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Fifty-eighth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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

Lord, as we gather here today, I first of all thank you for all your great blessings to this state. I ask you to imbue wisdom and grace to us, as well as unity of spirit. Thank you, creator of heaven and earth, for our freedom and for these leaders who care passionately for this state. Bless them, Father, for their efforts, for their time, and for their desire for greatness for Alaska. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Story.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 56th and 57th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Wool introduced his daughters, Evelyn and Abby Wool, Guest Pages, from Fairbanks.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 9 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 13.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Lonzo Henderson
Mae Marsh-Prax

as members of the State Commission for Human Rights.

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

HB 158

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general fund."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 158(FIN)

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general and permanent funds."

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

Do pass (5): Carpenter, Thompson, Johnson, Rasmussen, Foster

No recommendation (6): Ortiz, Edgmon, LeBon, Wool, Josephson, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 158(FIN):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 158 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 291

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 291(STA)

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

The report was signed by Representative Kreiss-Tomkins, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Tarr, Claman, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins

Do not pass (1): Eastman

No recommendation (1): Kaufman

Amend (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 291(STA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 291 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 366

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 366

"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."

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

Do pass (3): Stutes, Hannan, McKay

No recommendation (4): Drummond, Cronk, McCabe, Hopkins

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 366 was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 198

The Education Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 198

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

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

Do pass (6): Hopkins, Cronk, Gillham, Prax, Story, Drummond

No recommendation (1): Zulkosky

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development

SB 198 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - James "Jim" L. Dodson
By Representatives Thompson, LeBon

Honoring - Quannah Chasinghorse
By Representative Zulkosky; Senators Gray-Jackson, Bishop

Honoring - Ashia Rose Cardines
By Senators Myers, Bishop

Honoring - Dr. Larry LeDoux
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

Honoring - Linda Curda
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Zulkosky

In Memoriam - Dr. Kenneth S. Hahn
By Representatives Vance, Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Margaret "Tootsie" Guinn
By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Betty Jean Hufman
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Hopkins

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 401**

HOUSE BILL NO. 401 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to certain investments of state funds in the Russian Federation and financial institutions profiteering from the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine; providing indemnity and immunity for certain investment actions taken in compliance with law; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Stutes:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State of Alaska's financial investments in the Russian Federation, and financial institutions profiteering from the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine. This bill also provides indemnity and immunity for state officials or state fund fiduciaries, or individuals acting at the direction of these individuals, for good faith actions taken to comply with the bill.

Given the gravity of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine, this bill provides a framework for the State of Alaska and certain state funds to divest from assets, companies, or financial institutions that support the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine or are unfairly profiting from that action. Passage of this bill ensures that the State of Alaska is not directly or indirectly supporting the Government of Russia in its war efforts.

Furthermore, it is unconscionable that for-profit institutions can engage in an international divestment lobbying effort on resource development projects in Alaska while simultaneously seeking enrichment from totalitarian actions elsewhere in the world. If a financial institution wishes to plant its proverbial flag on the grounds of responsible and moral investing while surreptitiously padding its balance sheet on the backs of humanitarian disaster and overt environmental degradation, those firms should not have the benefit of the State of Alaska's business.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 62**

The following, which was held from the March 14 calendar (page 2119), was read the third time:

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."

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 62(JUD) am be returned to second reading for the specific purpose of rescinding Amendment No. 1 as amended.

Representative Tilton objected.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to amend the motion to return to second reading for all amendments.

Representative Claman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House amend the previous motion to return to second reading for all amendments?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 62(JUD) am

Third Reading

Amend prior motion for all amendments

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 29 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Tilton, Vance

Nays: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Drummond, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gillham, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeBon, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Schrage, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Wool, Zulkosky

And so, the motion failed.

Representative Claman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 62(JUD) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 62(JUD) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 27 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, McCabe, McCarty, Rauscher, Shaw, Tilton, Vance

And so, CSHB 62(JUD) am passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 90

The following, which was held from the March 14 calendar (page 2119), was read the third time:

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."

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

The question being: "Shall HB 90 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 90 am

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, HB 90 am passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved the effective date clause.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 90 am
Third Reading
Effective Date

YEAS: 25 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, lacking the required 27 votes, the effective date clause was not adopted, and the new title follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 90 am(efd fld)

"An Act relating to rental vehicles; relating to vehicle rental networks; relating to vehicle rental taxes; and relating to vehicle rental fees."

Representative McCabe gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on HB 90 am(efd fld).

HB 234

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 14 calendar (page 2119), was read the third time:

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 6:30 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 12:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Third Reading of House Bills. There being no objection, the House advanced to:

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 234**

The following was before the House in third 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."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 234(STA) am pass the House?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

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CSHB 234(STA) am
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Shaw

And so, CSHB 234(STA) am passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved the effective date clause.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 234(STA) am
Third Reading
Effective Date

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Shaw

And so, lacking the required 27 votes, the effective date clause was not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234(STA) am(efd fld)

"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."

CSHB 234(STA) am(efd fld) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

SJR 15

The following was read the second time:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and the state; and recognizing the importance of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

with the:

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

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(L&C)
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, HCS SJR 15(L&C) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, lines 13 - 14:

Delete "democratic governance, military and economic partnerships,"

Insert "military and economic partnerships"

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

Representative Josephson objected.

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

HCS SJR 15(L&C)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 26 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McKay, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Tilton, Vance

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

Excused: Shaw

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Gillham:

Page 1, line 16:

Delete "better,"

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

There was objection.

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

HCS SJR 15(L&C)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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Yeas: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Nelson, Patkotak, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Stutes, Thompson, Tilton, Vance

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

Excused: Shaw

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HCS SJR 15(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HCS SJR 15(L&C) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HCS SJR 15(L&C) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS SJR 15(L&C)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Shaw

And so, HCS SJR 15(L&C) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SJR 25

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to the March 18 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.

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 - Vicky Persinger

By Representatives Wool, Hopkins; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Martin B. Moore Sr.

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pursuant to AS 24.55.020, the Speaker appointed the following members to meet with appointees from the Senate to form the ombudsman selection committee:

Representative Josephson

Representative Patkotak

Representative Nelson

Pursuant to AS 24.65.020, the Speaker appointed the following members to meet with appointees from the Senate to form the victims' advocate selection committee:

Representative Josephson

Representative Patkotak

Representative Nelson

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 LeBon – from 6:00 a.m., March 18 to 10:00 a.m., March 21

Representative Hopkins – from 6:00 a.m., March 25 to 10:00 a.m., March 28

HJR 32

Representative Shaw added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Encouraging the United States Congress to establish hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices.

HB 62

Representative Josephson added as a cosponsor to:

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 234

Representative Josephson added as a cosponsor to:

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."

HB 265

Representatives Rasmussen and Schrage added as cosponsors 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 298

Representative Drummond added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

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

HB 347

Representatives McCabe and Carpenter added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

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

SJR 15

Representative Josephson added as a cross sponsor to:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(L&C)
Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and the state; and recognizing the importance of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

SB 150

Representative LeBon added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 150

"An Act establishing the second Monday of September of each year as Truck Driver Appreciation Day."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 62

CSHB 62(JUD) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 234

CSHB 234(STA) am(efd fld) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

SJR 15

HCS SJR 15(L&C) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., March 18. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk