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Tuesday

February 22, 2022

Thirty-sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:06 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins and Thompson had been excused from a call of the House today.

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 Kreiss-Tomkins – previously excused (page 1870) extended to 10:00 p.m., February 24

Representative Wool-today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Hannan. Representative Tilton 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 the following:

A Thing or Two to Consider on 2/22/2022

The number two reminds us that there are two sides to every coin. That we must strive to understand from perspectives that we may not at first see.... ...allow others to put in their two cents

... feel what it means to walk in another's shoes

—even if they're goody-two-shoes.

Though we're far from as close as two coats of paint, or as alike as two peas in a pod, it nonetheless takes two to tango, even if you have two left feet.

Many of the challenges we face have solutions near at hand, only requiring that we put two and two together. But in the business of the Legislature, though we can be of two minds on a given issue, more often we're of sixty.

Nevertheless—on this Tuesday of 2/22/2022—let the spirit of two guide us to work together to avoid too many decisions that boil down to the lesser of two evils. And remember, north to the future, our motto.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rauscher.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 31st through 35th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SB 9

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(FIN)

"An Act relating to alcoholic beverages; relating to the regulation of manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages; relating to licenses, endorsements, and permits involving alcoholic beverages; relating to common carrier approval to transport or deliver alcoholic beverages; relating to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; relating to offenses involving alcoholic beverages; amending Rule 17(h), Alaska Rules of Minor Offense Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 9(L&C) (same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Spohnholz, Cochairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Kaufman, Schrage, McCarty, Nelson, Snyder, Fields, Spohnholz

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 9(L&C):

- 6. Fiscal, Alaska Judiciary System
- 7. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue
- 8. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
- 9. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
- 10. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

CSSB 9(FIN) was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam - Blake Rinckey By Representative Merrick

In Memoriam - Gerd Wendler By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Leon Van Wyhe By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Gregory Nicholas By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Betty Moore By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

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INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 13

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13 by Representative Tuck:

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to election of a parliamentarian, providing that the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall implement the rules, relating to use of chambers and galleries, relating to notice of committee meetings, and relating to introduction of bills; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

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

HSCR 2

HOUSE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 by the House Health and Social Services Committee:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 121.

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

HJR 34

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34 by Representatives Patkotak, Rasmussen, Thompson, and Cronk:

Supporting oil and gas leasing and development within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

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

HJR 35

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 by Representatives Cronk, Thompson, LeBon, Prax, and McCarty:

Supporting the completion of the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Transportation Committee.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 48

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48 by Representatives Story, Fields, Hopkins, and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska performance scholarship program."

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

HB 347

HOUSE BILL NO. 347 by Representatives Rauscher, Tarr, and Cronk, entitled:

"An Act relating to the confidentiality of certain state records relating to animals; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 348

HOUSE BILL NO. 348 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to abandoned vehicles."

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

HB 349

HOUSE BILL NO. 349 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment of oil and gas drilling units and patterns."

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

HB 350

HOUSE BILL NO. 350 by Representatives Drummond and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to school bond debt reimbursement; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 351

HOUSE BILL NO. 351 by Representative Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act providing for the establishment of public schools through state-tribal compacts; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 352

HOUSE BILL NO. 352 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to establish a consultation process to rename the Glenn Highway."

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

HB 353

HOUSE BILL NO. 353 by Representatives Josephson and Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections."

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

HB 354

HOUSE BILL NO. 354 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to a program of state inspection for certain meat processing facilities; establishing temporary grant programs for certain meat processing facilities and for farm development and improvement; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 355

HOUSE BILL NO. 355 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act making special appropriations from the earnings reserve account for the payment of permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 356

HOUSE BILL NO. 356 by Representative Gillham, entitled:

"An Act establishing a character development program for public schools."

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

HB 357

HOUSE BILL NO. 357 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

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"An Act naming the Bragaw Street overcrossing of the Glenn Highway the Insook Baik Bridge."

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

HB 358

HOUSE BILL NO. 358 by Representatives Edgmon and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 359

HOUSE BILL NO. 359 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to employment by a legislator or legislative body of a person who has been formerly employed by the Legislative Affairs Agency as an attorney."

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

HB 360

HOUSE BILL NO. 360 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to an emergency declaration by the legislature; and relating to legislative sessions."

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

HB 361

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 by Representatives McCabe, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Thompson, Cronk, and McCarty, entitled:

"An Act providing for a surcharge on oil produced in the state and delivered to a state that imposes a tax on fuel delivered to this state."

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

HB 362

HOUSE BILL NO. 362 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to regulation of certain food products."

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

HB 363

HOUSE BILL NO. 363 by Representatives Edgmon, Hopkins, and Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act establishing the office of broadband; creating the broadband parity adjustment fund; establishing the Statewide Broadband Advisory Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 364

HOUSE BILL NO. 364 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Legislative Council and the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

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

HB 365

HOUSE BILL NO. 365 by Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Vance, Edgmon, and Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to the establishment of the optimum number of commercial fishing entry permits for a fishery."

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

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HB 366

HOUSE BILL NO. 366 by the House Transportation Committee, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue revenue bonds to finance the replacement of the Alaska Railroad Corporation's passenger dock and related terminal facility in Seward, Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 367

HOUSE BILL NO. 367 by Representative Gillham, entitled:

"An Act relating to the planning commission apportionment requirement for first and second class boroughs."

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

HB 368

HOUSE BILL NO. 368 by Representative Kurka, entitled:

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

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

**The presence of Representative Thompson, who was excused (page 1870), was noted.

HB 369

HOUSE BILL NO. 369 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to the oil and gas production tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 370

HOUSE BILL NO. 370 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to broadband; relating to the Alaska Energy Authority; and relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska."

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

HB 371

HOUSE BILL NO. 371 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to broadband; and establishing the broadband cost equalization fund."

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

HB 372

HOUSE BILL NO. 372 by Representatives Tuck and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage."

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

HB 373

HOUSE BILL NO. 373 by Representative Tarr, entitled:

"An Act relating to a state sales and use tax; authorizing the Department of Revenue to enter into the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 374

HOUSE BILL NO. 374 by Representative Zulkosky, entitled:

"An Act relating to village safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities."

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

HB 375

HOUSE BILL NO. 375 by Representative Shaw, entitled:

"An Act relating to digital absentee voting; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 376

HOUSE BILL NO. 376 by Representatives Kaufman and Thompson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Executive Budget Act; relating to strategic plans, mission statements, performance plans, and financial plans for executive branch agencies; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 377

HOUSE BILL NO. 377 by Representatives Eastman and Kurka, entitled:

"An Act relating to educational and outreach activities for Canadian citizens."

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

HB 378

HOUSE BILL NO. 378 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal property tax assessment and reevaluation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 379

HOUSE BILL NO. 379 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to drivers' license photographs; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 380

HOUSE BILL NO. 380 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the prescription and dispensation of ivermectin."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 381

HOUSE BILL NO. 381 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

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

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

HB 382

HOUSE BILL NO. 382 by Representative Snyder, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for pharmacy services."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 383

HOUSE BILL NO. 383 by Representatives Kurka and Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act removing ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine from the definition of prescription drugs."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 384

HOUSE BILL NO. 384 by Representative Kurka, entitled:

"An Act relating to in-person voter identification."

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

HB 385

HOUSE BILL NO. 385 by Representative Wool, entitled:

"An Act authorizing mobile sports gaming; relating to the regulation of mobile sports gaming; imposing a tax on mobile sports gaming revenue; imposing a tax on fantasy sports; relating to criminal history record checks; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 386

HOUSE BILL NO. 386 by Representative Tuck, entitled:

"An Act relating to a state-run drug and alcohol treatment facility; and relating to probation."

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

HB 387

HOUSE BILL NO. 387 by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, entitled:

"An Act relating to the membership of the legislative council; and relating to the membership of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee."

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

HB 388

HOUSE BILL NO. 388 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act requiring physicians to prescribe requested drugs; requiring pharmacists to fill prescriptions; and relating to prescription drug coverage under health discount plans and health care insurance plans."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 389

HOUSE BILL NO. 389 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act repealing the implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005; relating to identification cards; relating to drivers' licenses; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 390

HOUSE BILL NO. 390 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections; relating to counting ballots; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 391

HOUSE BILL NO. 391 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to public school curricula; relating to principles of individual freedom; relating to requirements regarding beliefs; relating to the ombudsman; relating to state and municipal assets; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 392

HOUSE BILL NO. 392 by Representative Snyder, entitled:

"An Act relating to advanced practice registered nurses; and relating to death certificates, do not resuscitate orders, and life sustaining treatment."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 393

HOUSE BILL NO. 393 by Representatives McCabe, Thompson, and Cronk, entitled:

"An Act relating to fishery resource business and landing tax surcharges and credits against the surcharges; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources and Finance Committees.

HB 394

HOUSE BILL NO. 394 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the investment of state money by public agencies; and relating to the divestment of certain investments by public agencies."

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

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 44 be waived to allow the introduction of personal legislation after the thirty-fifth day of session.

There was objection.

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The Speaker ruled it was not necessary to waive Uniform Rule 44 due to the long-standing practice of introducing personal legislation after the thirty-fifth day.

Representative Eastman appealed the ruling of the chair.

The question being: "Shall the ruling of the chair be sustained?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Sustain Ruling of the Chair

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kaufman, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Zulkosky

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Johnson, Kurka, Prax, Vance

Excused: Kreiss-Tomkins, Wool

And so, the motion passed.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Kevin Murphy By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Norman Wayne Stiles By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Joanne Schorum Oehring By Senator Kawasaki

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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 McKay – from 1:00 p.m., February 24 to 8:00 a.m., February 28

Representative Zulkosky – from 7:00 p.m., March 3 to 10:00 p.m., March 4

Representative Cronk – from noon, March 9 to 7:30 p.m., March 13

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House recessed at 10:48 a.m.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Stutes turned the gavel over to President Micciche who called the joint session to order at 11:07 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Micciche appointed Representative Edgmon and Senator Stevens to escort the Senator to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

Senator Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Micciche.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address, and it is published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 11.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Edgmon and Senator Stevens.

Senator Hughes moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Micciche adjourned the joint session at 12:48 p.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:50 p.m.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Committee Announcements. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

CHANGED TO:

1:15 p.m.

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Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HJR 29

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

Urging the United States Congress to pass the Postal Service Reform Act of 2021; urging the United States Congress to pass the Postal Banking Act; and urging the United States Postal Service to continue delivering mail six days a week under historic delivery standards.

HB 31

Representative Kaufman added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

"An Act relating to daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

HB 227

Representatives Claman and Fields added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

"An Act relating to municipal energy and resilience improvement assessment programs; and providing for an effective date."

HB 272

Representative Hannan 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."

Representative Hannan 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."

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., February 23. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Crystaline Jones Chief Clerk