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One Hundred Sixth Day

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

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

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

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer:

Lord Jesus,

We ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul, and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and help us find peace. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Shaw.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 105th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated May 3 was read stating the Senate has passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SJR 13**

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(CRA) by the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee:

Supporting broadband deployment in the state; recognizing the benefits of broadband; urging facilitation of broadband deployment; urging engagement with stakeholders; urging the development of a temporary centralized, technology-neutral broadband and Internet access working group in the state; urging the United States Congress to include broadband in 2021 federal infrastructure legislation; urging broadband providers to use savings from federal infrastructure legislation to provide broadband service at a reduced rate to the state and its political subdivisions; and urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to advocate for flexible broadband funding parameters.

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 12**

SENATE BILL NO. 12 by Senators Kawasaki, Costello, Revak, Holland, Stevens, Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski, Hughes, Reinbold, Stedman, Bishop, and Micciche, entitled:

"An Act relating to temporary courtesy licenses for military spouses; and relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

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

SB 20

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 20(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to teaching certificates for teachers holding out-of-state certificates."

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

SB 95

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 95(STA) by the Senate State Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the right of first refusal of a volunteer search and rescue group with respect to obsolete or surplus state property."

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

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:

David Koch

as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Sharon Woodward

as a member of the Board of Social Work Examiners.

Pamela Cline

as a member of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board.

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

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HB 34

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

"An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Memorial Bridge."

The report was signed by Representative Merrick, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (9): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Carpenter, Thompson, Johnson, Josephson, Rasmussen, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

HB 34 is on today's calendar.

HB 151

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 151

"An Act relating to unemployment benefits during a period of state or national emergency resulting from a novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 151(FIN)

"An Act relating to unemployment benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Ortiz, Foster

No recommendation (8): Edgmon, LeBon, Carpenter, Thompson, Johnson, Josephson, Rasmussen, Merrick

Amend (1): Wool

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 151(FIN):

2. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 151 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 156

The Finance 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 Merrick, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Rasmussen, Edgmon, Thompson, Merrick

No recommendation (5): Josephson, Wool, Johnson, Ortiz, LeBon

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

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 156 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 170

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

"An Act establishing the Alaska energy independence program and the Alaska energy independence fund in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 170(L&C)

"An Act relating to exempt employees; relating to the powers of the Alaska Energy Authority; relating to the membership of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; relating to the duties of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; establishing the Alaska clean energy program and the Alaska clean energy fund in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; 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 (1): Nelson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 170(L&C):

3. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
5. Fiscal, House Labor & Commerce Committee/Fund Capitalization

HB 170 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 192

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): McCarty, Drummond, Hannan, Schrage

Amend (3): McCabe, Prax, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 192 was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 184

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

"An Act requiring state participation in a tribal child welfare compact."

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

Do pass (4): Tarr, Ortiz, Cronk, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 184 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Julene Brown

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Fiftieth Anniversary
By Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Mary Lou Meiners

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 199**

HOUSE BILL NO. 199 by Representatives Kurka and Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving weapons; and relating to the regulation of firearms."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 34**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

"An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Memorial Bridge."

with the:	Journal Page
MLV RPT 6DP	300
FN1: (DOT)	300
FIN RPT 9DP	866
FN1: (DOT)	866

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 34 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 34 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 34 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 34

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Johnson, 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

Nay: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Fields, Hopkins

And so, HB 34 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 126

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Public Accountancy; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

Journal Page

L&C RPT 4DP	522
FN1: (CED)	522
FIN RPT 11DP	670
FN1: (CED)	670

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 126 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 126 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 126 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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HB 126
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Johnson, Josephson, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, 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

Excused: Fields, Hopkins

And so, HB 126 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 126
Third Reading
Effective Date

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

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

Excused: Fields, Hopkins

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

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HB 126 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 87

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 87

"An Act relating to credit for reinsurance; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

Journal Page

L&C RPT 4DP 1NR	647
FN1: ZERO(CED)	647

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 87 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 87 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SB 87 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 87

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Fields, Hopkins

And so, SB 87 passed the House.

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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 being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 87 was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Rauscher – from 7:00 a.m., June 2 to 10:00 p.m., June 20

HB 22

Representative Shaw added as a cosponsor to:

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."

HB 34

Representatives Foster, Story, Patkotak, Spohnholz, Nelson, Schrage, Vance, Kreiss-Tomkins, Tarr, Wool, Cronk, and Kaufman added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

"An Act naming the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Memorial Bridge."

HB 63

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; renaming the Alaska Marine Transportation Advisory Board the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board; relating to the membership and duties of the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board; and providing for an effective date."

HB 184

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

"An Act requiring state participation in a tribal child welfare compact."

HB 192

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska regional economic assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 198

Representatives Ortiz and Story added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 198

"An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day."

SB 12

Representative Tuck added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 12

"An Act relating to temporary courtesy licenses for military spouses; and relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

SB 69

Representative Kaufman added as a cross sponsor to:

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."

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ENGROSSMENT

HB 34

HB 34 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 126

HB 126 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., May 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk