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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 11:16 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Josephson. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deep respect for the religious beliefs of all members, I offer the following prayer:

As we gather here today as members of this body, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 77th and 78th 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 April 6 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, sec. 25, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Commissioner - Department of Public Safety

James "Jim" Cockrell

Appointed: 4/6/2021

A resume for the appointment is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A letter dated April 6 was read stating that on January 19 in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee has withdrawn himself from consideration, effective immediately:

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Christopher Dean

The appointment had been referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee (page 210).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Catherine Fritz
Arpad "Bruce" Magyar
Jake Maxwell

as members of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

Christina Hansen
Brad Heaston
Gregory Johnson

as members of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Richard Clampitt
Joy Collins
Kayla Green

as members of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy.

Michael Mavencamp
Pamela Steffes

as members of the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Nathan Missler

as a member of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board.

Sammie O'Neal
Eleanor Vinson

as members of the Board of Professional Counselors.

Bernard Gatewood
Bradley McConnell
Sherri Scott

as members of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners.

Keith Kurber
Robert Pickett

as members of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

Brandon Ercanbrack

as a member of the Board of Social Work Examiners.

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Spohnholz, Co-chairs; and Representatives Snyder, Schrage, McCarty, and Kaufman.

HJR 14

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Supporting the passage by the United States Congress of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019, sec. 110606 of the Heroes Act, or similar legislation relating to cannabis-related legitimate businesses' access to financial services.

The report was signed by Representatives Schrage and Hannan, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): McCabe, Prax, Patkotak, Drummond, McCarty, Schrage, Hannan

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

HJR 14 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 22

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

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."

The report was signed by Representatives Hannan and Schrage, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): McCarty, Drummond, Prax, McCabe, Hannan, Schrage

No recommendation (1): Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 22 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HB 30

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

"An Act relating to notice of workers' compensation death benefits; relating to the payment of workers' compensation benefits in the case of permanent partial impairment; relating to the payment of workers' compensation death benefits; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Spohnholz and Fields, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Schrage, Snyder, McCarty, Spohnholz, Fields

No recommendation (1): Kaufman

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 30 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 137

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

"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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 137(STA)

"An Act relating to the provision of certain services related to motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (2): Claman, Story

Do not pass (2): Kaufman, Eastman

No recommendation (2): Tarr, Kreiss-Tomkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 137(STA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

HB 137 was referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HB 47**

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

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

Do pass (3): Fields, Ortiz, Zulkosky

No recommendation (1): Cronk

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 47 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 54

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 54

"An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; relating to invasive species management decals; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 54(FSH)
(same title)

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

Do pass (7): Kreiss-Tomkins, Ortiz, McCabe, Vance, Story, Stutes, Tarr

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 54(FSH):

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 54 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Dr. James Timothy Foote
By Representative Wool

Honoring - Wendy Charmaine Dominique
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Michael Hostina
By Representative Wool

Honoring - Wilma Vinton
By Representative Hopkins

Honoring - Lois Epstein
By Senator Begich; Representatives Fields, Josephson

Honoring - Aliy Zirkle & Allen Moore
By Representative Cronk

Honoring - The Public Servants Distributing Unemployment Insurance
During Crisis
By Representatives Spohnholz, Snyder; Senator Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Esther Pearl Cunningham
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Dr. John Olson
By Representative Wool

In Memoriam - Rita Margaret Esmailka
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - John Gerald Regan, Jr.
By Representatives Rasmussen, Tilton

In Memoriam - George Tuckness
By Senator Begich; Representative Fields

In Memoriam - Edward Russell Meekins, Jr.
By Senator Begich; Representatives Josephson, Fields

In Memoriam - John Bringhurst
By Senator Myers; Representative Wool

In Memoriam - Hawkeye The Library Turtle
By Representative Hopkins

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 164**

HOUSE BILL NO. 164 by Representatives Tuck, Drummond, and Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to school age eligibility; relating to early education programs; establishing a parents as teachers program; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to certification of teachers; establishing a reading intervention program for public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; establishing a reading program in the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to a virtual education consortium; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 165

HOUSE BILL NO. 165 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Alaska permanent fund; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Finance Committee.

HB 166

HOUSE BILL NO. 166 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to the issuance of vehicle registration plates."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 10**

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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RES RPT 7DP 2NR	519
FN1: ZERO(DNR)	519

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 1, line 9, through page 2, line 2:

Delete all material and insert:

"(A) Tract A: That portion within the S1/2 NE1/4 and N1/2 SE1/4 of Protracted Section 2, containing approximately 90.2 acres, more or less, as computed from the Bureau of Land Management plat of survey, officially filed December 3, 1999;"

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

Representative Hannan objected.

Representative Carpenter rose to a point of order.

Representative Edgmon rose to a point of order stating the member should be sitting down and addressing the Speaker.

The Speaker asked the member to sit.

Representative Carpenter stated that the member insinuated that the amendment was not germane.

The Speaker stated the statement was not in order.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 10

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

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

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 10 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 10 will advance to third reading on the April 9 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 - Pho Lena East

By Representatives Spohnholz, Drummond; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Barbara Rodriguez-Rath

By Representatives Spohnholz, Tarr; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - James R. Mahaffey

By Representatives Shaw, Snyder; Senator Holland

Honoring - Evangelos & Dialekti "Diana" Lambernakis

By Representative Tilton

Honoring - Robby Schachle & Brad George, 2021 Iron Dog
Champions

By Representative Tilton

Honoring - Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

By Senators Stevens, Hoffman

In Memoriam - Hugh C. Younkins

By Representative Shaw; Senator Revak

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 47

The Speaker removed the State Affairs Committee referral and added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

HB 47 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 133

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral and added a Health & Social Services Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

"An Act relating to the Alaska savings program for eligible individuals; relating to education savings programs; relating to the Education Trust of Alaska; relating to the Alaska advance college tuition savings fund; relating to the Alaska education savings program for children; and relating to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education."

HB 133 was referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

HJR 14

Representatives Tuck, Thompson, and Vance added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Supporting the passage by the United States Congress of the SAFE Banking Act of 2019, sec. 110606 of the Heroes Act, or similar legislation relating to cannabis-related legitimate businesses' access to financial services.

HJR 15

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Requesting the United States Department of Defense to invest in the Port of Alaska.

HB 10

Representatives Story, Josephson, Spohnholz, and Tarr added as cosponsors 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 58

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

HB 86

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 86

"An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing information on state government financial transactions and specifying the information to be made available on the website."

HB 88

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 88

"An Act relating to an annual report concerning the payment of equal pay for comparable work; increasing the minimum wage; and providing for an effective date."

HB 108

Representative Snyder 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 123

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

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

HB 156

Representatives Snyder and Rauscher added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

"An Act relating to industrial hemp; 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., April 9. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk