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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 11:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 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 Foster – from today to 10:30 a.m., March 15

Representative Thompson – from today to 7:00 a.m., March 17

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Greene of Glacier Valley Church of God. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Father,

I come to you today thanking you for this day. I pray, Father, that you will bless this assembly. I pray, God, that as they deal with difficult items, that you will give us what you always promised: wisdom. Wisdom to know how to proceed and what to do. I ask you, God, that we continue to give you honor, creator of Heaven and Earth. We thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to continue to serve you in this way. In your name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Spohnholz.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 51st through 55th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**HCR 9**

A message dated March 11 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Designating May 1 - 7, 2022, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

HCR 9 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

Messages dated March 9 and March 11 were read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SJR 12**

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12 by Senators Wielechowski, Kiehl, Kawasaki, Gray-Jackson, and Begich:

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.

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

SJR 24

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24(RES) by the Senate Resources Committee:

Urging President Biden's Administration and the United States Congress to use American oil and gas resources to replace oil

imported from the Russian Federation and to increase oil and gas production in the State of Alaska and other energy-producing states to fortify the economy and security of the nation.

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

SJR 25

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am by the Senate Rules Committee:

Standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine; condemning the illegal invasion of Ukraine; endorsing the sanctions and export controls directed at the Russian Federation by the United States government; urging the United States Congress and the President to consider measured and appropriate sanctions and actions; demanding the Russian Federation immediately stop all hostilities against Ukraine and withdraw from Ukrainian territory; and supporting the United States in urging the Russian Federation to immediately stop its assault on Ukraine.

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

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 151**

SENATE BILL NO. 151 by Senator Micciche, entitled:

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

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

SB 182

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 182(JUD) by the Senate Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."

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

SB 198

SENATE BILL NO. 198 by the Senate Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act providing that Rampart School is located within the Yukon-Koyukuk School District regional educational attendance area; and providing for an effective date."

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Julie Sande

as the Commissioner of the Department of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development.

The report was signed by Representative Schrage, Chair; and Representatives McCarty, Drummond, Hannan, Patkotak, and McCabe.

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Jedediah Cox

as a member of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar.

The report was signed by Representative Claman, Chair; and Representatives Eastman, Vance, Drummond, Kurka, and Snyder.

HJR 34

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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

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

Do pass (5): Schrage, Gillham, Rauscher, Hopkins, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 34 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 104

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act relating to vehicle registration and registration fees; relating to the motor fuel tax; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(FIN)

"An Act relating to the refined fuel surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Ortiz, Josephson, Foster

No recommendation (5): LeBon, Johnson, Wool, Rasmussen, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 104(FIN):

5. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation
6. Fiscal, Office of the Governor/Fund Transfers
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 104 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 209

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 209

"An Act relating to emergency firefighters."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 209(FIN)

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

The report was signed by Representative Merrick, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Johnson, Merrick

No recommendation (2): Wool, Josephson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 209(FIN):

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 209 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 265

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

"An Act relating to telehealth; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to medical assistance coverage for services provided by telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265(HSS)

"An Act relating to telehealth; relating to the practice of medicine and the practice of nursing; relating to medical assistance

coverage for services provided by telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): McCarty, Spohnholz, Fields, Zulkosky, Snyder

No recommendation (1): Prax

Amend (1): Kurka

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 265(HSS):

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

HB 265 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 297

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Health and Social Services; relating to child protection; and relating to children of active duty military members."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 297(HSS)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): McCarty, Spohnholz, Fields, Zulkosky, Snyder

No recommendation (2): Kurka, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 297(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services

HB 297 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 309

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 309

"An Act exempting candidates for municipal office and municipal office holders in municipalities with a population of 15,000 or less from financial or business interest reporting requirements; relating to campaign finance reporting by certain groups; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 309(CRA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (1): McCarty

No recommendation (1): Schrage

Amend (3): Drummond, McCabe, Hannan

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 309(CRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 309 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 347

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 347(RES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): McKay, Rauscher, Gillham, Schrage,

No recommendation (3): Fields, Hopkins, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 347(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 347 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 372

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 372

"An Act relating to exemptions from minimum wage."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 372(L&C)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Schrage, Snyder, Fields, Spohnholz

No recommendation (1): Kaufman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 372(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 372 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 11

The Judiciary Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 11(JUD)

"An Act relating to community property and to community property trusts; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (1): Claman

No recommendation (5): Eastman, Drummond, Kurka, Kreiss-Tomkins, Snyder

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System

CSSB 11(JUD) was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 313

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 313

"An Act requiring background investigations of village public safety officer applicants by the Department of Public Safety; relating to the village public safety officer program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 313(TRB)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Tarr, Fields, Ortiz, Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 313(TRB):

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 313 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:

Honoring - Vicky Persinger
By Representatives Wool and Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Martin B. Moore Sr.
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 397

HOUSE BILL NO. 397 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to state ownership of submerged land within and adjacent to federal areas; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 10 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to state ownership of submerged lands and authority over navigable waters. This bill expands on existing law identifying the State's title interest in submerged lands underlying navigable waters at the time of statehood by clarifying and affirmatively asserting the State's ownership of those submerged lands that came to be located within or adjacent to federal areas pursuant to federal legislation enacted after statehood.

The bill identifies 1,873 water bodies within and adjacent to federal areas in which the State has a title interest to the submerged lands and directs the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct ongoing research to identify navigable waters in federal areas to determine the State's title interest to the submerged land, and report annually to the Legislature any additions, modifications, or other changes to the list of waters in the bill. The bill defines the legal and technical terms key to conducting this research and codifies the criteria to be considered by the DNR Commissioner in determining the State's title interest in these submerged lands.

This bill declares Alaska's constitutional title to the beds of navigable waters and implements the United States Supreme Court decision in *Sturgeon v. Frost* upholding the State's title to submerged lands within or adjacent to federal lands set aside after statehood. Alaska's navigable waters are her cultural and economic lifeblood, providing travel corridors, fish and wildlife habitats, hunting and fishing grounds, and recreational opportunities. Enactment of this measure will advance our State's ability to manage these submerged lands and navigable waters in the best interests of Alaskans.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 398

HOUSE BILL NO. 398 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act requiring the designation of outstanding national resource water to occur only by statute; relating to the management of outstanding national resource water by the Department of Environmental Conservation; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 10 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to designation of Outstanding National Resource Waters (Tier III) in Alaska.

The Environmental Protection Agency requires that states have a process by which an "Outstanding National Resource Water," or a Tier III water, may be designated, and has approved the Department of Environmental Conservation's policy to direct nominations for Tier III waters to the Legislature. The designation of a Tier III water includes significant use restrictions and requires substantial evaluations on that water and would exceed the Department's statutory authority to regulate the quality and purity of the water.

This bill would establish that a Tier III water may only be designated in statute, and water may not be managed as Tier III waters unless they have been designated.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 399

HOUSE BILL NO. 399 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to misconduct involving confidential information; relating to artifacts of the state; and relating to penalties regarding artifacts or historic, prehistoric, or archeological resources of the state."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 10 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to misconduct involving confidential information and the protection of state artifacts.

This bill amends the Alaska Historic Preservation Act and the Alaska criminal code to provide enhanced protections for historic artifacts through increased criminal penalties for violations of the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

Though a young state in political terms, Alaska has a rich history that, if not properly attended and protected, will be lost to future generations. Our State's remote locations result in troves of historical materials being susceptible to removal outside of Alaska and away from the public. It is important to provide legal clarity and a deterrent for any activity that would illegally monetize the heritage or the people of this state.

Under the Alaska Historic Preservation Act currently, the word artifact is not defined. This bill defines artifact. This bill then correspondingly amends all of the Alaska Historic Preservation Act statutes to include the newly defined term artifact.

The bill's remaining amendments focus on criminal liability for offenses related to the newly defined term artifact.

The Alaska Historic Preservation Act currently limits criminal penalties to a Class A misdemeanor. Under this bill, depending on the value of the artifact, an individual could be guilty of either a Class B felony or a Class A misdemeanor. An individual will be guilty of a Class B felony where the artifact has a value of more than \$25,000. For that Class B felony, the bill grants the sentencing court the discretion to impose a minimum \$25,000 fine as well as a fine up to three times the value of the artifact. As a Class B felony, a sentencing court will impose jail time as provided in Alaska's sentencing statutes under AS 12.55. If the artifact has a value less than \$25,000, the individual would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and a sentencing court could impose fines and jail time consistent with a Class A misdemeanor as provided in Alaska's sentencing statutes under AS 12.55.

Lastly, the bill amends the offense of "Misconduct involving confidential information in the first degree." This amendment makes it a criminal violation for an individual who obtains and uses confidential information to commit a crime under the Alaska Historic Preservation Act. Such a violation would be a Class A misdemeanor.

With this combination of providing a definition to such a broad word as artifact and empowering our legal system to protect these pieces of Alaska's history, we can further fulfill our obligation to future Alaskans by preserving the past of this land.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 400

HOUSE BILL NO. 400 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act providing that the Alaska Railroad Corporation is subject to the Executive Budget Act; providing that expenditures of the Alaska Railroad Corporation are subject to appropriation; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill making the Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) subject to the Executive Budget Act (AS 37.07) and providing that the expenditures of the ARRC are subject to legislative appropriation.

This bill requires the ARRC to comply with the Executive Budget Act similar to other public corporations and state agencies. This bill also requires that the ARRC be responsible for the operating, capital, and debt service expenditures of the corporation in accordance with appropriations made by the Legislature.

This bill increases the accounting and fee collection oversight by the legislature and the executive branch in relation to the operations of the ARRC, requiring it to engage in the same budgeting and accounting processes as other state agencies.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 234**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

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

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(ADM)

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Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(STA)

(same title)

Representative Tilton objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 234(STA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Josephson and Tuck:

Page 1, line 6:

Delete "**\$2,000**"

Insert "**\$1,500**"

Page 1, line 14:

Delete "**\$4,000**"

Insert "**\$3,000**"

Page 2, line 6:

Delete "**\$4,000**"

Insert "**\$3,000**"

Page 2, line 14:

Delete "\$4,000"

Insert "\$3,000"

Page 2, line 16:

Delete "\$8,000"

Insert "\$6,000"

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative Rasmussen objected.

The Speaker stated that all further amendments to CSHB 234(STA) must be submitted within 30 minutes.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 22 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Stutes, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, Amendment No. 2 would be moved to the bottom of the amendments.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Schrage:

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**** Sec. 8.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. Section 9 of this Act does not apply to a campaign contribution made to influence the outcome of an election that occurred on or before the effective date of this Act.

*** Sec. 9.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

RETROACTIVITY. AS 15.13.070(b), as amended by sec. 1 of this Act, AS 15.13.070(c), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, AS 15.13.070(f), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act, AS 15.13.070(g), as amended by sec. 4 of this Act, AS 15.13.070(h), added by sec. 5 of this Act, and AS 15.13.400(20), added by sec. 7 of this Act, are retroactive to March 3, 2022."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Schrage moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 be adopted.

Representative Prax objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 3 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available;**"

Page 1, following line 2:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Section 1.** AS 15.13.020(j) is amended to read:

(j) The commission shall establish **a central** [AN] office [, WHICH MAY BE CALLED A REGIONAL OFFICE, IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT IN THE STATE] to keep on file for public inspection copies of all reports filed with the commission [BY CANDIDATES FOR STATEWIDE OFFICE AND BY CANDIDATES FOR LEGISLATIVE OFFICE IN THAT DISTRICT; HOWEVER, WHERE ONE MUNICIPALITY CONTAINS MORE THAN ONE HOUSE DISTRICT, ONLY ONE COMMISSION OFFICE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THAT MUNICIPALITY. THE REGIONAL OFFICE SHALL MAKE ALL FORMS AND PERTINENT MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES. ALL REPORTS SHALL BE FILED BY CANDIDATES, GROUPS, AND INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY WITH THE COMMISSION'S CENTRAL DISTRICT OFFICE. THE COMMISSION SHALL ENSURE THAT COPIES OF ALL REPORTS BY STATEWIDE AND LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES IN EACH SENATE DISTRICT ARE FORWARDED PROMPTLY TO THAT DISTRICT OR REGIONAL OFFICE]."

Page 1, line 3:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**** Sec. 9.** AS 24.45.091 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.45.091. Publication of reports. Copies of the

statements and reports filed under this chapter shall be made available to the public at the commission's central office **and on the commission's Internet website** [, THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY OF THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY, AND AT THE COMMISSION'S DISTRICT OFFICES PRESCRIBED IN AS 15.13.020(j)] as soon as practicable after each reporting period.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 24.45.111(b) is amended to read:

(b) The commission shall preserve the statements and reports required to be filed under this chapter for a period of six years from the date of filing. **Copies** [IF THE COMMISSION'S CENTRAL OFFICE IS NOT IN THE STATE CAPITAL, COPIES] of all statements and reports filed under this chapter shall be maintained in **the commission's central** [AN] office **and be made available on the commission's Internet website** [ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE STATE CAPITAL OR IN THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR]."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 be adopted.

Representative Rasmussen objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 4

YEAS: 27 NAYS: 11 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Cronk, Drummond, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool

Nays: Claman, Edgmon, Fields, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Merrick, Stutes, Tarr, Zulkosky

Excused: Foster, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 4 was adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(STA) am

"An Act relating to political contributions; relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available; and providing for an effective date."

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to 3:30 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 1:16 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 3:31 p.m.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 234

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(STA) am

"An Act relating to political contributions; relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available; and providing for an effective date."

Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.13.072(a)(2), 15.13.072(e), 15.13.072(f), and 15.13.072(h) are repealed."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

Representative Josephson placed a call of the House.

The call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 5

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Foster, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 5 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 6 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 22:
Delete "10"
Insert "two"

Page 2, line 25:
Delete "10-year"
Insert "two-year"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 be adopted.

There was objection.

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

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 6 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 6

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

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

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 6 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 7 was offered by Representative Kurka:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**requiring the division of elections to make available to certain persons the electronic database that contains the results of an election;**"

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 15.20.223. Provision of electronic database containing the results of a state election. Regardless of whether an election recount is requested under AS 15.20.430 or an election is contested under AS 15.20.540, upon the request of a candidate, a political party, or an organization or organized group that sponsors

or opposes an initiative, referendum, or recall at an election, the director shall provide without charge access to the unencrypted electronic database containing the ballot tabulations and vote totals for the election."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Kurka moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be adopted.

Representative Hopkins objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 7 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 7

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 22 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 7 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 8 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1 (title amendment):

Following "**Act**":

Insert "**relating to elections;**"

Following "**contributions;**":

Insert "**relating to counting ballots;**"

Page 1, following line 2:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**** Section 1.** AS 15.07.060(a) is amended to read:

(a) Each applicant who requests registration or reregistration shall supply the following information:

- (1) the applicant's name and sex;
- (2) if issued, the applicant's State of Alaska driver's license number or State of Alaska identification card number, or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number;
- (3) the applicant's date of birth;
- (4) the applicant's Alaska residence address;
- (5) a statement of whether the applicant has previously been registered to vote in another jurisdiction, and, if so, the jurisdiction and the address of the previous registration;
- (6) a declaration that the applicant will be 18 years of age or older within 90 days after the date of registration;
- (7) a declaration that the applicant is a citizen of the United States;
- (8) the date of application;
- (9) the applicant's signature or mark;
- (10) any former name under which the applicant was registered to vote in the state;
- (11) an attestation that the information provided by the applicant in (1) - (10) of this subsection is true; [AND]
- (12) a certification that the applicant understands that a false statement on the application may make the applicant subject to prosecution for a misdemeanor under this title or AS 11; **and**
(13) a declaration whether the applicant requests a hand count of the applicant's ballot.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 15.07.070(f) is amended to read:

(f) Incomplete or inaccurate registration forms may not be accepted. A person who submitted an incomplete or inaccurate registration form may register by reexecuting and resubmitting a registration form in person, by mail, or by facsimile or other electronic transmission approved by the director under AS 15.07.050. The requirements of (c) or (d) of this section apply to a registration form resubmitted under this subsection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application made under AS 43.23.015 that contains the information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4), [AND] (7) - (9), **and (13)**, and an attestation that such information is true, shall not be deemed an incomplete registration form and shall be accepted in accordance

with AS 15.07.070(i).

* **Sec. 3.** AS 15.07.070(j) is amended to read:

(j) The division shall cooperate with the Department of Revenue under AS 43.23.101 to ensure that the permanent fund dividend application form furnished by the Department of Revenue under AS 43.23.015 allows an applicant, a person who is designated in a power of attorney to act on behalf of an applicant, or a person acting on behalf of a physically disabled applicant to submit voter registration information required under AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4), [AND] (7) - (9), **and (13)**, and an attestation that such information is true. The director may require proof of identification of the applicant, if not already in the Department of Revenue's possession, as required by regulations adopted by the director under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)."

Page 1, line 3:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 4**"

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert new bill sections to read:

** **Sec. 11.** AS 15.15.032(c) is amended to read:

(c) The director shall provide for a paper record of each electronically generated ballot that can be

(1) reviewed and corrected by the voter at the time the vote is cast; [AND]

(2) used for a recount of the votes cast at an election in which electronically generated ballots were used;

(3) used as the official ballot for a vote count in a hand-count district.

* **Sec. 12.** AS 15.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 15.15.345. Hand-count districts. (a) When 25 percent or more of the voters in a house district, senate district, or the state request under AS 15.07.060(a) that the division count their ballots by hand, the division shall count the ballots in that house district, senate district, or the state, respectively, by hand. The director shall, 60 days before the day of the election,

(1) determine whether a house district, senate district, or the state is a hand-count district; and

(2) provide public notice identifying each hand-count district for the election.

(b) The division shall count ballots voted in a hand-count district by hand. When counting a ballot generated electronically under AS 15.15.032 or an absentee ballot voted by electronic transmission under AS 15.20.066, an election official counting ballots voted in a hand-count district shall count the official paper record. An election official may not scan a ballot voted for a hand-count district before the conclusion of the statewide ballot count. If an election official scans a ballot in a hand-count district, the division shall publish the ballot on the division's Internet website not later than 24 hours after the election official scanned the ballot.

* **Sec. 13.** AS 15.15.350(a) is amended to read:

(a) The director may adopt regulations prescribing the manner in which the precinct ballot count is accomplished so as to ensure accuracy in the count and to expedite the process. The election board shall account for all ballots by completing a ballot statement containing (1) the number of official ballots received; (2) the number of official ballots voted; (3) the number of official ballots spoiled; (4) the number of official ballots unused and either destroyed or returned for destruction to the elections supervisor or the election supervisor's designee. The board shall count the number of questioned ballots and compare that number to the number of questioned voters in the register. Discrepancies shall be noted and the numbers included in the certificate prescribed by AS 15.15.370. The election board, in a hand-count **precinct or a hand-count district** [PRECINCTS], shall count the ballots in a manner that allows watchers to see the ballots when opened and read. A person handling the ballot after it has been taken from the ballot box and before it is placed in the envelope for mailing may not have a marking device in hand or remove a ballot from the immediate vicinity of the polls. **In this subsection, "hand-count precinct" means a precinct within a machine-count district where the election board counts ballots by hand.**

* **Sec. 14.** AS 15.15.350(b) is amended to read:

(b) **In a machine-count district, ballots** [BALLOTS] may not be counted before 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the

election. **In a hand-count district, ballot counting may begin 14 days before an election. When counting ballots before 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election, election officials shall count ballots in groups of 25 or more. An election official may not release the result of a ballot count or scanned image of a ballot before 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election.**

* **Sec. 15.** AS 15.15.470 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.15.470. Preservation of election ballots, papers, and materials. The director shall preserve all precinct election certificates, tallies, and registers for four years after the election. All ballots, **images of scanned ballots**, and stubs for elections other than national elections may be destroyed 30 days after the certification of the state ballot counting review unless an application for recount has been filed and not completed, or unless their destruction is stayed by an order of the court. All ballots for national elections may be destroyed in accordance with federal law. The director may permit the inspection of election materials upon call by the Congress, the state legislature, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

* **Sec. 16.** AS 15.15.480 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.15.480. Security of ballots. All official ballots **and scanned images of ballots** in the possession of election officials, whether voted or not voted, shall be kept in a secure manner until destroyed in accordance with law. The director shall provide for the security of ballots during transportation and storage under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

* **Sec. 17.** AS 15.20.066 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) Before counting an absentee ballot of a voter who resides in a hand-count district that is completed and returned by the voter by electronic transmission, an election official shall print an official paper record of the ballot. The official paper record is the counted ballot.

* **Sec. 18.** AS 15.20.201(a) is amended to read:

(a) **In a machine-count district, not** [NO] less than seven days preceding the day of election, the election supervisor, in the presence and with the assistance of the district absentee ballot counting board, shall review all voter certificates of absentee ballots received by that date. **In a hand-count district, not less**

than 21 days preceding the day of election, the election supervisor, in the presence and with the assistance of the district absentee ballot counting board, shall review all voter certificates of absentee ballots received by that date. The review of absentee ballots shall continue at times designated by the election supervisor until completed.

* **Sec. 19.** AS 15.20.201(b) is amended to read:

(b) **In a machine-count district, counting** [COUNTING] of absentee ballots that have been reviewed shall begin at 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election at places designated by each election supervisor and shall continue until all absentee ballots reviewed and eligible for counting have been counted. The counting teams shall report the count of absentee ballots to the district absentee ballot counting board. An election supervisor or an election official may not count absentee ballots before 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the election. **In a hand-count district, counting of absentee ballots that have been reviewed shall begin 14 days before the day of the election at places designated by each election supervisor and shall continue until all absentee ballots reviewed and eligible for counting have been counted. The counting teams shall report the count of absentee ballots to the district absentee ballot counting board. An election supervisor or an election official may not count absentee ballots earlier than 14 days before the day of the election.** Counting of the absentee ballots shall continue at times designated by the election supervisor until all absentee ballots are counted.

* **Sec. 20.** AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.20.480. Procedure for recount. In conducting the recount, the director shall review all ballots, whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by computer or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot counting board, to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount, and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct certificate, and the review. The director shall count absentee ballots received before the completion of the recount. For administrative purposes, the director may join and include two or more applications in a single review and count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing the counting of ballots shall be

followed in the recount when a ballot is challenged on the basis of a question regarding the voter's intent to vote for the candidate, proposition, or question. The ballots and other election material must remain in the custody of the director during the recount, and the highest degree of care shall be exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation. **In a hand-count district, a recount shall be conducted by hand count.** The recount shall be completed within 10 days. The director may employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount.

* **Sec. 21.** AS 15.20.900(a) is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, the director may adopt regulations **for machine-count districts** that provide procedures for the tabulation of electronically generated ballots or optically scanned ballots, including procedures for

(1) tests of the counting programs developed for each precinct tabulator to ensure that the system is functioning properly;

(2) security for the voting and tabulation of ballots;

(3) the transmission and accumulation of vote totals to assure the integrity of the vote counting process;

(4) observation by the public of the counting process in the regional offices; and

(5) the disposition of ballots.

* **Sec. 22.** AS 15.80.010 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(47) "hand-count district" means a house district, senate district, or the entire state when the division is required under AS 15.15.345(a) to count the voters' ballots by hand;

(48) "machine-count district" means a house district, senate district, or the entire state where the division is not required to count the voters' ballots by hand under AS 15.15.345(a).

* **Sec. 23.** AS 43.23.015(b) is amended to read:

(b) The department shall prescribe and furnish an application form for claiming a permanent fund dividend. The application must include

(1) notice of the penalties provided for under AS 43.23.270;

(2) a statement of eligibility and a certification of residency;

(3) the means for an applicant eligible to vote under

AS 15.05, or a person authorized to act on behalf of the applicant, to furnish information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4), [AND] (7) - (9), **and (13)**, and an attestation that such information is true.

* **Sec. 24.** AS 43.23.101 is amended to read:

Sec. 43.23.101. Voter registration. The commissioner shall establish by rule a schedule by which the commissioner will provide, and shall provide as soon as is practicable the director of elections with

(1) electronic records from the permanent fund dividend applications of the information required by AS 15.07.060(a)(1) - (4), [AND] (7) - (9), **and (13)**, and the attestation that such information is true, for each permanent fund dividend applicant who

(A) is a citizen of the United States; and

(B) is at least 18 years of age or will be within 90 days of the date of the application; and

(2) the mailing addresses for all permanent fund dividend applicants."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 8 be adopted.

Representative Schrage objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 8 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 8

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 23 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 8 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 9 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following **"to"** (title amendment):

Insert **"the conduct of elections of regional school board members; relating to"**

Page 1, following line 2:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Section 1. AS 14.08.071 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(f) An election under this section shall be held regardless of whether an individual has filed a declaration of candidacy for an office scheduled to be on the ballot at that election. An individual may file as a write-in candidate for an office on the ballot at that election not later than five days before the election."

Page 1, line 3:

Delete **"Section 1"**

Insert **"Sec. 2"**

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 9 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Tuck, citing sections 402 and 616 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that Amendment No. 9 was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Representative Kurka rose to a point of order stating that the amendment was germane to the bill according to the single subject rule.

The Speaker maintained the ruling.

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:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Sustain Ruling of the Chair - Amendment No. 9 Not Germane

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 9 was ruled out of order.

Amendment No. 10 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to election ballots;**"

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Sec. 8.** AS 15.15.030 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.15.030. Preparation of official ballot. The director shall prepare all official ballots to facilitate fairness, simplicity, and clarity in the voting procedure, to reflect most accurately the intent of the voter, and to expedite the administration of elections. The following directives shall be followed when applicable:

(1) The director shall determine the size of the ballot, the type of print, necessary additional instruction notes to voters, and other similar matters of form not provided by law.

(2) The director shall number ballots in series to ensure

simplicity and secrecy and to prevent fraud.

(3) The director shall contract for the preparation of ballots under AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code).

(4) The director may not include on the ballot, as a part of a candidate's name, any honorary or assumed title or prefix but may include in the candidate's name any nickname or familiar form of a proper name of the candidate.

(5) The names of the candidates shall be placed in separate sections on the state general election ballot under the office designation to which they were nominated. If a candidate is registered as affiliated with a political party or political group, the party affiliation, if any, may be designated after the name of the candidate, upon request of the candidate. If a candidate has requested designation as nonpartisan or undeclared, that designation shall be placed after the name of the candidate. If a candidate is not registered as affiliated with a political party or political group and has not requested to be designated as nonpartisan or undeclared, the candidate shall be designated as undeclared. The lieutenant governor and the governor shall be included under the same section. **The director shall provide space to rank four** [PROVISION SHALL BE MADE FOR VOTING FOR] write-in candidates within each section. Paper ballots for the state general election shall be printed on white paper.

(6) The names of the candidates for each office shall be set out in the same order on ballots printed for use in each house district. The director shall randomly determine the order of the names of the candidates for state representative for each house district. The director shall rotate the order of placement of the names of candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, United States senator, United States representative, and state senator on the ballot for each house district.

(7) The general election ballot shall be designed with the names of candidates of each political party, and of any independent candidates qualified under AS 15.30.026, for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States placed in the same section on the ballot rather than the names of electors of President and Vice-President.

(8) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the title and proposition for any initiative,

referendum, or constitutional amendment formulated as prescribed by law and placed on the ballot in the manner prescribed by the director. When placed on the ballot, a state ballot proposition or ballot question shall carry the number that was assigned to the petition for the proposition or question. Provision shall be made for marking the proposition "Yes" or "No."

(9) The general or special election ballot shall be designed with the question of whether a constitutional convention shall be called placed on the ballot in the following manner: "Shall there be a constitutional convention?" Provision shall be made for marking the question "Yes" or "No."

(10) A nonpartisan ballot shall be designed for each judicial district in which a justice or judge is seeking retention in office. The ballot shall be divided into four parts. Each part must bear a heading indicating the court to which the candidate is seeking approval, and provision shall be made for marking each question "Yes" or "No." Within each part, the question of whether the justice or judge shall be approved or rejected shall be set out in substantially the following manner:

(A) "Shall be retained as justice of the supreme court for 10 years?";

(B) "Shall be retained as judge of the court of appeals for eight years?";

(C) "Shall be retained as judge of the superior court for six years?"; or

(D) "Shall be retained as judge of the district court for four years?"

(11) When the legislature by law authorizes a state debt for capital improvements, the director shall place the question of whether the specific authorization shall be ratified by placing the ballot title and question on the next general election ballot, or on the special election ballot if a special election is held for the purpose of ratifying the state debt for capital improvements before the time of the next general election. Unless specifically provided otherwise in the Act authorizing the debt, the ballot title shall, by the use of a few words in a succinct manner, indicate the general subject of the Act. The question shall, by the use of a few sentences in a succinct manner, give a true and impartial summary of the Act authorizing the state debt. The question of whether state debt shall be contracted shall be assigned a letter of the alphabet

on the ballot. Provision shall be made for marking the question substantially as follows:

"Bonds Yes" or "Bonds No,"

followed by an appropriate oval.

(12) The director may provide for the optical scanning of ballots where the requisite equipment is available.

(13) The director may provide for voting by use of electronically generated ballots by a voter who requests to use a machine that produces electronically generated ballots.

(14) The director shall include the following statement on the ballot:

A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political party or group or that the party or group approves of or associates with that candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as affiliated with the political party or political group.

(15) Instead of the statement provided by (14) of this section, when candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States appear on a general election ballot, the director shall include the following statement on the ballot:

A candidate's designated affiliation does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the political party or political group or that the political party or political group approves of or associates with that candidate, but only that the candidate is registered as affiliated with the party or group. The election for President and Vice-President of the United States is different. Some candidates for President and Vice-President are the official nominees of their political party.

(16) The director shall design the general election ballots so that the candidates are selected by ranked-choice voting.

(17) The director shall design the general election ballot to direct the voter to mark candidates in order of preference and to mark as many choices as the voter wishes, but not to assign the same ranking to more than one candidate for the same office."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 10 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Tuck, citing sections 402 and 616 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that Amendment No. 10 was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

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:

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Second Reading

Sustain Ruling of the Chair - Amendment No. 10 Not Germane

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 16 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 10 was ruled out of order.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to 7:00 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 4:54 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 7:01 p.m.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 234**

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(STA) am

"An Act relating to political contributions; relating to the location of offices for the Alaska Public Offices Commission and the locations at which certain statements and reports filed with the commission are made available; and providing for an effective date."

Amendment No. 11 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**providing that an election official who knowingly provides more than one ballot to the same voter in a polling place without destroying all but one of the ballots as spoiled ballots has committed election official misconduct in the first degree;**"

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

*** Sec. 8.** AS 15.56.070(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person commits the crime of election official misconduct in the first degree if while an election official, the person

(1) intentionally fails to perform an election duty or knowingly does an unauthorized act with the intent to affect an election or its results;

(2) knowingly permits or makes or attempts to make a false count of election returns; [OR]

(3) intentionally conceals, withholds, destroys, or attempts to conceal, withhold, or destroy election returns; **or**

(4) knowingly provides more than one ballot to the same voter in a polling place without having all but one of the ballots destroyed under AS 15.15.250 as spoiled ballots."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 11 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Tuck, citing Uniform Rule 35 and sections 404 and 616 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that Amendment No. 11 was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

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:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Sustain Ruling of the Chair - Amendment No. 11 Not Germane

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 11 was ruled out of order.

Amendment No. 12 was offered by Representative Vance:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to the duty of the director of elections to collect certain information related to absentee voters;**"

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.20.220 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) Before the certification of a state ballot counting review under AS 15.15.450, the director shall select random voters in

each house district who submitted absentee ballots. The director shall attempt to contact the voter to confirm that the voter returned an absentee ballot. On or before the day the director certifies a state ballot counting review under AS 15.15.450, the director shall aggregate the information collected under this subsection, deliver the information to the senate secretary and the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and notify the legislature that the information is available. The director shall include in the information delivered under this subsection the number of absentee voters, by district, that

- (1) the division attempted to contact;
- (2) the division successfully contacted;
- (3) reported voting by absentee ballot in the applicable election; and
- (4) reported not voting by absentee ballot in the applicable election."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 12 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Tuck, citing Uniform Rule 35 and section 404 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that Amendment No. 12 was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Representative Kurka 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:

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Sustain Ruling of the Chair - Amendment No. 12 Not Germane

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 12 was ruled out of order.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent to rescind previous action in failing to adopt Amendment No. 3 (page 2086).

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House rescind previous action in failing to adopt Amendment No. 3?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Rescind Previous Action on Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 3 was before the House.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

Amendment No. 13 was offered by Representative Tuck:

Page 2, following line 26:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Sec. 6.** AS 15.13.072(e) is amended to read:

(e) A candidate or an individual who has filed with the commission the document necessary to permit that individual to incur election-related expenses under AS 15.13.100 may solicit or accept contributions from an individual who is not a resident of the state at the time the contribution is made, **but the amounts accepted from individuals who are not residents may exceed 50 percent of the total contributions made to the candidate or individual during the campaign** [IF THE AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT RESIDENTS DO NOT EXCEED

(1) \$20,000 A CALENDAR YEAR, IF THE CANDIDATE OR INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR;

(2) \$5,000 A CALENDAR YEAR, IF THE CANDIDATE OR INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR;

(3) \$3,000 A CALENDAR YEAR, IF THE CANDIDATE OR INDIVIDUAL IS SEEKING THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE OR MUNICIPAL OR OTHER OFFICE]."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 13 be adopted.

There was objection.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 13 was offered by Representative Tuck:

Page 1, line 8, following "may":

Insert "not"

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 13 be adopted.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 13 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 13 as amended was offered by Representative Fields:

Page 1, line 8:

Delete "50"

Insert "25"

Representative Fields moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 13 as amended be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

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

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 13 as amended be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 13 as amended

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Rasmussen, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 13 as amended was adopted.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 13 as amended be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 13 as amended

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 16 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Rasmussen, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 13 as amended was adopted.

Amendment No. 14 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to the procedures and deposit amount required for recounting ballots;**"

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**** Sec. 8.** AS 15.20.430(a) is amended to read:

(a) A defeated candidate or 10 qualified voters who believe

there has been a mistake made by an election official or by the counting board in counting the votes in an election, may file an application within five days after the completion of the state review to the director for a recount of the votes from any particular precinct or any house district and for any particular office, proposition, or question. However, the application may be filed only within three days after the completion of the state review after the general election for a recount of votes cast for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. **An applicant may request that the division conduct the recount without using optical scanning equipment.** If there is a tie vote as provided in AS 15.15.460, the director shall initiate the recount and give notice to the interested parties as provided in AS 15.20.470.

* **Sec. 9.** AS 15.20.450 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.20.450. Costs of recount; requirement of deposit.

The application must include a deposit in cash, by certified check, or by bond with a surety approved by the director. The amount of the deposit is \$1,000 for each precinct, \$2,000 for each house district, and **\$25,000** [\$15,000] for the entire state. **If an applicant requests under AS 15.20.430(a) that the division conduct the recount without using optical scanning equipment, the amount of the deposit is \$1,000 for each precinct, \$2,000 for each house district, or \$65,000 for the entire state.** If the recount includes an office for which candidates received a tie vote, or the difference between the number of votes cast was 20 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast for the two candidates for the contested office, or a question or proposition for which there was a tie vote on the issue, or the difference between the number of votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue was 20 or less or was less than .5 percent of the total votes cast in favor of or opposed to the issue, the application need not include a deposit, and the state shall bear the cost of the recount. If, on the recount, a candidate other than the candidate who received the original election certificate is declared elected, or if the vote on recount is determined to be four percent or more in excess of the vote reported by the state review for the candidate applying for the recount or in favor of or opposed to the question or proposition as stated in the application, the entire deposit shall be refunded. If the entire deposit is not refunded, the director shall refund any money remaining after the cost of the recount has been paid from the

deposit.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 15.20.450 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The division shall conduct a recount paid for by the state under (a) of this section because of a tie vote, a difference of 20 votes or less, or a difference of less than .5 percent of the total number of votes cast, using optical scanning equipment. A candidate or 10 qualified voters may, within three days after the director provides notice of a recount to interested parties under AS 15.20.430(a), request that the recount be conducted without the use of optical scanning equipment, and, if the request relates to a statewide recount, the requester shall pay a \$40,000 deposit.

* **Sec. 11.** AS 15.20.480 is amended to read:

Sec. 15.20.480. Procedure for recount. In conducting the recount, the director shall review all ballots, whether the ballots were counted at the precinct or by computer or by the district absentee counting board or the questioned ballot counting board, to determine which ballots, or part of ballots, were properly marked and which ballots are to be counted in the recount, and shall check the accuracy of the original count, the precinct certificate, and the review. The director shall count absentee ballots received before the completion of the recount. For administrative purposes, the director may join and include two or more applications in a single review and count of votes. The rules in AS 15.15.360 governing the counting of ballots shall be followed in the recount when a ballot is challenged on the basis of a question regarding the voter's intent to vote for the candidate, proposition, or question. The ballots and other election material must remain in the custody of the director during the recount, and the highest degree of care shall be exercised to protect the ballots against alteration or mutilation. The recount shall be completed within 10 days. **If the applicant requesting the recount also requests under AS 15.20.430(a) that the division conduct the recount without using optical scanning equipment, the division may not recount ballots using optical scanning equipment.** The director may employ additional personnel necessary to assist in the recount."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 14 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Tuck, citing Uniform Rule 35 and section 402 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that Amendment No. 12 was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

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:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Sustain Ruling of the Chair - Amendment No. 14 Not Germane

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Rasmussen, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 14 was ruled out of order.

Amendment No. 15 was offered by Representatives Johnson and Kurka:

Page 1, line 1, following "**contributions;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**providing that a voter who votes or attempts to vote in an election held in this state and in another state on the same date, with the intent that the person's vote be counted more than once, commits voter misconduct in the first degree;**"

Page 3, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 8.** AS 15.56.040(a) is amended to read:

(a) A person commits the crime of voter misconduct in the first degree if the person

(1) votes or attempts to vote in the name of another person or in a name other than the person's own;

(2) votes or attempts to vote more than once at the same election, **or in an election held in this state and in another state on the same date,** with the intent that the person's vote be counted more than once;

(3) intentionally makes a false affidavit, swears falsely, or falsely affirms under an oath required by this title;

(4) knowingly votes or solicits a person to vote after the polls are closed with the intent that the vote be counted."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Representative Kurka moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 15 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Tuck, citing Uniform Rule 35 and section 402 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order stating that Amendment No. 12 was not germane.

The Speaker ruled the amendment out of order.

Representative Kurka appealed the ruling of the Chair.

Representative Claman rose to a point of order regarding confining remarks to the motion before the body.

The Speaker ruled that the point was well taken and cautioned the member to confine remarks to the motion.

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

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Second Reading

Sustain Ruling of the Chair - Amendment No. 15 Not Germane

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 16 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Rasmussen, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 15 was ruled out of order.

Amendment No. 16 was not offered.

Amendment No. 17 was offered by Representative Rauscher:

Page 3, line 8:

Delete "immediately"

Insert "February 1, 2023."

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 17 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 17 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 17

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Rasmussen, Thompson

And so, Amendment No. 17 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was not offered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 234(STA) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 234(STA) am will advance to third reading on the March 16 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 62

The Speaker stated that the following, which could not be considered in a technical session (page 2061), would be held to the March 16 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 62(JUD) am

"An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; relating to solemnization of marriage; and relating to consent to marriage."

HB 90

The Speaker stated that the following, which could not be considered in a technical session (page 2061), would be held to the March 16 calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 90 am

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

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam - Tom Fink
By Representatives Johnson, Claman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**SJR 25**

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be waived from the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am

Standing in solidarity with the people of Ukraine; condemning the illegal invasion of Ukraine; endorsing the sanctions and export controls directed at the Russian Federation by the United States government; urging the United States Congress and the President to consider measured and appropriate sanctions and actions; demanding the Russian Federation immediately stop all hostilities against Ukraine and withdraw from Ukrainian territory; and supporting the United States in urging the Russian Federation to immediately stop its assault on Ukraine.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall SJR 25 am be waived from the Rules Committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 25 am
Waive from Rules Committee

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Kurka, Prax, Vance

Excused: Foster, Johnson, Rasmussen, Thompson

And so, the motion passed.

SJR 12

The Speaker removed the State Affairs Committee referral and added a Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.

SJR 12 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

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 Shaw – from 2:15 p.m., March 16 to 7:30 p.m., March 20

Representative Claman – from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., March 25

HJR 34

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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

HB 31

Representatives Hopkins and McCarty added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 31

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

HB 265

Representative McCarty added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

"An Act relating to telehealth; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to medical assistance coverage for services provided by telehealth; and providing for an effective date."

HB 292

Representative Tarr added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 292

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

HB 307

Representatives LeBon and Thompson added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 307

"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."

SJR 12

Representatives Hopkins, Spohnholz, Tarr, Foster, Tuck, Fields, and Hannan added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 16. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk