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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 12:30 p.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present.

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 – today

Representative Zulkosky – today

Representative Tarr – from today to 5:00 p.m., January 30

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Josephson. 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, today I share a reflection on the importance of wisdom. I will read from the third book of Proverbs:

Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding;
For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver,

And her gain than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies,
And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.
Length of days is in her right hand,
In her left hand riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy are all who retain her. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative LeBon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the fourth through eighth legislative days and House Journal Supplement No. 7, House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 8, and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated January 21 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 14.40.150 and art. VII, sec. 3, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following name for legislative confirmation of appointment to the position noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

University of Alaska Board of Regents

Kali Spencer - Eagle River

Appointed: 5/20/2021

Reappointed: 6/1/2021

Term Expired: 6/1/2021

Term Expires: 6/1/2023

A resume for the appointment is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 21 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 9 to hear the State of the Judiciary address by the Chief Justice Daniel E. Winfree.

A message dated January 25 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 22 to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U. S. Senator.

A message dated January 26 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 171**

SENATE BILL NO. 171 by the Senate Rules Committee, entitled:

"An Act disapproving the recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Rules Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration
State Officers Compensation Commission
Findings and Recommendations
January 18, 2022
(as required by AS 39.23.540)

Dept. of Public Safety
2021 Annual Drug Report
January 2022
(as required by 18.65.085)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 21**

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

Do pass (2): Hopkins, Drummond

Do not pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (3): Cronk, Gillham, Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, University of Alaska

HB 21 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A report of the Committee on Committees dated January 25 was received submitting amendments to the February 18 and 19, 2021, report and appointments. The amendment follows:

Transportation Committee: Stutes replaces Spohnholz

The report was signed by Representative Stutes, Chair; and Representatives Edgmon, Tuck, Foster, Shaw, and Tilton.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Anne Sears

By Representatives Foster, Patkotak; Senator Olson

Honoring - Joanne Grace

By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Laura Muktoya Sockpick Evans

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Elliott Bruce Gagnon

By Senator Wilson; Representative Johnson

In Memoriam - Ret. Major Thomas W. Wadzinski

By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Spohnholz

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 289**

HOUSE BILL NO. 289 by Representatives Hopkins and Rasmussen, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska marijuana industry task force; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 290

HOUSE BILL NO. 290 by Representative McCarty, entitled:

"An Act relating to voluntary chemical tests to determine the alcoholic content of a person's breath; and relating to certain alcoholic beverage licenses and permits."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar.

Representative Claman objected to the citation, Honoring - Lydia Jacoby, offered remarks, and withdrew the objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to divide the question. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck withdrew the previous motion and moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation, Honoring - Dr. Ray Michael Droby.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citation, Honoring - Dr. Ray Michael Droby?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar
Dr. Ray Michael Droby

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Patkotak, Tarr, Zulkosky

Absent: Spohnholz

And so, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

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

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation, Honoring - Lydia Jacoby.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citation, Honoring - Lydia Jacoby?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar
Lydia Jacoby

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

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

Excused: Patkotak, Tarr, Zulkosky

And so, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Lydia Jacoby
By Senator Costello; Representative Carpenter

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar, In Memoriam - Eric "Billy" Trigg.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citation, In Memoriam - Eric "Billy" Trigg?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar
Eric "Billy" Trigg

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

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Patkotak, Tarr, Zulkosky

And so, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Eric "Billy" Trigg

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

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 Patkotak – from 8:00 p.m., February 1 to noon, February 7

HB 187

Representatives Nelson and Eastman added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

"An Act relating to the elimination or modification of state agency publications that are outdated, duplicative, or excessive or that could be improved or consolidated with other publications or exclusively delivered electronically; and providing for an effective date."

HB 201

Representative Cronk added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

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

HB 220

Representative Spohnholz added as a cosponsor 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 235

Representatives Johnson, Cronk, Stutes, Spohnholz, and Rauscher 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."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 9:00 a.m., January 27. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk