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One Hundred Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:33 a.m.

Roll call showed 35 members present. Representative Hopkins had been excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Spohnholz and Tarr were absent and their presence was noted later.

Representative Claman, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Rasmussen and Tuck be excused from the call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

With deepest respect for all religions and beliefs, I offer the following prayer from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapter 5:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
 for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
 for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Father, we ask that you help us gain perspective on our many blessings and encourage us to stay focused and mindful so we may do our jobs well. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Snyder.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Claman, moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 106th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 163

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

"An Act relating to vehicle title applications."

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

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

No recommendation (4): Eastman, Kaufman, Vance, Tarr

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration

HB 163 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**The presence of Representative Spohnholz was noted.

SB 32

The Education Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 32(FIN)

"An Act establishing the Alaska middle college program for public school students; relating to the powers of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Drummond, Story

No recommendation (4): Cronk, Gillham, Zulkosky, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Zero, University of Alaska

CSSB 32(FIN) was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

SB 65

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 65(JUD)

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 65(HSS)

"An Act relating to immunity for consulting physicians, podiatrists, osteopaths, advanced practice registered nurses,

physician assistants, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, physical therapists, and occupational therapists."

(pending title change resolution)

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

Do pass (4): McCarty, Spohnholz, Snyder, Zulkosky

No recommendation (2): Prax, Kurka

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 65(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law

CSSB 65(JUD) was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Challenge Alaska
By Representative Kaufman; Senator Holland

Honoring - Dimond High School Lady Lynx Flag Football Team,
Cook Inlet Conference Champions
By Representative Rasmussen; Senator Costello

Honoring - Juneau School District Health Team
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Peter Ray Isackson
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Edward Allen Todd
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Jamesena Evelyn Taylor
By Senators Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson

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

HB 200

HOUSE BILL NO. 200 by Representative Kaufman, entitled:

"An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates."

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

HB 201

HOUSE BILL NO. 201 by Representative Kaufman, entitled:

"An Act relating to special registration plates commemorating police officers killed in the line of duty."

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

HB 202

HOUSE BILL NO. 202 by Representative Merrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to dividends for state residents; relating to the use of certain state income; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Finance Committee.

HB 203

HOUSE BILL NO. 203 by Representatives Wool, Thompson, and Josephson, entitled:

"An Act establishing the offense of misconduct involving weapons in the sixth degree."

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

HB 204

HOUSE BILL NO. 204 by Representative Kaufman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for a disability resulting from certain cancers in firefighters."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 63**

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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TRA RPT CS(TRA) NEW TITLE 4DP 2NR	376
FN1: ZERO(DOT)	376
STA RPT CS(STA) NEW TITLE 6DP	713
FN1: ZERO(DOT)	713

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63(STA)

"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 relating to the comprehensive, intermodal, long-range transportation plan for the state."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 63(STA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 63(STA) was read the third time.

**The presence of Representative Tarr was noted.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 63(STA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 63(STA)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Hopkins, Rasmussen, Tuck

And so, CSHB 63(STA) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 127

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

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

with the:

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CRA RPT 6DP

624

FN1: (REV)

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FIN RPT 7DP 4NR
 FN1: (REV)

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Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 127 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 127 was read the third time.

Representative Zulkosky moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and she was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall HB 127 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 127
 Third Reading
 Final Passage

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Kurka, Rauscher, Vance

Excused: Hopkins, Rasmussen, Tuck

And so, HB 127 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Claman 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 - 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 17

The Speaker reversed the committee referrals for the following:

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 17 was referred to the Judiciary Committee with further referral to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 51

The Speaker reversed the committee referrals for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

"An Act relating to aggravating factors considered at sentencing."

HB 51 was referred to the Judiciary Committee with further referral to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 163

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 163

"An Act relating to vehicle title applications."

HB 163 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 22

Representative Tilton 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 63

Representatives Story, Josephson, Tarr, Spohnholz, Wool, and Vance added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 63(STA)

"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 relating to the comprehensive, intermodal, long-range transportation plan for the state."

HB 127

Representatives Snyder and Zulkosky added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

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

ENGROSSMENT

HB 63

CSHB 63(STA) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 127

HB 127 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 Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., May 6. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk