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**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 17, 2021**

**Fifty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:57 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Johnson – from today to 8:00 a.m., March 31

Representative McCarty – from today to 8:00 a.m., March 26

Representative Drummond – today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Gillham. 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:

Most Gracious Heavenly Father,  
Sometimes in our daily schedule we forget where our strength comes from. As individuals we can do nothing, but in Romans 8-31, 32 it says, *If God is for us, who can ever be*

*against us. Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?*

We humbly come before you and ask that each day you give us the wisdom and knowledge to do what we must do, to make the decisions that will help those less fortunate and to give comfort to those grieving.

Lord, we ask that you give hope where none can be seen. We ask that you help the many thousands of men and women who find themselves out of work.

We ask that you bless and protect those who protect us: from our service members who protect us from those who seek to destroy what you have given us, to our police officers, our firefighters, and EMTs.

We ask that you be with our hard-working medical personnel, from the newly graduated nurses to the most experienced specialist. You have given these men and women a special gift to comfort those in pain, may they use their gift wisely.

1st Peter 4-11 says, *Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever. Amen.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Edgmon.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 56th and 57th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated March 15 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

**SCR 2**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by the Senate Rules Committee:

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.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 2 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 2.

The following were received:

Alaska Court System  
Appellate & Trial Courts  
2020 Time-to-Disposition Reports  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Alaska Court System  
Travel for Justices, Judges, and Magistrate Judges & Affidavit Information, 2020  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

Peter Buist  
Michael Flores

Ely Cyrus  
Martin Boniek  
Aaron Bloomquist

as members of the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Jeremy Price

as a member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

The report was signed by Representative Patkotak, Chair; and Representatives McKay, Cronk, Rauscher, Hannan, Gillham, and Schrage.

#### **HB 104**

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act relating to vehicle registration and registration fees; relating to the motor fuel tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Drummond, Hannan, Spohnholz

Do not pass (3): Cronk, McKay, McCabe

No recommendation (1): Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 104 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 24**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)

"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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)  
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Spohnholz, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Snyder, Nelson, McCarty, Schrage, Kaufman, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 24(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

CSSB 24(L&C) is on today's calendar.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Education and Sharing Day, Alaska  
By Representative Drummond; Senator Hughes

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

Honoring - Chief Justin Doll  
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Holland; Representative Kaufman

Honoring - Louisa "Weez" Smoke  
By Senator Costello

Honoring - Charles "Chuck" Foster  
By Senator Wilson; Representative Tilton

Honoring - Phyllis Clough  
By Senator Stevens

Honoring - Dimond High School 2020 Volleyball Cook Inlet  
Conference Region Champions  
By Senator Costello; Representatives Rasmussen, Claman

Honoring - Dimond High School 2020 Gymnastics Cook Inlet  
Conference Region Champions  
By Senator Costello; Representatives Rasmussen, Claman

Honoring - Dimond High School Girls Swimming & Diving 2020  
Cook Inlet Conference Region Champions  
By Senator Costello; Representatives Rasmussen, Claman

Honoring - Dimond High School Boys Swimming & Diving 2020  
Cook Inlet Conference Region Champions  
By Senator Costello; Representatives Rasmussen, Claman

Honoring - West Anchorage High School 2020 Tennis Champions  
By Senator Costello; Representative Claman

In Memoriam - Scott McClain  
By Representative Tilton

In Memoriam - Roger Jenkins  
By Senator Costello; Representative Rasmussen

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

**HB 137**

HOUSE BILL NO. 137 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Administration to maintain and operate certain offices that provide services related to motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Community & Regional Affairs Committees.

**HB 138**

HOUSE BILL NO. 138 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections; requiring a risk-limiting audit of selected election results; requiring state elections and local elections conducted by the state to be conducted by mail; requiring certain vote-by-mail ballots and election materials to be provided in certain written languages other than English; establishing an online ballot tracking and registration verification system; establishing vote centers, ballot drop boxes, and ballot tabulation centers; eliminating the use of precincts, polling places, absentee ballots, and questioned ballots in certain elections; establishing new elections offenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 139**

HOUSE BILL NO. 139 by Representative Hannan, entitled:

"An Act relating to guardians, guardianships, successor guardians, incapacitated guardians, incapacitated individuals, and testamentary appointments of guardians; and relating to withholding or withdrawing life-sustaining procedures."

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

**HB 140**

HOUSE BILL NO. 140 by Representatives Vance, Cronk, Rauscher, Thompson, Kurka, McCarty, McCabe, Rasmussen, Kreiss-Tomkins, and Carpenter, entitled:

"An Act relating to expiration and renewal of driver's licenses."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Community & Regional Affairs Committees.

## CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

### SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

#### SB 24

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)

"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."

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(CED)

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Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)

(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HCS CSSB 24(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HCS CSSB 24(L&C) will advance to third reading on the March 19 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 - Ellen Rojcewicz  
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Honoring - 2021 Top Five Kuskokwim 300 Finishers  
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Robert Brooks Fischer, Sr.  
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Ralph Steven Rastopsoff  
By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Terrance "Klarantz" Edward Wear  
By Representative Rauscher

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Education and Sharing Day, Alaska, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Education and Sharing Day, Alaska  
By Representative Drummond; Senator Hughes

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****HB 110**

The Speaker removed the Community & Regional Affairs and Judiciary Committee referrals and added Labor & Commerce and Finance Committee referrals for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 110**

"An Act raising the minimum age to purchase, sell, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to transporting tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products; and providing for an effective date."

HB 110 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

**HR 7**

The Speaker removed the Health & Social Services Committee referral for the following:

**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7**

Proclaiming March 2021 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

HR 7 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 10**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

**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 60**

Representative Zulkosky added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 60**

"An Act relating to mental health education."

**HB 108**

Representative Merrick removed as a cosponsor and Representative Vance 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."

**HB 115**

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 115**

"An Act relating to aquatic farming and hatchery site leases; and requiring the director of the division of lands to provide the legislature with an annual report relating to aquatic farming and hatchery site leases."

**HB 125**

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 125**

"An Act relating to private sector and state employment preferences for active service members, veterans, and spouses and dependent children of active service members and veterans; relating to employment preferences for surviving spouses of deceased service members and veterans; and relating to employment preferences for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war."

**SB 24**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 24(L&C)**

"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."

**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 19. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk