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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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Thursday

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First Day

Pursuant to the Governor's proclamation dated May 13 (page 1064) calling the legislature into special session, the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:01 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representative Vance had been excused from a call of the House today. Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Patkotak, and Tarr were absent and their presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Story. 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 beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer this prayer:

Dear Lord,

On this first day of the special session, we give you thanks for this new day and the opportunities to finish our work to benefit Alaskans.

We give thanks for the efforts and knowledge of staff and for the cooperation between members in this body in our regular session, which led to sound legislation and fruitful conversations.

As we go forward, we ask for discernment to address budget decisions. Help us to always keep in mind the needs of Alaskans now and in the future.

We ask for prayers for each of the members of the Conference Committee. Show them a way to work together that honors the intent of this body and the other body and in communication with the Governor.

Lord, we thank you for our health and the health of our families. We ask you to be with those in need of healing and for those grieving the loss of a loved one, may they be surrounded with your love and care and support from neighbors and the community. We pray for peace in all corners of the world.

We ask for prayers for former Senator Albert Kookesh and his family. We are so grateful for all who work for the good of the people. May we always do likewise. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Carpenter.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

The journal for the 121st legislative day was not certified today.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated May 19, regarding the spring flooding in the City of Buckland from May 12-14, were received and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

**The presence of Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Patkotak, and Tarr was noted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 69

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate failed to recede from its amendment to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)
"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; and making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations."

namely:

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"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; and providing for an effective date."

(technical title change)

The President appointed the following members to a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee from the House to consider the bills:

Senator Stedman, Chair
Senator Bishop
Senator Olson

The House members of the Conference Committee were appointed May 19 (page 1228).

HB 71

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate failed to recede from its amendment to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(FIN) am
"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

namely:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 71(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; making capital appropriations and supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 7 – title change resolution)

The President appointed the following members to a Conference Committee to meet with a like committee from the House to consider the bills:

Senator Stedman, Chair
Senator Bishop
Senator Olson

The House members of the Conference Committee were appointed May 19 (page 1229).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Tuck 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 Patkotak – from 7:00 a.m., May 21 to 2:00 p.m., May 29

Representative Stutes – from 3:00 p.m., May 20 to 8:30 p.m., May 23

Representative Nelson – from 6:00 p.m., June 4 to 9:00 p.m., June 6

Representative Snyder – from 8:00 a.m., June 30 to 5:00 p.m., July 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Uniform Rule 23(d) is in effect.

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., May 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk