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**Eighty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:36 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representatives LeBon and Thompson had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

With deep request for all religious beliefs, I offer the following prayer:

As people of faith, we are called to give thanks in all things. With this in mind, I share Psalm 100 as a prayer of thankfulness for the many blessings we all experience.

*Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;*

*we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;*

*give thanks to him and praise his name.  
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.  
Amen.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative McCarty.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 86th and 87th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

Samantha Cherot

as the Public Defender.

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives Eastman, Vance, Kreiss-Tomkins, Drummond, and Kurka.

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

Justin Ruffridge

as a member of the Board of Pharmacy.

Mae Sprague Hayes

as a member of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

Rachel Bergartt

as a member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

The report was signed by Representative Spohnholz, Chair; and Representatives Nelson, McCarty, Fields, Schrage, and Kaufman.

**HB 26**

The Resources Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Fields, Cronk, Hannan

Do not pass (2): McKay, Gillham

No recommendation (3): Hopkins, Schrage, Patkotak

Amend (1): Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 26 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 55**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

## 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."

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

Do pass (3): Claman, Tarr, Kreiss-Tomkins

Amend (4): Story, Eastman, Kaufman, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration

HB 55 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 127**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

"An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority."

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 127 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 163**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

"An Act relating to vehicle title applications."

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration

HB 163 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### **HB 168**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide and allow submission of an electronic application for certain state benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

Do not pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (1): Kurka

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 168 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 21**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

No recommendation (2): Kurka, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

SB 21 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **HB 144**

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

"An Act establishing the Alaska Military Affairs Commission; and relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Military Affairs Commission."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 144(MLV)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Nelson, Story, Tuck

Amend (1): Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 144(MLV):

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor

HB 144 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 - Paul Johnson  
By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Honoring - Kyle Hopkins  
By Representatives Tarr, Spohnholz; Senator Begich

Honoring - Dr. Susan Hunter-Joerns  
By Representatives Josephson, Story; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - David Schaff  
By Representative Tuck; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Dr. Brian J. McMahon  
By Representative Spohnholz; Senators Wielechowski, Hoffman

Honoring - Lalo's Pizza  
By Representatives Josephson, Tuck; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - The Elevation of the Negro Leagues to Formal Major League Status  
By Representative Josephson; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Burrito Factory  
By Representative Spohnholz; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - University of Alaska Fairbanks, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library 50th Anniversary  
By Representative LeBon; Senators von Imhof, Bishop

Honoring - David Gray  
By Senators Hoffman, Kiehl

In Memoriam - Clifford "Cliff" Gilmore  
By Representative Tilton

In Memoriam - Michael Witman  
By Representative Tilton

In Memoriam - Charles "Chuck" Sassara  
By Representatives Josephson, Fields; Senator Begich

In Memoriam - John Lewis  
By Representative Josephson; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Frank Fantazzi  
By Representatives LeBon, Thompson

In Memoriam - Andy Anderson  
By Senator Stevens

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

**HCR 4**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Representative  
Tarr:

Urging the Governor to establish the Office of Outdoor Equity.

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

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

**HB 176**

HOUSE BILL NO. 176 by Representatives Rasmussen and McCabe,  
entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care  
agreements; and relating to unfair trade practices."

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



**HB 177**

HOUSE BILL NO. 177 by Representatives Tuck and Spohnholz, entitled:

"An Act relating to an increase of an appropriation due to additional federal or other program receipts; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 178**

HOUSE BILL NO. 178 by Representatives Gillham, Vance, and McCarty, entitled:

"An Act adding to the duties of the victims' advocate and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and relating to informing certain peace officers, firefighters, correctional employees, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, ambulance attendants, emergency responders, and medical professionals of legal protections that may be available if they become crime victims."

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

**HB 179**

HOUSE BILL NO. 179 by Representatives Tilton, Rauscher, McCabe, Shaw, Vance, Carpenter, Thompson, McKay, Kaufman, Cronk, Nelson, Gillham, Prax, Johnson, and Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act relating to firearms and other weapons restrictions."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 109**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 14 calendar (page 612), was read the third 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."

The question being: "Shall HB 109 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 109

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 34 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Kurka, McCabe

Excused: LeBon, Thompson

And so, HB 109 passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 109

Third Reading

Effective Date

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: LeBon, Thompson

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

Representative Carpenter gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on HB 109.

### 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 - 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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **HB 146**

The Speaker removed the Judiciary Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

"An Act relating to disclosure of information regarding employee compensation by employers, employees, and applicants for employment; establishing the fund for protection of compensation disclosure rights; and providing for an effective date."

HB 146 is in the Labor & Commerce Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

**HB 168**

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide and allow submission of an electronic application for certain state benefits; and providing for an effective date."

HB 168 was referred to Rules Committee.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Tarr rose to a Point of Order regarding dilatory comments, unsubstantiated claims, and impugning the motives of persons not present.

The Speaker cautioned the member to proceed in order.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HB 8**

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act relating to professional and occupational licensing; and relating to protection of children and vulnerable adults."

**HB 17**

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"An Act adding to the powers and duties of the State Commission for Human Rights; and relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

**HB 23**

Representative McCarty added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"An Act relating to elections and voter registration; relating to

ballot custody, retention, and destruction; prohibiting possession of another voter's ballot; requiring signature verification; establishing an election offense hotline; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 38**

Representative Tarr 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 109**

Representative Tuck added as a cosponsor to:

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."

**HB 127**

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

"An Act relating to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority."

**HB 145**

Representatives Fields and Story added as cosponsors 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 156**

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

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

**HB 158**

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general fund."

**HB 167**

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 167

"An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie."

**HB 168**

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 168

"An Act requiring the Department of Health and Social Services to provide and allow submission of an electronic application for certain state benefits; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 174**

Representatives LeBon and Cronk added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

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

**HB 175**

Representatives Gillham, McCarty, and McCabe added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

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

**SB 21**

Representative Cronk added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services; 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 19. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk