

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 3, 2021**

**Forty-fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:33 a.m.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives Cronk, Fields, and Hopkins had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Gillham was absent, and his presence was noted later.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Patkotak, Prax, and Rasmussen be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Vance. Representative Thompson 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:

May we all take up this mantle from the prophet Isaiah and adopted by Christ.

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,  
because the Lord has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives

and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the Lord  
for the display of his splendor.

They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.  
Strangers will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.  
And you will be called priests of the Lord,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.

Instead of your shame  
you will receive a double portion,  
and instead of disgrace  
you will rejoice in your inheritance.  
And so you will inherit a double portion in your land,  
and everlasting joy will be yours.

*For I, the Lord, love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing.  
In my faithfulness I will reward my people  
and make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants will be known among the nations  
and their offspring among the peoples.  
All who see them will acknowledge  
that they are a people the Lord has blessed.*

I delight greatly in the Lord;  
my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation  
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness  
and praise spring up before all nations.  
Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Wool.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 42nd and 43rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated March 1 was read stating that on February 4, 2020, in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statue 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation. The Thirty-First Alaska Legislature did not convene in joint session. Accordingly, on January 19, 2021, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee has completed her service:

#### **Board of Professional Counselors**

Laura Patin

The appointment had been referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee (page 201).

A letter dated March 2 was read stating that on January 19, 2021, in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statue 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn himself from consideration, effective immediately:

**State Medical Board**

Christopher Gay

The appointment had been referred to the Health & Social Services Committee (page 199).

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated March 1 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS**

**SB 24**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C) by the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to holding corporate meetings by remote communication; allowing voting by remote communication at corporate meetings; making shareholder lists available electronically; relating to for-profit and nonprofit corporations; relating to business and industrial development corporations; relating to Native corporations; relating to the Alaska Banking Code; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Determination to Take Oil and Gas Royalty In-Value  
March 1, 2021  
(as required by AS 38.05.182)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Lucinda Mahoney

as Commissioner of the Department of Revenue.

The report was signed by Representatives Merrick and Foster, Co-chairs, and Representatives Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Carpenter, Thompson, Josephson, Wool, and Johnson.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES****HB 79**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

"An Act relating to salt water sport fishing operators and salt water sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FSH)

"An Act relating to sport fishing operators and sport fishing guides; requiring the Department of Fish and Game to prepare and submit a report; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Stutes, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do not pass (2): McCabe, Vance

No recommendation (1): Tarr

Amend (4): Kreiss-Tomkins, Ortiz, Story, Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 79(FSH):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 79 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citations were introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Yakutat Volunteer Fire Department & Community Volunteers

By Representative Stutes

Honoring - Eric Morrison

By Senator Begich; Representative Hannan

In Memoriam - Bruce Grossmann

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Charles Frederick Juge

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Harold I. Stock

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Helen Dorothy Nielsen Orcutt

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Elizabeth "Betty" Smith

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Donald P. Maynard

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - David Alert Dengel

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - John Richard Callahan

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Juanita "Ann" Babbitt  
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Karl Chmielowski  
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Anna Elizabeth Dube  
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Arthur Milton Wikle, Jr.  
By Representative Rauscher

### **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **HR 7**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7 by Representative Tuck:

Proclaiming March 2021 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

#### **HCR 3**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 by Representative Stutes:

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature providing that the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

was read the first time and referred to the Rules Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS**

#### **HB 121**

HOUSE BILL NO. 121 by Representatives Fields and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

**HB 122**

HOUSE BILL NO. 122 by Representatives Tarr and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act relating to gun violence protective orders; relating to the crime of violating a protective order; relating to a central registry for protective orders; requiring physicians, psychologists, psychological associates, social workers, marital and family therapists, and licensed professional counselors to report annually threats of gun violence; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; amending Rules 4 and 65, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9, Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

**HB 123**

HOUSE BILL NO. 123 by Representatives Zulkosky, Kreiss-Tomkins, and Drummond, entitled:

"An Act providing for state recognition of federally recognized tribes; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs and the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 124**

HOUSE BILL NO. 124 by Representative Carpenter, entitled:

"An Act relating to filling a vacancy in the legislature by appointment."



was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Homer High School Mariners Hockey  
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Louis F. Gaudreau  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative LeBon

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **SENSE OF THE HOUSE**

The following sense of the house was offered by Representative Vance:

"It is the sense of the house that comments made during special orders of the thirty-seventh legislative day's floor session brought discredit upon the House of Representatives, and that no member should be objectivized on the House Floor, and that such comments should never again be uttered on the House Floor by any member."

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the Sense of the House be adopted.

The Speaker referred the Sense of the House to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

The Speaker stated that the House would recess until 4:00 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 11:11 a.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 4:18 p.m.

\*\*The presence of Representative Gillham was noted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Speaker removed the Community & Regional Affairs Committee referral from the Sense of the House.

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the Sense of the House be withdrawn until March 5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**HB 10**

The Speaker reversed the committee referrals for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 10**

"An Act relating to the Funter Bay marine park unit of the state park system; relating to protection of the social and historical significance of the Unanga cemetery located in Funter Bay; providing for the amendment of the management plan for the Funter Bay marine park unit; and providing for an effective date."

HB 10 was referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs with further referral to the Resources Committee.

**HB 36**

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 36**

"An Act relating to an application for a license to operate as a dealer in motor vehicles; and requiring a dealer in motor vehicles to maintain liability and property insurance."

HB 36 is in the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**SCR 1**

The Speaker removed the Community & Regional Affairs and State Affairs Committee referrals and added a Rules Committee referral to the following:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1 am  
Suspending Rules 24(a) and 34(c), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; authorizing the presiding officers to allow members to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference in certain circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and relating to sessions where members are authorized to attend a session by videoconference or teleconference.

SCR 1 was referred to the Rules Committee.

The Speaker made the following appointments:

**HR 3**

House Special Committee on Fisheries: Tarr replaced Stutes as Chair; Stutes changed to member

**HB 55**

Representative Claman added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

"An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers and firefighters in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to eligibility of peace officers and firefighters for medical, disability, and death benefits; relating to liability of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 108**

Representatives McCabe and Rauscher removed as cosponsors and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 108

"An Act relating to concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs for students enrolled in

public secondary schools; relating to child labor; and providing for an effective date."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk