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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 29, 2021**

**Seventieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives Fields, Patkotak, and Vance had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent, and his presence was noted later.

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

Almighty God,

We come to you this day a needy people. We are all here because of a desire to do what is right. We desire to serve the people of Alaska and do right by them. The challenge we face is great. The communities we serve are diverse. The goals we long to achieve are many and varied. And, for that reason, we turn to you.

We need your blessing.  
We need your guidance.  
We need your help.

We all have our own desires, and hopes, and goals. We all want to do what is right. But, we recognize that without your help and guidance, we cannot reach those goals. For only you, O God, give wisdom. Only you give knowledge and understanding. By the wisdom we receive from you, we will be able to be good and to do what is right.

So help us, O God, to trust in you with all of our being. Help us to depend on you in all that we do. And, in so doing, may we receive your wisdom in choosing the paths we should pursue. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Johnson.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 67th, 68th, and 69th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

\*\*The presence of Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was noted.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **SB 22**

The Resources Committee considered:

#### **SENATE BILL NO. 22**

"An Act repealing the termination date for the intensive management hunting license surcharge."

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

Do pass (7): McKay, Cronk, Rauscher, Hannan, Gillham, Schrage, Patkotak

No recommendation (1): Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

SB 22 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 - Dave Reaves

By Senators Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski; Representative Eastman

In Memoriam - Dixie Lee Farrens Winningham Waddell

By Representative Tilton

In Memoriam - Jinx Whitaker

By Representative Hopkins; Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Dave Robert Klein

By Representative Hopkins; Senators Kawasaki, Myers

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

#### **HB 155**

HOUSE BILL NO. 155 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to court-appointed visitors and experts; relating to the powers and duties of the office of public advocacy; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Court System; and providing for an effective date."

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

#### **HB 156**

HOUSE BILL NO. 156 by Representative Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to industrial hemp; and providing for an effective date."

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

## CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

### SECOND READING OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

#### SJR 9

The following was read the second time:

#### CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(L&C)

Urging the United States Congress to exempt cruise ships from certain provisions of the Passenger Vessel Services Act and other applicable provisions of federal law for the period during which Canadian ports are closed to cruise ships carrying more than 100 people; and urging the President of the United States not to fine or take actions against cruise ships sailing to the state.

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Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, lines 4 - 5 (title amendment):

Delete "; **and urging the President of the United States not to fine or take actions against cruise ships sailing to the state"**

Page 2, lines 14 - 15:

Delete all material and insert:

**"WHEREAS** 46 U.S.C. 55103 (Passenger Vessel Services Act) requires that certain passenger vessels that sail from United States ports must visit a foreign port before returning to a port in the United States; and

**WHEREAS** an exemption of cruise ships from the requirement of visiting a foreign port would help mitigate continued job and revenue loss and provide relief to an industry with an economic impact that spans across every region of the state and employs people from Ketchikan to Nome; and"

Page 2, line 25:

Delete "; and be it"

Insert "."

Page 2, lines 26 - 30:

Delete all material.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative Hannan objected.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSSJR 9(L&C) would be held in second reading with Amendment No. 1 moved and pending to the March 31 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 - Jodie Hettrick

By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representative Spohnholz

Honoring - Jeannette Therriault

By Senators Myers, Bishop

Honoring - Delta Huskies Youth Hockey Team 2020-2021 12UA  
State Champions

By Representatives Rauscher, Cronk; Senator Shower

Honoring - Top Ten 2021 Iditarod Finishers

By Senator Hoffman; Representatives Zulkosky, Edgmon

In Memoriam - Delia Elizabeth Wright

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Deborah Lee Diviney

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Clinton W. Crusberg  
By Representatives Rauscher, Cronk; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Clarence T. Hoover  
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Eileen B. Heun  
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Begich; Representative Josephson

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Speaker added a Labor & Commerce Committee referral to the following:

#### **Regulatory Commission of Alaska**

Robert Pickett – Anchorage

The appointment had been referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees (page 197).

The order of referrals is Community & Regional Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

#### **HB 10**

Representative Hopkins 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 22**

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor to:

##### HOUSE BILL NO. 22

"An Act relating to shared animal ownership; and relating to the sharing and sale of raw milk and raw milk products."

**HB 40**

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 40

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; establishing the Naturopathy Advisory Board; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to disciplinary sanctions for naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 91**

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 91

"An Act exempting veterinarians from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

**SJR 9**

Representatives Josephson and Story added as cross sponsors to:

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**HB 76**

The following, which was engrossed and signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk (page 465), was transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

## CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 76(FIN) am

"An Act extending the January 15, 2021, governor's declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic; approving and ratifying declarations of a public health disaster emergency; providing for a financing plan; making temporary changes to state law in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in the following areas:

occupational and professional licensing, practice, and billing; telehealth; fingerprinting requirements for health care providers; charitable gaming and online ticket sales; access to federal stabilization funds; wills; unfair or deceptive trade practices; meetings of shareholders; and school operating funds; relating to informed consent for COVID-19 vaccines; relating to personal objections to the administration of COVID-19 vaccines; providing immunity from liability and disciplinary action for occupational licensees for exposure of clients to COVID-19; providing immunity from liability for persons engaging in business and their employees for exposure of customers to COVID-19; 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 31. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk