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Fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives Fields and Tuck had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent, and his presence was noted later. Representative Rasmussen was absent and later excused (page 1688).

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 Carpenter – from today to 10:00 a.m., January 24

Representative McCabe – from today to 9:00 p.m., January 23

Representative Nelson – from today to 10:00 p.m., January 23

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Ortiz. 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 the following prayer:

Dear Lord,

While I offer this prayer in the collective we, I ask that you let the request begin with the me.

Almighty God, we pray for humility, compassion, and unity amongst us all in this House Chamber this session. Help us to remember to first take the stone out of our own eye before we look to remove the specs that we are so quick to see in other members' eyes.

Let us strive to be kind, gentle, generous, loving, giving, and forgiving as we go about our work in this chamber and in this building.

Allow pride to never get the best of us as we strive to fulfill the calling and expectations that we first serve to achieve the greater good for all Alaskans, not just those that exist in our particular constituent groups.

Let humility invade our souls and kindness and a cooperative spirit towards each other be our guiding principle each day of this legislative session.

And to this we say, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kurka.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated January 19, regarding the winter storm affecting the northern Alaska Panhandle, were received and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 18 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session January 25 at 7:00 p.m. to hear the Governor's State of the State address.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 7 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 8.

The following were received:

Dept. of Corrections
Interstate Commission
Rules adopted during previous calendar year
January 11, 2022
(as required by AS 33.36.135)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Health Information Technologies
Health Information Exchange System
2021 Progress and Recommendations Report
(as required by AS 18.23.315)

Alaska State Legislature
Joint Armed Services Committee
2020-2021 Biennial Activities Report
(as required by AS 24.20.675)

Dept. of Revenue
Alaska Marine Highway System Fund
Alaska Marine Highway Vessel Replacement Fund
Investment Earnings Reports
January 15, 2022
(as required by AS 19.65.070 and 37.05.550)

The following audit reports were received from the Division of Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required by AS 24.20.311:

2021 Annual Report, Unabridged
2021 Annual Report, Condensed

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Board of Pharmacy
Sunset Review
July 15, 2021

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Dr. Ray Michael Droby
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - Lydia Jacoby
By Senator Costello; Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Eric "Billy" Trigg
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 27

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 27 by Representatives Merrick, Edgmon, Patkotak, Cronk, Schrage, and Eastman:

Urging the United States Congress to pass the Hearing Protection Act.

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 287**

HOUSE BILL NO. 287 by Representatives Rauscher, McCabe, Cronk, McKay, Gillham, Carpenter, McCarty, Tilton, Vance, Johnson, and Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act making an appropriation for oil and gas tax credits; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 288

HOUSE BILL NO. 288 by Representatives Kurka and Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the authority of first class cities, second class cities, home rule cities, and unified municipalities to issue, renew, deny, suspend, revoke, and regulate licenses involving alcoholic beverages; and relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board."

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 183**

The Speaker removed the State Affairs Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

"An Act renaming the Alaska Criminal Justice Commission the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; relating to the membership of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; extending the termination date of the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission; relating to the duties of the Judicial Council;

providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 41 and 73, ch. 1, 4SSLA 2017; and providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of sec. 74, ch. 1, 4SSLA 2017."

HB 183 is in the Judiciary Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HB 286

The Speaker added a Judiciary Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to elections, voter registration, ballots, and a system of tracking and accounting for ballots; establishing an election offense hotline; relating to election fraud, election interference, and election official misconduct; requiring signature verification, notice, and the opportunity to cure; and providing for an effective date."

HB 286 is in the State Affairs Committee with further referrals to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

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

Representative Claman 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 Rasmussen – today

Representative Hopkins – from 6:00 a.m., January 28 to 10:00 p.m., January 30

Representative Spohnholz – from 9:00 a.m., February 5 to midnight, February 13

HB 171

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 171

"An Act relating to pollutants; relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to firefighting substances; relating to thermal remediation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination; and providing for an effective date."

HB 201

Representatives LeBon, Gillham, Prax, Rauscher, Johnson, Tilton, Vance, and Thompson added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

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

HB 220

Representatives Snyder, Schrage, and Ortiz added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

"An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

HB 229

Representatives Story and Schrage added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

"An Act relating to the Alaska higher education investment fund; and relating to the Alaska Student Loan Corporation."

HB 235

Representatives McCarty, Vance, Shaw, Tilton, Claman, and Tarr added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

"An Act establishing the Sunday after the first Saturday of March of each year as James 'Hobo Jim' Varsos Day."

HB 246

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 246

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

HB 268

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 268

"An Act relating to driver's license renewal."

HB 272

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

HB 273

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

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., January 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk