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**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**February 4, 2022**

**Eighteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:46 a.m.

Roll call showed 34 members present. Representatives Patkotak, Rasmussen, Thompson, and Tilton had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Foster and LeBon be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

In recent weeks, I've had occasion to read again, some of the words of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln. With respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following excerpts from Lincoln's First Inaugural Address:

You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to "preserve, protect and defend it." We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained it must not break our bonds of affection.

The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative McKay.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated January 31 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 25, 26, and 27, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Community & Regional Affairs and Labor & Commerce Committees:

#### **Commissioner, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development**

Julie Sande – Ketchikan

Appointed: 1/14/2022

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

#### **Commissioner, Department of Administration**

Paula Vrana – Wasilla

Appointed: 10/1/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the Transportation Committee:

#### **Commissioner, Department of Transportation & Public Facilities**

Ryan Anderson – Fairbanks

Appointed: 9/7/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission**

Kimberly Bergey – Palmer

Appointed: 6/25/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The Speaker referred the following to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee:

**Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council**

Clay Bezenek – Ketchikan

Appointed: 3/1/2007                      Term Expired: 3/1/2011

Reappointed: 3/1/2011                  Term Expired: 3/1/2016

Reappointed: 3/1/2016                  Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                  Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

**State Medical Board**

Matt Heilala – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/16/2021                  Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                  Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Sola Olamikan – Anchorage

Appointed: 10/22/2021                  Term Expires: 3/1/2024

David Wilson – Palmer

Appointed: 1/4/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees:

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees**

Kevin Fimon – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/30/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

**Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar**

Jedediah Cox – Big Lake

Appointed: 3/1/2019                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

Gregory Bringhurst – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/21/2019                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

**Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy**

Elizabeth Stuart – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Janice Hill – Haines

Appointed: 6/8/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Douglas Moore – Talkeetna

Appointed: 5/20/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

**State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors**

Brent Cole – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Sterling Strait – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Chiropractic Examiners**

Walter Campbell – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Taylor Friend – Kodiak

Appointed: 8/9/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

**Alaska Labor Relations Agency**

Paula Harrison – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

**Marijuana Control Board**

Ely Cyrus – Kiana

Appointed: 1/4/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Eliza Muse – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/25/2021      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Bruce Schulte – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/20/2019      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

**Board of Marital and Family Therapy**

Tristian Monterastelli – Eagle River

Appointed: 6/25/2021      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives**

Hannah St. George – Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/9/2019      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Nursing**

Lena Lafferty – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/24/2019      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Examiners in Optometry**

Kathleen Rice – Kenai

Appointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Pharmacy**

Ramsey Bell – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2022      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Ashley Schaber – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2021      Term Expires: 3/1/2024

**Board of Professional Counselors**

Christine Alvarez – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers**

Valery Kudryn – Wasilla

Appointed: 11/20/2020                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Real Estate Commission**

Chad Stigen – Palmer

Appointed: 6/30/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Devon Thomas – Wasilla

Appointed: 10/22/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2023

**Board of Social Work Examiners**

Gabriel King – North Pole

Appointed: 6/25/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2023

Sharon Woodward – Juneau

Appointed: 3/8/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Veterinary Examiners**

Ciara Vallaro – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission**

Stephen Hagedorn – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2007                      Term Expired: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2012                      Term Expired: 3/1/2017

Reappointed: 3/1/2017                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2027

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

Bradley Austin – Auke Bay

Appointed: 10/1/2010                      Term Expired: 3/1/2010

Reappointed: 3/1/2010                      Term Expired: 3/1/2013

Reappointed: 3/1/2013                      Term Expired: 3/1/2016

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Reappointed: 3/1/2016	Term Expired: 3/1/2019
Reappointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
Reappointed: 3/1/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Matthew Barth – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/24/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2023
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Randy Beltz – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
Reappointed: 3/1/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Christopher Dean – Fairbanks

Appointed: 10/22/2021	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
Reappointed: 3/1/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Micheal Dennis – Wasilla

Appointed: 1/20/2021	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
Reappointed: 3/1/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Sara Faulkner – Homer

Appointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
Reappointed: 3/1/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Sarah LeFebvre – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2009	Term Expired: 3/1/2010
Reappointed: 3/1/2010	Term Expired: 3/1/2013
Reappointed: 3/1/2013	Term Expired: 3/1/2016
Reappointed: 3/1/2016	Term Expired: 3/1/2019
Reappointed: 3/1/2019	Term Expires: 3/1/2022
Reappointed: 3/1/2022	Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs:

### **Military Appeals Commission**

Tyler Harder – Eagle River

Appointed: 6/25/2021

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

**Big Game Commercial Services Board**

Clay Nordlum – Kotzebue

Appointed: 6/25/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Board of Game**

James Cooney – Eagle River

Appointed: 7/15/2021                      Term Expires: 7/1/2024

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

**State Commission for Human Rights**

Zackary Gottshall – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/31/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Jessie Ruffridge – Soldotna

Appointed: 8/9/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

**State Board of Parole**

Jason Wilson – Juneau

Appointed: 11/1/2015                      Term Expired: 3/1/2017

Reappointed: 3/1/2017                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2027

**Personnel Board**

Keith Hamilton – Soldotna

Appointed: 3/1/2010                      Term Expired: 3/1/2016

Reappointed: 3/1/2016                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2028

**Alaska Public Offices Commission**

Lanette Blodgett – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees:

**Alaska Police Standards Council**

Jeff Brown – Utqiagvik

Appointed: 6/25/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2024



Michael Craig – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/26/2017                      Term Expired: 3/1/2018

Reappointed: 3/1/2018                    Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                    Term Expires: 3/1/2026

David Knapp – Palmer

Appointed: 1/24/2018                      Term Expired: 3/1/2018

Reappointed: 3/1/2018                    Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                    Term Expires: 3/1/2026

David Ross – Kenai

Appointed: 8/9/2021                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the Transportation Committee:

**Board of Marine Pilots**

Leslie "Les" Cronk – Ketchikan

Appointed: 3/1/2018                      Term Expires: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022                    Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Michael O'Hara – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/4/2022                      Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

**HB 44**

A message dated February 1 was read stating the Senate passed CSHB 44(STA) with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 44(L&C) am S  
"An Act relating to the practice of accounting."

CSHB 44(STA) is under Unfinished Business.

A message dated February 2 was read stating the Senate has passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 25**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing information on state government financial transactions and specifying the information to be made available on the website; and relating to the Alaska Checkbook Online Internet website."

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration  
Division of Finance

Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions for 2021  
[http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/reports/resource/ctep/2021\\_fullreport.pdf](http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/reports/resource/ctep/2021_fullreport.pdf)  
(as required by AS 37.05.210)

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority  
Interior Energy Project  
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature  
January 2022  
(as required by Chapter No. 39, SLA 2015)

Dept. of Education & Early Development  
Annual Report on School Performance  
Alaska's Public Schools: A Report Card to the Public  
February 1, 2022  
<https://education.alaska.gov/compass/report-card>  
(as required by AS 14.03.120)

Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds  
Annual Loan Fund Report Fiscal Year 2021  
January 31, 2022  
(as required by AS 37.05.035 and AS 46.03.032)

Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Spill Prevention and Response Annual Report  
Fiscal Year 2021  
(as required by AS 46.08.060)

Dept. of Fish & Game  
Division of Wildlife Conservation  
Board of Game Allocation of Big Game Hunting  
Annual Report  
February 1, 2022  
(as required by AS 16.05.050)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**HB 51**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 51(JUD)

(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Drummond, Kreiss-Tomkins, Snyder, Claman

Do not pass (2): Eastman, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 51(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 51 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**HB 54**

The Finance Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 54

"An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; relating to invasive species management decals; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 54(FIN)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Ortiz, Josephson, Wool, Foster

No recommendation (3): Edgmon, Thompson, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 54(FIN):

3. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 54 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 90**

The Finance Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 90

"An Act relating to rental vehicles; relating to vehicle rental networks; relating to liability for vehicle rental taxes; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Ortiz, Edgmon, Wool, Josephson, Foster

No recommendation (2): Thompson, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

3. Zero, Dept. of Administration
4. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

HB 90 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 111**

The Finance Committee considered:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 111

"An Act relating to the practice of dental hygiene; relating to advanced practice permits for dental hygienists; relating to dental assistants; prohibiting unfair discrimination under group health insurance against a dental hygienist who holds an advanced practice permit; relating to medical assistance for dental hygiene services; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 111(FIN)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Ortiz, Edgmon, Thompson, Wool, Josephson, Foster

No recommendation (1): Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 111(FIN):

3. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 111 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 246**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 246

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 246(JUD)  
(same title)

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Drummond, Kreiss-Tomkins, Snyder, Claman

No recommendation (2): Eastman, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 246(JUD):

1. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 246 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 32**

The State Affairs 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 Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Vance, Tarr, Claman, Kaufman, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins

Amend (1): Eastman

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

3. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
4. Zero, University of Alaska

CSSB 32(FIN) 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 - Joann Horn

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring - United States Coast Guard Service Members of Base Kodiak

By Representatives Stutes, McCabe; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Eddie Grasser

By Senators Revak, Wilson

Honoring - Todd & Sherrie Elsberry

By Senator Myers

Honoring - W. Glenn Hackney

By Senator Bishop; Representative Thompson

Honoring - Archie M. Giddings

By Senator Wilson; Representative Kurka

In Memoriam - Daniel Michael Contini, Jr.

By Representative Johnson; Senator Hughes

In Memoriam - Representative Jeannette James

By Senator Myers; Representative Prax

In Memoriam - Dr. Robert Roth

By Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Johnny Lee McCoy

By Senator Myers; Representative Prax

In Memoriam - Marcella "Sally" Dunlap Hill  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Hopkins

In Memoriam - Carla Sue Laakso  
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Lawrence Michael Malloy  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Reed E. Oswalt  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Nancy Ann Norman Sweeney  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Charles Thomas Simpler  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

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

**HR 10**

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Representative Tuck:

Proclaiming March 2022 as Brain Injury Awareness Month.

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

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

**HB 298**

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 by Representatives Snyder and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Food Strategy Task Force; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.



**HB 299**

HOUSE BILL NO. 299 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to microreactors."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Resources Committee.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 31 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to nuclear microreactors.

This bill would allow Alaskan communities to pursue the use of nuclear microreactors in Alaska by excluding local microreactor projects from the legislative designation siting requirement, exempting microreactors from the ongoing study requirement of AS 18.45.030 in recognition of the extensive research taking place both inside and outside of Alaska, and adopting the federal definition of a "microreactor."

This bill represents an important step toward securing Alaska's energy independence, supporting the readiness of our Nation's military, and creating a pathway to new and alternative energy opportunities for communities across our State. Alaska has always stood at the vanguard of sustainable microgrid technology, and this bill will ensure we retain our global leadership role.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 300**

HOUSE BILL NO. 300 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, including capital appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 31 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to supplemental appropriations for the State's operating and capital expenses for fiscal year 2022.

This appropriation bill includes \$24.2 million in unrestricted general funds, \$5.2 million in designated general funds, and \$1.9 million in federal and other funds.

The items in this supplemental appropriation bill are necessary for continued operations for the current fiscal year and I urge quick action on this bill by the Legislature.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the supplemental items in this bill.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 301**

HOUSE BILL NO. 301 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment of a renewable portfolio standard for regulated electric utilities; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy, and the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 1 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the creation of a renewable portfolio standard for regulated electric utilities.

This bill would direct regulated utilities to increase their proportion of net electricity production from renewable energy resources to meet discrete statutory targets, starting with 20 percent renewable energy resources by 2025 and 80 percent renewable energy resources by 2040.

Benchmarks will be set every five years, beginning December 31, 2025, by dividing each utility's annual net sales to customers of generation derived from renewable energy resources by the same utility's total retail electricity sales each year. The Railbelt Reliability Council will be required to account for these production targets in their integrated resource planning. Reporting and attainment will be managed by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, beginning with the first annual reports in 2024.

While 30 states and counting have passed a renewable portfolio standard as of 2020, this bill does not take a one-size-fits-all approach. Waivers have been provided for transmission capacity constraints, natural disasters, and many other "good cause" considerations. To emphasize Alaska's unique "succeed together" approach, utilities will be granted an exemption if production targets are met by all utilities in aggregate regardless of individual utility failures. Finally, all utilities have been granted one exemption from their first instance of noncompliance.

This bill takes a concrete step toward energy independence, long-term cost reductions through up to \$650 million in annual fuel savings by 2040, and the creation of a competitive marketplace for innovative power producers.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 302**

HOUSE BILL NO. 302 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to licensure of veterinarians."

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

**HB 303**

HOUSE BILL NO. 303 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance; relating to commercial passenger vessel fees; establishing the wastewater infrastructure grant fund; repealing the authority for citizens' suits relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance; repealing the commercial passenger vessel recognition program; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Resources, and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Environmental Conservation/Fund Transfers

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 2 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance.

This bill is an update of the commercial passenger vessel environmental oversight statutes drafted by the Department of Environmental Conservation in 2001. The changes proposed in the bill will allow them to be more effective in protecting Alaska's environment. It repeals the statutory requirement for on-board ocean ranger observers created by ballot initiative in 2006 in favor of Department inspection staff spending more time on board vessels. It also changes the statutory fees applied to commercial passenger vessels, adjusts wastewater discharge definitions, and aligns the commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance program within the Department of Environmental Conservation's regulatory structure.

The proposal would retain the core structure of the Department's oversight, while repealing detailed provisions that are better managed in regulation for timely updates in response to changing science on contamination and pollutants. It has delayed effective dates, particularly for small commercial vessels, that allow uniform implementation and time for the industry to come into compliance with the new law.

Finally, the bill creates a new wastewater infrastructure grant fund that would be available for municipal port communities to apply and receive partial funding toward establishing, upgrading, or improving wastewater treatment collection systems or facilities that provide services to commercial passenger vessels.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy  
Governor"

**HB 304**

HOUSE BILL NO. 304 by Representatives Merrick and Fields, entitled:

"An Act modifying the boundary of Chugach State Park; directing the sale of land to the Eagle River Lions Club; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 305**

HOUSE BILL NO. 305 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to the awarding of public construction contracts; and relating to the materials and services used by contractors for public construction contracts."

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

**HB 306**

HOUSE BILL NO. 306 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 307**

HOUSE BILL NO. 307 by Representative Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the financing and issuance of bonds for a liquefied natural gas production system and natural gas distribution system; and providing for an effective date."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 118**

The following, which could not be considered in a technical session (page 1743), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(STA)

"An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to living conditions for prisoners; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins moved and asked unanimous consent to return to second reading for the purpose of considering Amendment Nos. 2 and 3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was not offered.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Rauscher:

Page 6, line 24, following "care":

**Insert ", but may not be used to directly access the Internet by computer terminal or other automated means not requiring the assistance or intervention of an individual approved by the department."**

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 118(STA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

**YEAS: 15 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0**

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Yeas: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Vance

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Merrick, Ortiz, Schrage, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

Excused: Foster, LeBon, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Thompson, Tilton

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Eastman:

Page 7, line 13:  
Delete "2022"  
Insert "2023"

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 be adopted. There being no objection, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

CSHB 118(STA)(efd am) was automatically in third reading.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 118(STA)(efd am) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 118(STA)(efd am)

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 33 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 6 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Johnson

Excused: Foster, LeBon, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Thompson, Tilton



And so, CSHB 118(STA)(efd am) passed the House.

Representative Tuck 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 118(STA)(efd am) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### HB 21

The Speaker removed the State Affairs Committee referral and added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

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

HB 21 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### HCR 2

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Supporting the Alaska Ocean Cluster in its mission, efforts, and vision for a vibrant coastal economy in the state, its promotion of a diversified and resilient state economy that creates value from ocean resources, and its building of a statewide integrated ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship relating to the state's ocean economy.

### HB 52

Representative Cronk added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act providing that operation of the Tutka Bay Lagoon Hatchery in Kachemak Bay is compatible with the functions of Kachemak Bay State Park; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 60**

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

"An Act relating to mental health education."

**HB 111**

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 111

"An Act relating to the practice of dental hygiene; relating to advanced practice permits for dental hygienists; relating to dental assistants; prohibiting unfair discrimination under group health insurance against a dental hygienist who holds an advanced practice permit; relating to medical assistance for dental hygiene services; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 118**

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 118(STA)(efd am)

"An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to living conditions for prisoners; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 149**

Representative Hopkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

"An Act relating to allowing certain child day care providers to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining."

**HB 209**

Representatives Rauscher and McKay added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

"An Act relating to emergency firefighters."

**HB 220**

Representatives Tarr, Claman, and Edgmon 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 234**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

"An Act relating to political contributions; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 267**

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 267

"An Act relating to curing a rejected absentee ballot; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 291**

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

"An Act extending the termination date of the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 293**

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 293

"An Act designating green cabbage as the official state vegetable."

**HB 296**

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 296

"An Act relating to program receipts; and relating to the acceptance of gifts, donations, and grants for the purpose of providing signage for assets under the control of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities."

**SB 25**

Representatives Rauscher, Schrage, Drummond, Spohnholz, Tuck, Fields, and Hannan added as cross sponsors to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 25(FIN)

"An Act relating to the establishment and maintenance of an Internet website providing information on state government financial transactions and specifying the information to be made available on the website; and relating to the Alaska Checkbook Online Internet website."

**SB 32**

Representatives Story, Kaufman, and Tarr added as cross sponsors to:

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."

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Claman rose to a point of order, citing Uniform Rule 26, regarding the length of the special order.

The Speaker advised the member to finish the comments in a timely manner.

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 118**

CSHB 118(STA)(efd am) 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 Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 7. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk