

HOUSE JOURNAL
ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

April 27, 2022

One Hundredth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 10:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Zulkosky had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Tarr was absent and her presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Nancy Campbell of White Fields Church. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I offer this prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I invite you here to guide the House today and assist them as they consider this day's agenda. Give them strategy as they reason together seeking solutions to move our state forward.

Light their path so they can see clearly and not be distracted by worrisome thoughts. I pray that you, O Lord, lift any cares they may have off their shoulders.

Grant them good health as they enter the final days of this session.

I pray for peace of mind and rest so they will be able to tackle the tasks set before them in a timely manner.

Your word says in Matthew 11:28-30:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I thank you, Lord, that you have heard my prayer for this House; that you are here with them; waiting to guide them as they look to you for divine wisdom.

Bless them and their families now and keep them safe, I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hannan.

* * * * *

Representative Rasmussen introduced her son Grayson Rasmussen, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 99th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 220**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

"An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 220(FIN)
(same title)

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

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

Do not pass (2): Carpenter, Thompson

No recommendation (1): Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 220(FIN):

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration/Retirement Payments

HB 220 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 271

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 271

"An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 271(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Claman, Kreiss-Tomkins

No recommendation (5): Kaufman, Tarr, Vance, Story, Eastman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 271(STA):

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

HB 271 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 396

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 396
"An Act restricting certain investments of state funds in certain Russian entities; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 396(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Claman, Story, Kreiss-Tomkins

Do not pass (1): Vance

No recommendation (3): Kaufman, Tarr, Eastman

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 396(STA):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue
2. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

HB 396 was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 222

The Finance Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 222

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Ortiz, LeBon, Carpenter, Thompson, Wool, Josephson, Foster

No recommendation (2): Rasmussen, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

SB 222 was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SB 34

The House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(JUD)

"An Act relating to a demonstration state-tribal education compact; relating to demonstration state-tribal education compact schools; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(TRB)
(same title)

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 34(TRB):

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development

CSSB 34(JUD) was referred to the Education Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Kathleen Easley
By Representative Schrage

Honoring - Owen Nordstrom
By Representatives Schrage, Shaw; Senator Revak

Honoring - Brian Brettschneider
By Representatives Schrage, Spohnholz, Josephson

Honoring - Cheryl Chesnut
By Representative Schrage

Honoring - 2022 House Floor Staff
By Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Anchorage Parents and Families Acting as Substitute Teachers
By Representative Schrage

Honoring - Service High School Cross Country Ski Team Booster Club

By Representatives Schrage, Shaw; Senator Revak

Honoring - Service High School Boys and Girls Ski Team, 2022 State Champions

By Representatives Schrage, Shaw; Senator Revak

Honoring - Kuskokwim Consortium Library

By Representative Zulkosky; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - The Kodiak Area Native Association

By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Jeff Weltzin

By Representatives Hopkins, Drummond; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Irene Matheis

By Representatives Hopkins, Hannan

In Memoriam - Michael "Mike" J. Short

By Senator Begich

In Memoriam - Bernie Souphanavong

By Senator Begich; Representatives Claman, Fields

In Memoriam - James "Hobo Jim" Varsos, Alaska's Balladeer

By Senator Micciche

**The presence of Representative Tarr was noted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 307

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:	Journal Page
L&C RPT 3DP 3NR	1973
FN1: ZERO(CED)	1973
FIN RPT 7DP 1NR	2619
FN1: ZERO(CED)	2619

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 307 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 307 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 307 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 307
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Zulkosky

And so, HB 307 passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 307 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 411

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 411

"An Act relating to municipal tax exemptions and deferrals on economic development property."

with the:

Journal Page

CRA RPT CS(CRA) NEW TITLE 3DP 2NR

2582

FN1: ZERO(CED)

2582

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. 411(CRA)

"An Act relating to municipal economic development; relating to municipal tax exemptions and deferrals on economic development property; and relating to economic development."

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 411(CRA) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 411

Second Reading

Adopt Community & Regional Affairs CS

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 1

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

Nays: Carpenter, Eastman, Kurka, McCarty

Excused: Zulkosky

Absent: Spohnholz

And so CSHB 411(CRA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 9:

Delete "**30 days after the effective**"

Insert "**90 days before the adoption**"

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

Representative Schrage objected.

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

CSHB 411(CRA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 36 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Kurka, McCarty

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

Excused: Zulkosky

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 9:

Delete "**30 days after the effective**"

Insert "**90 days before the adoption**"

Page 3, lines 17 - 19:

Delete all material and insert:

"(26) "economic development" means an expenditure for

the production of research or a study or the purchase of property or equipment for at least one of the following purposes:

- (A) increasing the population that resides in a municipality;
- (B) decreasing unemployment in a municipality;
- (C) increasing the number of businesses that operate in a municipality;
- (D) increasing the median wage earned in a municipality; or
- (E) developing regulations to facilitate increasing the gross domestic product within a municipality."

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

Representative Tuck objected and rose to a point of order, citing section 182 of Mason's Manual, regarding the dilatory nature of the amendment.

The Speaker stated that Amendment No. 2 was dilatory and ruled it 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 411(CRA)

Sustain the Ruling of the Chair

Amendment No. 2/Ruled Out of Order

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, Shaw, Snyder, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool

Nays: Eastman, Kurka

Excused: Zulkosky

And so, Amendment No. 2 was ruled out of order.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 411(CRA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 411(CRA) will advance to third reading on the April 29 calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 33

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(FIN)

"An Act relating to a fisheries product development tax credit; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

Journal Page

FIN RPT HCS(FIN) 7DP 1NR

2266

FN2: (REV)

2266

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

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(FIN)

(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that HCS CSSB 33(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HCS CSSB 33(FIN) will advance to third reading on the April 29 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 166**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 26 calendar (page 2662), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 166(FIN)

"An Act relating to the issuance of vehicle registration plates; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 166(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 166(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 29 NAYS: 10 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Claman, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, Gillham, Hopkins, Johnson, Kaufman, LeBon, McCabe, McCarty, McKay, Merrick, Nelson, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Schrage, Shaw, Story, Stutes, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vance, Wool

Nays: Drummond, Eastman, Fields, Hannan, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, Kurka, Snyder, Spohnholz, Tarr

Excused: Zulkosky

And so, CSHB 166(FIN) passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 166(FIN) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 265

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 26 calendar (page 2667), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265(FIN)

"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 question being: "Shall CSHB 265(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 265(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Zulkosky

And so, CSHB 265(FIN) passed the House.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 265(FIN) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - Dr. Steve J. Tierney

By Representative Drummond

Honoring - Maryann Foley

By Representative Claman; Senator Costello

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Ski Team
By Representatives Spohnholz, Josephson; Senator Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Richard C. Hocking
By Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Matthew L. Quiner
By Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Diana Kay Bongiovanni
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Ying Chih "Tom" Hu
By Senator Micciche

In Memoriam - Kimberly Hae Ivie
By Senators Kawasaki, Myers; Representative Prax

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Drummond – from 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., April 28

HB 171

Representative Hopkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 171

"An Act relating to pollutants; relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to firefighting substances; relating to thermal remediation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination; and providing for an effective date."

HB 265

Representatives Patkotak, Nelson, LeBon, and McCabe added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 265(FIN)

"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."

HB 307

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor 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."

SB 33

Representatives Tarr and McCarty added as cross sponsors to:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 33(FIN)

"An Act relating to a fisheries product development tax credit; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 166

CShB 166(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 265

CShB 265(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 307

HB 307 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., April 29. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk