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One Hundred Sixth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Stutes at 11:24 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was absent, and his presence was noted later.

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 Snyder – from today to 9:00 a.m., May 9

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Caroline Malseed of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church. Representative Thompson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

O Lord our Governor,
Bless the leaders of our State, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other states and nations of the earth.

To senators and representatives, and those who make our laws in states, cities, and towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor you by all the names by which you are known to us. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Josephson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 105th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 85

A message dated May 2 was read stating the Senate passed CSHB 85(L&C) with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85(L&C)

"An Act relating to the Alaska Banking Code; relating to mutual savings banks; relating to interstate state banks and international banks; relating to the pledging of bank assets as collateral security to tribal organizations; relating to the pledging of bank assets for interest swap agreements; relating to state business licenses; relating to persons who make loans secured by interests in vessels or facilities; relating to liability for the release or threatened release of hazardous substances; relating to the Model Foreign Bank Loan Act; and providing for an effective date."

CSHB 85(L&C) is under Unfinished Business.

SB 33

A message dated May 2 was read stating the Senate concurred in the House amendment to CSSB 33(FIN), thus adopting:

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."

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Julie Sande

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

Elizabeth Stuart

as a member of the Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy.

Janice Hill
Douglas Moore

as members of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Brent Cole
Sterling Strait

as members of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors.

Walter Campbell

as a member of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Dominic Wenzell

as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners.

Paula Harrison

as a member of the Alaska Labor Relations Agency.

Ely Cyrus
Eliza Muse
Bruce Schulte

as members of the Marijuana Control Board.

Tristian Monterastelli

as a member of the Board of Marital and Family Therapy.

Amanda Nosich
Kelli Shew

as members of the Board of Massage Therapists.

Hannah St. George

as a member of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives.

Lena Lafferty
Jody Miller

as members of the Board of Nursing.

Kathleen Rice

as a member of the Board of Examiners in Optometry.

Ramsey Bell
Ashley Schaber

as members of the Board of Pharmacy.

Valery Kudryn

as a member of the Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers.

Chad Stigen
Devon Thomas

as members of the Real Estate Commission.

Gabriel King
Sharon Woodward

as members of the Board of Social Work Examiners.

Ciara Vallaro

as a member of the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

Stephen Hagedorn

as a member of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission.

Bradley Austin
Matthew Barth
Randy Beltz
Christopher Dean
Micheal Dennis
Sara Faulkner
Sarah LeFebvre

as members of the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board.

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Spohnholz, Co-chairs; and Representatives Kaufman, Schrage, McCarty, and Snyder.

HB 382

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 382

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 382(HSS)
(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

Amend (3): Kaufman, McCarty, Nelson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 382(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Health & Social Services/Dept. of Health
2. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 382 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 413

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 413

"An Act relating to facilities constituting a school; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): LeBon, Carpenter, Josephson, Foster

No recommendation (6): Thompson, Johnson, Wool, Rasmussen, Edgmon, Merrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 413 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 204

The Resources Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 204(RES)

"An Act relating to auctions or raffles for hunting harvest permits and big game tags; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): McKay, Cronk, Gillham

No recommendation (4): Hopkins, Hannan, Schrage, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Fish & Game

CSSB 204(RES) was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam - Nicky Myers

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

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

In Memoriam - Glenn Clayton Dick

By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Barry Matteson

By Representative Shaw; Senator Costello

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 104

The following, which was held from the May 2 calendar (page 2733), was read the second time:

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."

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TRA RPT 3DP 3DNP 1NR	348
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FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 3DP 5NR	2073
FN5: ZERO(DEC)	2073
FN6: (GOV/FUND TRANSFERS)	2073
FN7: (REV)	2073

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. 104(FIN)

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**The presence of Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was noted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Merrick:

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

Insert "**suspending the tax on motor fuel;**"

Page 1, following line 5:

Insert new bill sections to read:

** **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

SUSPENSION OF TAX ON MOTOR FUEL. Notwithstanding AS 43.40.010(a) and (b), the taxes levied under AS 43.40.010(a) and (b) are suspended beginning the first day of the month following the effective date of this section and ending June 30, 2023. During the suspension, the Department of Revenue or a dealer that sells or otherwise transfers fuel in the state may not collect the taxes suspended under this section. During the suspension, a dealer or user of refined fuel shall reduce the cost of fuel to the final consumer by an

amount equal to the amount of the tax suspended under this section. This section does not apply to a payment of tax, interest, or a penalty due before the suspension takes effect.

* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: REGULATIONS AND RETROACTIVITY OF REGULATIONS. The Department of Revenue may adopt regulations under AS 44.62 necessary to implement this Act. Notwithstanding AS 44.62.240, the Department of Revenue may adopt a regulation to implement sec. 2 of this Act that applies retroactively. A regulation adopted by the Department of Revenue to implement sec. 2 of this Act applies retroactively to the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

* **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

ReNUMBER the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, line 6:

Delete "This"

Insert "Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this"

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

Objection was heard and removed. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(FIN) am

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

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Wool:

Page 1, line 1 (title amendment):

Following "Act":

Insert "**relating to vehicle registration and registration fees; relating to the motor fuel tax;**"

Following "surcharge;":

Insert "**temporarily suspending the tax on motor fuel;**"

Page 1, following line 2:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**** Section 1.** AS 28.10.155(a) is amended to read:

(a) **Except as provided in (c) of this section, the** [THE] owner of a motor vehicle [, OTHER THAN A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE,] that is required to be registered under this chapter may elect to register the motor vehicle permanently in lieu of registration under AS 28.10.108 if the vehicle is at least eight years old and the owner resides in the unorganized borough or in a municipality that elects, by passage of an appropriate ordinance, to allow the permanent registration of motor vehicles. The permanent registration expires when the owner transfers or assigns the owner's title or interest in the vehicle. A permanent registration may not be renewed. On receiving the proper application and fees, the department shall issue to the registered owner registration plates, tabs, and a permanent registration form.

*** Sec. 2.** AS 28.10.155 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) The following vehicles are not eligible for permanent registration under (a) of this section:

- (1) commercial motor vehicles;
- (2) electric vehicles;
- (3) plug-in hybrid vehicles;
- (4) vehicles powered by an alternative fuel and manufactured primarily for use on public roads.

(d) In this section,

- (1) "alternative fuel" includes hydrogen and natural gas;
- (2) "electric vehicle" and "plug-in hybrid vehicle" have the meanings given in AS 28.10.421(k).

*** Sec. 3.** AS 28.10.421 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(k) In addition to the other fees imposed under this section, the owner of an electric vehicle shall pay a special biennial registration fee of \$100, the owner of a vehicle powered by alternative fuel shall pay a special biennial registration fee of \$100, and the owner of a plug-in hybrid vehicle shall pay a special biennial registration fee of \$50. Fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the special highway fuel tax account described in AS 43.40.010(g). In this subsection,

- (1) "alternative fuel" includes hydrogen and natural gas;

(2) "electric vehicle" means a vehicle that is

(A) powered solely by an electric motor drawing current from rechargeable batteries, fuel cells, or other portable sources of electrical current; and

(B) manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways;

(3) "plug-in hybrid vehicle" means a vehicle that is

(A) capable of using gasoline, diesel fuel, or alternative fuel, and is powered in part by electrical energy using a battery storage system capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity; and

(B) manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.35.155(a) is amended to read:

(a) It is unlawful to operate a motor vehicle with studded tires or tires with chains attached on a paved highway or road from May 1 through September 15, inclusive, north of 60 North Latitude and from April 15 through September 30, inclusive, south of 60 North Latitude, except that at any latitude on a paved portion of the Sterling Highway a person may not operate a motor vehicle with studded tires or tires with chains attached from May 1 through September 15, inclusive. The commissioner of public safety shall by emergency order provide for additional lawful operating periods based on unusual seasonal or weather conditions. An emergency order adopted under this section is not subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act). Upon application, a special individual traction permit may be issued by the Department of Administration allowing the operation of a motor vehicle with studded tires or chains at any time at the discretion of the vehicle owner. The fee for the special individual permit is one-third of the biennial registration fee applicable to that class of vehicle under AS 28.10.421(b), (c), or (h) [AS 28.10.421]. The department may provide an appropriate sticker or other device identifying the vehicle to which the permit applies."

Page 1, line 3:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 5**"

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, following line 5:

Insert new bill sections to read:

** **Sec. 6.** AS 43.40.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) In addition to the surcharge levied under AS 43.40.005, there is levied a tax of **16** [EIGHT] cents a gallon on all motor fuel sold or otherwise transferred within the state, except that

(1) the tax on aviation gasoline is four and seven-tenths cents a gallon;

(2) the tax on motor fuel used in and on watercraft of all descriptions is **10** [FIVE] cents a gallon;

(3) the tax on all aviation fuel other than gasoline is three and two-tenths cents a gallon; and

(4) the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is the same tax rate a gallon as other motor fuel; however, in an area and during the months in which fuel containing alcohol is required to be sold, transferred, or used in an effort to attain air quality standards for carbon monoxide as required by federal or state law or regulation, the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is six cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this subsection.

* **Sec. 7.** AS 43.40.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) In addition to the surcharge levied under AS 43.40.005, there is levied a tax of **16** [EIGHT] cents a gallon on all motor fuel consumed by a user, except that

(1) the tax on aviation gasoline consumed is four and seven-tenths cents a gallon;

(2) the tax on motor fuel used in and on watercraft of all descriptions is **10** [FIVE] cents a gallon;

(3) the tax on all aviation fuel other than gasoline is three and two-tenths cents a gallon; and

(4) the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is the same tax rate a gallon as other motor fuel; however, in an area and during the months in which fuel containing alcohol is required to be sold, transferred, or used in an effort to attain air quality standards for carbon monoxide as required by federal or state law or regulation, the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is six cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this subsection.

* **Sec. 8.** AS 43.40.030(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as specified in AS 43.40.010(j), a person who uses motor fuel to operate

(1) an internal combustion engine is entitled to a motor fuel tax refund of **12** [SIX] cents a gallon if

(A) [(1)] the tax on the motor fuel has been paid;

(B) [(2)] the motor fuel is not aviation fuel, or motor fuel used in or on watercraft; and

(C) [(3)] the internal combustion engine is not used in or in conjunction with a motor vehicle licensed to be operated on public ways; **or**

(2) a watercraft licensed under AS 16.05.490 or 16.05.530 and used for commercial fishing is entitled to a motor fuel tax refund of five cents a gallon if the tax on the motor fuel has been paid.

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

SUSPENSION OF TAX ON MOTOR FUEL. Notwithstanding AS 43.40.010(a) and (b), the taxes levied under AS 43.40.010(a) and (b) are suspended beginning the first day of the month following the effective date of this section and ending July 1, 2023. During the suspension, the Department of Revenue or a dealer that sells or otherwise transfers fuel in the state may not collect the taxes suspended under this section. This section does not apply to a payment of tax, interest, or a penalty due before the suspension takes effect.

* **Sec. 10.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

TRANSITION: REGULATIONS AND RETROACTIVITY OF REGULATIONS. The Department of Revenue may adopt regulations under AS 44.62 necessary to implement this Act. Notwithstanding AS 44.62.240, the Department of Revenue may adopt a regulation to implement sec. 9 of this Act that applies retroactively. A regulation adopted by the Department of Revenue to implement sec. 9 of this Act applies retroactively to the effective date of sec. 9 of this Act.

* **Sec. 11.** Sections 9 and 10 of this Act take effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, line 6:

Delete "This"

Insert "Section 5 of this"

Page 1, following line 6:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 13.** Except as provided in secs. 11 and 12 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2023."

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

Representative McCabe objected.

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

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Snyder

Story changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representatives Tarr, Drummond, Josephson, and Schrage:

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

Insert "**and the motor fuel tax**"

Page 1, following line 5:

Insert new bill sections to read:

** **Sec. 2.** AS 43.40.010(a) is amended to read:

(a) In addition to the surcharge levied under AS 43.40.005, there is levied a tax of **10** [EIGHT] cents a gallon on all motor fuel sold or otherwise transferred within the state, except that

(1) the tax on aviation gasoline is four and seven-tenths cents a gallon;

(2) the tax on motor fuel used in and on watercraft of all descriptions is **seven** [FIVE] cents a gallon;

(3) the tax on all aviation fuel other than gasoline is three and two-tenths cents a gallon; and

(4) the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is the same tax rate a gallon as other motor fuel; however, in an area and during the months in which fuel containing alcohol is required to be sold, transferred, or used in an effort to attain air quality standards for carbon monoxide as required by federal or state law or regulation, the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is six cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this subsection.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 43.40.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) In addition to the surcharge levied under AS 43.40.005, there is levied a tax of **10** [EIGHT] cents a gallon on all motor fuel consumed by a user, except that

(1) the tax on aviation gasoline consumed is four and seven-tenths cents a gallon;

(2) the tax on motor fuel used in and on watercraft of all descriptions is **seven** [FIVE] cents a gallon;

(3) the tax on all aviation fuel other than gasoline is three and two-tenths cents a gallon; and

(4) the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is the same tax rate a gallon as other motor fuel; however, in an area and during the months in which fuel containing alcohol is required to be sold, transferred, or used in an effort to attain air quality standards for carbon monoxide as required by federal or state law or regulation, the tax rate on motor fuel that is blended with alcohol is six cents a gallon less than the tax on other motor fuel not described in (1) - (3) of this subsection."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 1, line 6:

Delete "This"

Insert "Section 1 of this"

Page 1, following line 6:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Sec. 5.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act take effect January 1, 2024."

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

Representative McCabe objected.

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

CSHB 104(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

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

Excused: Snyder

And so, Amendment No. 3 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representatives Kurka and Eastman:

Page 1, line 1 (title amendment):

Delete "**relating to the refined fuel surcharge;**"

Page 1, lines 3-5:

Delete all material.

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

Representative Josephson objected.

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

CSHB 104(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 4

YEAS: 8 NAYS: 31 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, Tilton, Vance

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

Excused: Snyder

Story changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, Amendment No. 4 was not adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 104(FIN) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 104(FIN) am will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 135

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 135

"An Act relating to geothermal resources; relating to the definition of 'geothermal resources'; and providing for an effective date."

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with the:

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FN3: ZERO(DNR)	1714
FN4: (DNR)	1714
FIN RPT CS(RES) 8DP 2NR	2650
FN3: ZERO(DNR)	2650
FN4: (DNR)	2650

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. 135(RES)
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 135(RES) was adopted.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 135(RES) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 135(RES) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 289

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 289
"An Act establishing the Alaska marijuana industry task force;
and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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L&C RPT CS(L&C) 6DP 1NR	1857
FN1: (CED)	1857
FIN RPT CS(FIN) 8DP 2NR	2618
FN2: (CED)	2618

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. 289(FIN)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 289(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 289(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 222

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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FIN RPT 7DP 2NR

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FN1: (CED)

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Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 222 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

SB 222 will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Jason Wilson

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Wesley Verhamme

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Polly Carr

By Representatives Drummond, Tarr

Honoring - Juneau Capitals Alaska State Hockey Association 16UA State Champions

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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

Representative Edgmon objected, offered remarks, and removed the objection.

There being no further objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Nicky Myers

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative McCarty's excused absence (page 2738) be amended to end 8:00 a.m., May 10. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins – from 6:00 a.m., May 4 to 9:15 p.m., May 8

Representative Kaufman – from 4:00 p.m., May 4 to 10:00 a.m., May 9

Representative Thompson – from 12:30 p.m., May 5 to 10:15 a.m., May 9

Representative Cronk – from 4:00 p.m., May 5 to 8:00 p.m., May 8

Representative Gillham – from 4:00 p.m., May 6 to 9:30 p.m., May 8

Representative LeBon – from noon, May 20 to 1:00 p.m., May 21

HB 289

Representatives Spohnholz, Tarr, Drummond, and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FIN)

"An Act establishing the Alaska marijuana industry task force; and providing for an effective date."

HB 363

Per request of the Speaker, the following, which was transmitted to the Senate May 2 (page 2740), was returned:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 363(FIN)

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Speaker, citing Section 102 of Mason's Manual, cautioned the member to confine remarks to the topic.

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:

Sustain Ruling of the Chair

YEAS: 26 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 5

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

Nays: Eastman, Gillham, Johnson, Kaufman, Kurka, Rauscher, Tilton, Vance

Excused: Snyder

Absent: Cronk, McCabe, Rasmussen, Thompson, Zulkosky

And so, the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Finance Committee

CHANGED TO:

2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Tuck moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 8:00 a.m., May 4. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk