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Ninety-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:37 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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

With respect to all religious faiths, I offer the Lord's prayer:

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the blessings you bring upon us every day, for the people that you have sent to help us out, and the different ideas. You have created us as individuals and we thank you for that. We ask you to be with us and to help us all focus on your will.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Nelson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 93rd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Spill Prevention and Response Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2020
(as required by AS 46.08.060)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

John "Scott" Jepsen

as a member of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

The report was signed by Representatives Drummond and Story, Co-chairs; and Representatives Cronk, Gillham, Prax, Zulkosky, and Hopkins.

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

Steven Jordan

as a member of Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy.

Christopher Jaime
Bruce Schulte

as members of the Marijuana Control Board.

Dorene "Dori" Hagen

as a member of the Board of Professional Counselors.

Traci Heaton
Elizabeth Schok

as members of the Real Estate Commission.

Scott Flamme
Hal Geiger

as members of the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

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

HB 39

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

"An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age."

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

Do pass (4): Drummond, Snyder, Kreiss-Tomkins, Claman

Do not pass (1): Vance

Amend (1): Eastman

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor

HB 39 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 54

The Resources Committee 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 Patkotak, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Schrage, Hannan, Fields

Do not pass (3): Gillham, Rauscher, Cronk

No recommendation (3): McKay, Hopkins, Patkotak

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 Rules Committee.

HB 58

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 58(HSS)
(same title)

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

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

Do not pass (2): Prax, Kurka

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 58(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
3. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 58 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 60

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

"An Act relating to mental health education."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 60(EDC)

(same title)

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 (3): Cronk, Gillham, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 60(EDC):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 60 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 85

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

"An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual

savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85(L&C)
(same title)

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

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

No recommendation (1): Kaufman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 85(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
3. Indeterminate, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 85 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HJR 1

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

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.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1(W&M)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Wool, Josephson, Schrage, Story, Spohnholz

Do not pass (2): Eastman, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSSSHJR 1(W&M):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

SSHJR 1 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Gloria Karmun
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

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

Honoring - Jo Cassidy
By Senator Wilson; Representative McCabe

Honoring - Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation
By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Anchorage Police Department & Anchorage Fire
Department Dispatchers
By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representative Spohnholz

Honoring - Alaska School Activities Association High School Hall of
Fame Class of 2021

By Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Michael Drake Bradner

By Representatives Schrage, Drummond; Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Robert Peter Dale

By Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Former Representative Robert "Bob" Lynn

By Representative Shaw; Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Charles "Chuck" Freymueller

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - JesCynthia "Hudokltna" David

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Jeanette Louise Ootowana Soolook Immingan

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Amy Atqilaq Bodfish Patkotak

By Senator Olson; Representative Patkotak

In Memoriam - Ron Engstrom

By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam - Gareth Thomas Wright

By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Mercia Ann Kalloch

By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Roger Lee Floerchinger

By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Raymond Young

By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Jalmar "Jay" Kerttula

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Johnson

In Memoriam - Buzz Ritter

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam - Kingeesti David Katzeek

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 187

HOUSE BILL NO. 187 by Representatives Kaufman, Carpenter, Cronk, Gillham, Johnson, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance, Thompson, and Rasmussen entitled:

"An Act relating to the elimination or modification of state agency publications that are outdated, duplicative, or excessive or that could be improved or consolidated with other publications or exclusively delivered electronically; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 169

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 21 calendar (page 680), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 169 AM

"An Act making appropriations for public education and transportation of students; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Tuck rose to a point of order regarding impugning the motives of others.

The Speaker cautioned members not to impugn the motives of others.

The question being: "Shall HB 169 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 169 am
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 26 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, McCarty, Merrick, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Schrage, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

And so, HB 169 am passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved the effective date clause.

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

HB 169 am
Third Reading
Effective Date

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka, McKay, Prax

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

HB 169 am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 14**

The following was read the second time:

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.

| with the: | Journal Page |
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| CRA RPT 7DP | 540 |
| FN1: ZERO(H.CRA) | 540 |

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 14 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 14 was read the third time.

Representative Schrage rose to a point of order regarding confining remarks to the resolution before the body.

The Speaker ruled that the point was well taken.

The question being: "Shall HJR 14 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 14

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman, Johnson, Kurka

And so, HJR 14 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - Greg Trevino
By Representatives Hopkins, Wool

Honoring - Noah Aiden Jefferson
By Representative Nelson; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Robert "Bob" Newell, Jr.
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Ben Walker
By Representatives Drummond, Shaw; Senator Revak

Honoring - Zurin Alexander Trzaska
By Representative Nelson; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Dr. Tom Wood
By Senators Revak, Costello; Representative Rasmussen

Honoring - Meera Kohler
By Senators Revak, Gray-Jackson; Representative Shaw

Honoring - Ronald Wall
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

Honoring - Gus Schumacher
By Senator Revak; Representative Claman

Honoring - Women in Safe Homes (WISH) and Agnes Moran
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Alaska Pioneer Homes Administrators & Staff
By Representative Fields; Senators Hughes, Begich

Honoring - Monroe Catholic High School Rams Boys' Basketball
Team: 2021 State Champions
By Representatives LeBon, Thompson, Cronk

Honoring - Camp Fire Alaska, A Light in a Dark Time
By Representatives Nelson, Snyder

Honoring - District 39 Cities for Their Efforts During the COVID-19
Pandemic
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - 2020 Top Forty Under Forty Recipients
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Anchorage Chamber, 2020 Gold Pan Award Winners
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson Arctic Warriors
By Senators Revak, Wielechowski; Representative Nelson

Honoring - 2021 Business Hall of Fame Laureates
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Service High School Boys' Swimming and Diving Team,
2021 State Champions
By Senator Revak; Representatives Shaw, Schrage

Honoring - The Alaska Travel Industry Association
By Senator Revak

Honoring - Eagle Scouts of District M
By Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Kenneth D. Maynard
By Representative Nelson

In Memoriam - Helen Austerman
By Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Leslie Orval Hiatt
By Representative Ortiz

In Memoriam - Helen Eggers
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Goodm Nluułgm Xsgyiik - Sarah Booth
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Don M. Triplehorn
By Representative Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer
By Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Mattie Flanagan
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Katherine Olga Torkelsen Hurley
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Drummond, Johnson

In Memoriam - Erin Lee
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Milton Behr
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Clare "Gus" Gillespie
By Senator Revak; Representative Tuck

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Gloria Karmun, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Gloria Karmun
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 54

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

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."

HB 54 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 98

Representative Patkotak, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23(a) be waived to hear the following at 10:30 a.m., April 23 in the Resources Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

"An Act relating to forest land use plans; relating to forest land use plan appeals; relating to negotiated timber sales; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 135

Representative Patkotak, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23(a) be waived to hear the following at 10:30 a.m., April 23 in the Resources Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 135

"An Act relating to geothermal resources; relating to the definition of 'geothermal resources'; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SENSE OF THE HOUSE

The following Sense of the House was offered by Representative Eastman:

"It is the sense of the house that the sense of the house in the Health & Social Services Committee pertaining to the right of any Alaskan to decline to receive a COVID-19 vaccine for any reason should be scheduled for debate not later than Saturday, May 1st at 4pm."

Representative Eastman moved that the Sense of the House be adopted.

Representative Fields objected.

The Speaker referred the Sense of the House to the Rules Committee.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the Sense of the House be referred to the Rules Committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Sense of the House

Refer to Rules Committee

YEAS: 23 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, the motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HJR 14**

Representatives Spohnholz, Josephson, Wool, Story, Carpenter, Nelson, and Snyder 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.

HB 145

Representative Spohnholz 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."

ENGROSSMENT**HJR 14**

HJR 14 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 169

HB 169 am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

CHANGED TO:

1:15 p.m.

House Special Committee on Ways & Means

CHANGED TO:

5 min. after adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., April 26. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk