

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**May 7, 2021**

**One Hundred Ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:30 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Hopkins had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent, and his presence was noted later.

Representative Claman, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Tuck – from 11:00 a.m. to noon

Representative Patkotak – from today to 6:00 p.m., May 10

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Vance. 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 all Alaskans, I offer this prayer from Psalm 146:

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.  
When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day, their plans come to nothing.

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God.  
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.

He upholds the cause of the oppressed,  
and gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets prisoners free,  
the Lord gives sight to the blind,  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord loves the righteous.  
The Lord watches over the foreigner,  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

The Lord reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord.

Thank you, O God, that you reign forever and hold us in the palm of your hands. We offer this day to you with thanksgiving and ask for your presence to dwell here in our conversations, deliberations, and decisions. Give us your wisdom and understanding in all things. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Story.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 108th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****HR 8**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Creating the House Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8(CRA)

(same title)

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

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

No recommendation (2): McCabe, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHR 8(CRA):

1. Zero, House Community & Regional Affairs Committee

HR 8 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 19**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and establishing limited language immersion teacher certificates."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 19(EDC)

(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Edgmon, LeBon, Carpenter, Thompson, Merrick

No recommendation (4): Rasmussen, Josephson, Wool, Ortiz

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 19(EDC):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 19 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 155**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

"An Act relating to court-appointed visitors and experts; relating to the powers and duties of the office of public advocacy; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Court System; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Thompson, Wool, Josephson, Merrick

No recommendation (2): Carpenter, Rasmussen

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
2. Fiscal, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 155 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 182**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

"An Act extending the fishery resource landing tax credit for certain taxpayers that harvest fishery resources under the provisions of a community development quota; providing for an

effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 16 and 23, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 182 is on today's calendar.

### **SB 21**

The Labor & Commerce 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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

#### **HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 21(L&C)**

"An Act relating to occupational licensing of members of the military and their spouses; 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."

(HCR 6 – title change resolution)

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

Do pass (7): Snyder, Schrage, Nelson, Kaufman, McCarty, Spohnholz, Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS SB 21(L&C):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

SB 21 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 - Susan West  
By Representative McKay

Honoring - Robin Jones  
By Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Deb Hickok  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Thompson, Hopkins

Honoring - Kent Fielding, Drama, Debate, and Forensics 2021 Coach of the Year  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Golden Valley Electric Association  
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Terrence Cole  
By Representatives Thompson, Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Roger Marty  
By Senator Kawasaki

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HCR 6**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee:

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 21, relating to mobile intensive care paramedics; and relating to duties of the State Medical Board and the Department of Health and Social Services.

was read the first time.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 80**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 80

"An Act establishing the sport fishing hatchery facilities account; establishing the sport fishing facility surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

Journal Page

FSH RPT CS(FSH) NEW TITLE 5DP 1NR 1AM	301
FN1: (DFG)	301
FIN RPT CS(FSH) NEW TITLE 4DP 6NR	714
FN2: (DFG)	714

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. 80(FSH)

"An Act establishing the sport fishing enhancement account; establishing the sport fishing enhancement surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Eastman objected.

**\*\*The presence of Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was noted.**

The question being: "Shall CSHB 80(FSH) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 80

Second Reading

Adopt Fisheries CS

**YEAS: 32 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 2**

# HOUSE JOURNAL

920

May 7, 2021

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

Nays: Eastman, Johnson, Kurka, Prax

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak

Absent: Rasmussen, Tarr

And so, CSHB 80(FSH) was adopted.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 80(FSH) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 80(FSH) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 80(FSH) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 80(FSH)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak

And so, CSHB 80(FSH) passed the House.

Representative Claman 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:

CSHB 80(FSH)

Third Reading

Effective Date

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

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

CSHB 80(FSH) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## **HB 92**

The following was read the second time:

### **HOUSE BILL NO. 92**

"An Act relating to borrowing in anticipation of revenues; relating to revenue anticipation notes; relating to line of credit agreements; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

Journal Page

FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 8DP 2NR  
FN2: INDETERMINATE(REV)

734  
734

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. 92(FIN)

"An Act relating to borrowing in anticipation of revenues; relating to revenue anticipation notes; relating to short-term borrowing; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 92(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 92(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 92(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 92(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 35 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak, Tuck

And so, CSHB 92(FIN) passed the House.

Representative Claman 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.

CSHB 92(FIN) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**HB 125**

The following was read the second time:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 125**

"An Act relating to private sector and state employment preferences for active service members, veterans, and spouses and dependent children of active service members and veterans; relating to employment preferences for surviving spouses of deceased service members and veterans; and relating to employment preferences for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war."

with the:

Journal Page

MLV RPT 6DP	378
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	378
L&C RPT CS(L&C) NEW TITLE 6DP 1NR	715
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	715

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. 125(L&C)**

"An Act relating to employment preferences for active service members, veterans, and spouses and dependent children of active service members and veterans; relating to employment preferences for surviving spouses of deceased service members and veterans; and relating to employment preferences for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 125(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 125(L&C) was read the third time.

Representatives Eastman and Nelson moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and they were required to vote.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 125(L&C) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 125(L&C)

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 35 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak, Tuck

And so, CSHB 125(L&C) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## **HB 182**

The following was read the second time:

### **HOUSE BILL NO. 182**

"An Act extending the fishery resource landing tax credit for certain taxpayers that harvest fishery resources under the provisions of a community development quota; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 16 and 23, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

Journal Page

FSH RPT 4DP 2NR	738
FN1: (REV)	738
FIN RPT 9DP	916
FN1: (REV)	916

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 182 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 182 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 182 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 182

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 35 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Carpenter, Kurka

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak, Tuck

And so, HB 182 passed the House.

Representative Claman 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.

HB 182 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## **SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

### **SB 69**

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

Journal Page

ENE RPT 3DP 2NR

609

FN1: ZERO(CED)

609

L&amp;C RPT 5DP

802

FN1: ZERO(CED)

802

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Wool:

Page 1, line 12:

Delete "65"

Insert "35[65]"

Representative Wool moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative Rauscher objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 69 am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

**YEAS: 8 NAYS: 29 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Hannan, Johnson, Josephson, McKay, Ortiz, Snyder, Tarr, Wool

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Kaufman, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, Merrick, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Thompson, Tilton, Vance, Zulkosky

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak, Tuck

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 69 am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 69 am was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SB 69 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 69 am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 36 NAYS: 1 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, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Vance, Zulkosky

Nays: Wool

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak, Tuck

And so, SB 69 am passed the House.

Representative Claman 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.

And so, SB 69 am passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

#### **HB 133**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 6 calendar (page 902), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 133(L&C)

"An Act relating to the Alaska savings program for eligible individuals; relating to education savings programs; relating to the Education Trust of Alaska; relating to the Alaska advance college tuition savings fund; relating to the Alaska education savings program for children; and relating to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education."

**\*\*The presence of Representative Tuck, who was excused (page 913), was noted.**

The question being: "Shall CSHB 133(L&C) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 133(L&C)

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 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, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Hopkins, Patkotak

And so, CSHB 133(L&C) 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 - Kenneth McCoy

By Representatives Schrage, Spohnholz; Senator Revak

In Memoriam - Joseph Fred Demantle, Jr.

By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Claman 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 Ortiz – from 12:00 a.m., May 29 to 10:00 p.m., May 30



**HB 189**

The Speaker removed the Education Committee referral for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 189**

"An Act imposing an education tax on net earnings from self-employment and wages; relating to the administration and enforcement of the education tax; and providing for an effective date."

HB 189 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 125**

Representatives Tarr, Josephson, Tilton, Ortiz, and Snyder added as cosponsors to:

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(L&C)**

"An Act relating to employment preferences for active service members, veterans, and spouses and dependent children of active service members and veterans; relating to employment preferences for surviving spouses of deceased service members and veterans; and relating to employment preferences for disabled veterans and former prisoners of war."

**SB 40**

Representative Nelson added as a cross sponsor to:

**SENATE BILL NO. 40**

"An Act relating to veterans' benefits services and veterans' benefits appeal services."

**SB 69**

Representative Nelson 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."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 80**

CSHB 80(FSH) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 92**

CSHB 92(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 125**

CSHB 125(L&C) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 133**

CSHB 133(L&C) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 182**

HB 182 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 meeting today was changed:

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO:

2:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 9:30 a.m., May 10. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk