Acting Chief Clerk