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**Wednesday**

**April 14, 2021**

**Eighty-sixth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:34 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Claman. 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 Alaskans, I offer a prayer from the words of William Shakespeare in the *Merchant of Venice*:

The quality of mercy is not strained.  
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath. It is twice blest:  
It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.  
'Tis mightiest in the mightiest; it becomes  
The throned monarch better than his crown.  
His scepter shows the force of temporal power,  
The attribute to awe and majesty  
Wherein doth sit the dread and fear of kings;  
But mercy is above this sceptered sway.  
It is enthroned in the hearts of kings;  
It is an attribute to God Himself;  
And earthly power doth then show likest God's

When mercy seasons justice. Therefore, Jew,  
Though justice be thy plea, consider this:  
That in the course of justice none of us  
Should see salvation. We do pray for mercy,  
And that same prayer doth teach us all to render  
The deeds of mercy. I have spoke thus much  
To mitigate the justice of thy plea,  
Which, if thou follow, this strict court of Venice  
Must needs give sentence 'gainst the merchant there.

And I ask that we remember the prophetic words of Amos in  
5:24: *But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness  
like a mighty stream.*

As we say together, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative McCabe.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 84th and 85th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A message dated April 12 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The following appointee has withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

#### **Alaska Police Standards Council**

Joseph White

The appointment had been referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees (pages 213-214).

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated April 12 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 65**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 65(JUD) by the Senate Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to immunity for consulting physicians, podiatrists, osteopaths, advanced practice registered nurses, physician assistants, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, and pharmacists."

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

David Boswell  
Maria Freeman  
Lydia Mielke  
Steve Parker  
Richard Wein

as members of the State Medical Board.

Rhonda Boyles  
Brent Fisher  
Annette Gwalthney-Jones  
Anita Halterman

as members of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees.

The report was signed by Representatives Snyder and Zulkosky, Co-chairs; and Representatives Spohnholz and Prax.

**HB 25**

The Education Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 25

"An Act relating to the duties of the state Board of Education and Early Development; relating to statewide standards for instruction in social-emotional learning; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Zulkosky, Hopkins, Story, Drummond

Do not pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (2): Cronk, Gillham

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 25 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 90**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 90

"An Act relating to rental vehicles; relating to vehicle rental networks; relating to liability for vehicle rental taxes; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Schrage, Snyder, Spohnholz, Fields

Amend (3): Kaufman, McCarty, Nelson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

HB 90 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 156**

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 156(RES)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (8): Schrage, Hannan, Rauscher, Hopkins, Cronk, Fields, McKay, Patkotak

No recommendation (1) Gillham

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 156(RES):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 156 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SJR 8**

The Resources Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8(RES)

Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress, the United States Department of the Interior, and the Governor to facilitate a land grant endowment to the University of Alaska; urging the Alaska

delegation in Congress to reintroduce the University of Alaska Fiscal Foundation Act; and urging the Department of Natural Resources to work with the University of Alaska to identify lands suitable for the land endowment.

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

Do pass (9): Schrage, Gillham, Hannan, Rauscher, Cronk, Fields, McKay, Hopkins, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Senate Education Committee

CSSJR 8(RES) was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Melvin Smith

as a member of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

Märit Carlson-Van Dort

John Jensen

McKenzie Mitchell

Abe Williams

John Wood

as members of the Board of Fisheries.

Marilyn Charles

Renee Weddle Alward

as members of the Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council.

The report was signed by Representative Tarr, Chair; and Representatives Ortiz, Stutes, McCabe, Vance, and Story.

**HCR 2**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2**

Supporting the Alaska Ocean Cluster in its mission, efforts, and vision for a vibrant coastal economy in the state, its promotion of a diversified and resilient state economy that creates value from ocean resources, and its building of a statewide integrated ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship relating to the state's ocean economy.

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

Do pass (4): Story, Kreiss-Tomkins, Ortiz, Tarr

No recommendation (2): McCabe, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Affairs Agency

HCR 2 was referred to the Resources Committee.

**SB 69**

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

**SENATE BILL NO. 69 am**

"An Act extending an exemption from regulation as a public utility for plants and facilities generating electricity entirely from renewable energy resources; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Claman, Fields, Schrage

No recommendation (2): Kaufman, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

SB 69 am was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Vince Beltrami

By Representatives Josephson, Tuck; Senator Bishop

Honoring - Kendra Kloster

By Representatives Spohnholz, Tuck; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Verné Boerner

By Representatives Spohnholz, Shaw, Zulkosky

Honoring - Hooper Bay Lady Warriors, 2021 Girls State 2A Basketball Champions

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 50th Anniversary in Senate District T

By Representatives Foster, Patkotak; Senator Olson

Honoring - District 39 Tribal Health Clinics' Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - District 39 Native Village Tribes' Efforts During The COVID-19 Pandemic

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Supreme Court Justice Robert C. Erwin

By Representatives Josephson, Claman



In Memoriam - Darlene "Petesy" Lust  
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Patricia Bowen Elias  
By Representative Cronk

In Memoriam - Louise L. "Avessuk" (Keller) Bauman  
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Shawn Lyons  
By Senator Begich; Representative Tuck

In Memoriam - Vernon Bartlett Brice  
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Jack Mann  
By Senators Bishop, Hughes

In Memoriam - Jack Noble Reiland  
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Dr. Hugh "Bud" Fate, Jr.  
By Senators Bishop, Myers; Representative LeBon

In Memoriam - Mary Jane Fate  
By Senator Bishop

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

### **HB 173**

HOUSE BILL NO. 173 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to state education policy; relating to school climate and connectedness; establishing the School Climate and School Connectedness Improvement Committee; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 174**

HOUSE BILL NO. 174 by Representatives Merrick and Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act relating to proposing and enacting laws by initiative."

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

**HB 175**

HOUSE BILL NO. 175 by Representatives Carpenter, Vance, and Kurka, entitled:

"An Act relating to COVID-19 immunization rights."

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

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 109**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 109 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 109 will advance to third reading on the April 16 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 - Missy Simms

By Representative Tarr; Senator Begich

Honoring - Verona Hyacinth Gentry

By Representative Spohnholz; Senators Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Chris & Joanna Owens and Their Family

By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Newhalen High School Malamutes, 2021 ASAA 1A Girls' Basketball Champions

By Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Al & Isabel Milspaugh

By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Spohnholz, Josephson

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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 LeBon – from 1:00 p.m., April 15 to 2:00 p.m., April 19

Representative Thompson – from 12:30 p.m., April 15 to 2:00 p.m., April 19

Representative Kaufman – from noon, April 16 to 7:30 a.m., April 20

Representative Tuck – from 8:30 p.m., April 16 to 2:30 p.m., April 20

**HCR 2**

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2**

Supporting the Alaska Ocean Cluster in its mission, efforts, and vision for a vibrant coastal economy in the state, its promotion of a diversified and resilient state economy that creates value from ocean resources, and its building of a statewide integrated ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship relating to the state's ocean economy.

**HJR 1**

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1**

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and to appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

**HB 5**

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5**

"An Act relating to sexual abuse of a minor; relating to sexual assault; relating to the code of military justice; relating to consent; relating to the testing of sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 38**

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 38**

"An Act relating to the Alaska Police Standards Council; relating to the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 41**

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 41**

"An Act relating to management of enhanced stocks of shellfish; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations to engage in shellfish

enhancement projects; relating to application fees for salmon hatchery permits and shellfish enhancement project permits; allowing the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute to market aquatic farm products; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 55**

Representatives Rasmussen, Snyder, and Merrick added as cosponsors 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 66**

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

"An Act relating to voting, voter qualifications, and voter registration; relating to poll watchers; relating to absentee ballots and questioned ballots; relating to election worker compensation; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 123**

Representative Snyder 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 145**

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

"An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to health care services provided by pharmacists and pharmacy technicians; and relating to the practice of pharmacy."

**HB 147**

Representative Snyder added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act relating to the teacher education loan program; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 156**

Representatives Nelson and McCabe added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

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

**HB 165**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Alaska permanent fund; 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 16. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk