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## THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

#### SECOND SESSION

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# Twenty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:34 a m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives McKay and Wool had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives LeBon and Rauscher 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 Nelson. 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:

Our Gracious God and our Heavenly Father,

We ask your blessing today upon the people of Alaska. Protect our families. Bless our cities and our villages. Bring success to our schools. Grant favor to Alaskan businesses and entrepreneurs. Bind up the brokenhearted. Comfort the afflicted. Give rest to the weary. In the midst of these dark days and this hurting world, pour out your compassion upon our people so that peace and prosperity and justice would be enjoyed by all Alaskans.

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Almighty God, establish your mercy upon this House and upon its members. Grant to your servants wisdom and discernment that we might also serve our fellow Alaskans.

We ask all of this, Heavenly Father, according to your great name and for your glory. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Patkotak.

## CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 25th, 26th, and 27th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Education & Early Development Annual Report February 14, 2022 (as required by AS 14.03.078)

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### HB 229

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 229

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

# CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 229(EDC)

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

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

Do pass (4): Zulkosky, Hopkins, Drummond, Story

Do not pass (1): Gillham

No recommendation (2): Cronk, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 229(EDC):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 229 was referred to the Finance Committee

#### HB 259

The Education Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 259

"An Act relating to use of income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; relating to funding for state aid for school districts, the state boarding school, centralized correspondence study, and transportation of pupils; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Hopkins, Story, Drummond

Do not pass (3): Prax, Gillham, Cronk

No recommendation (1): Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

- 1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization
- 2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 259 was referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means

## INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Toras J. Fisk By Representative Vance

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

In Memoriam - Byron Dux da neik, K'oo del ta' Mallott By Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Keith Dennis McCavit By Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Senator Albert Matthew Kookesh By Senators Stedman, Kiehl; Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Representative Patkotak moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Introduction of Guests. There being no objection, it was so ordered

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Introduction of Citations and Resolutions. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

# INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

#### HB 321

HOUSE BILL NO. 321 by Representative Claman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the public defender agency; relating to the office of public advocacy; and establishing the Alaska Public Counsel Commission."

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

#### **HB 322**

HOUSE BILL NO. 322 by the House Transportation Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska marine highway system vessel replacement fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

## **HB 323**

HOUSE BILL NO. 323 by Representative Hopkins, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; 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 268**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 11 calendar (page 1829), was read the third time:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 268

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

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 268 be returned to second reading for the purpose of amendments.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was not offered.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

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Page 1, line 9, through page 2, line 2:

Delete all material and insert:

"within two years of expiration of the license."

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

Representative Merrick objected.

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

HB 268 Second Reading Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, Thompson, Tilton, Vance

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, McCarty, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Zulkosky

Excused: LeBon, McKay, Rauscher, Wool

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 11:

Following "<u>deployed</u>" Insert "<u>abroad</u>" Following "<u>stationed</u>" Insert "<u>abroad</u>"

Page 1, line 15:

Following "<u>deployed</u>" Insert "<u>,</u>" Following "<u>stationed</u>" Insert "<u>,</u>" Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 be adopted.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

HB 268 am was automatically in third reading.

Representative Nelson moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and he was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall HB 268 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 268 am Third Reading Final Passage

## YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: LeBon, McKay, Rauscher, Wool

And so, HB 268 am passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar, In Memoriam - Pauline Fredrickson.

There was objection.

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

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar In Memoriam - Pauline Fredrickson

#### YEAS: 35 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: LeBon, McKay, Rauscher, Wool

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

In Memoriam - Pauline Fredrickson By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the remaining citations on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Naomi Bailey By Representative Wool

Honoring - Susan Pollard By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - West Valley High School, Boys' Cross Country Team By Representatives Wool, Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Marjorie Young By Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

In Memoriam - Karen Ann Kiss By Senator Bishop

## SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Toras J. Fisk, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation.

Representative Vance objected, offered remarks, and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Toras J. Fisk By Representative Vance

## 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 Gillham – from noon, February 25 to 10:30 a.m., March 2

Representative Tuck – from 1:30 p.m., February 16 to 10:00 a.m., February 21  $\,$ 

#### HB 111

Representative McCarty 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 171

Representative Tarr 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 209**

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

"An Act relating to emergency firefighters."

## HB 268

Representatives Josephson and McCarty added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 268 am

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

#### HB 292

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

"An Act relating to home and community-based services; and providing for an effective date."

#### **SB 25**

Representative Snyder added as a cross sponsor 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."

## **ENGROSSMENT**

## **HB 268**

HB 268 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.

The following meetings today were changed:

**Judiciary Committee** 

**CANCELED** 

**Resources Committee** 

CANCELED

## ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 16. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Crystaline Jones Chief Clerk