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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;*

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*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 Berngartt

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."

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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:

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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

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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:

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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

Yea: 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

Nay: 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

Yea: 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

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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 Reisland
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

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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.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk