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First Day

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, and AS 24.05.160, the House of Representatives of the State of Alaska assembled in the House Chamber for the first regular session of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature, January 17 at 2:05 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable Nancy Dahlstrom, Lieutenant Governor.

The following members of an Honor Guard from the Girl Scouts of Alaska presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Sigrid Bogert, Isabel Danner, Cagney Davis, Joya McClain,
Gabrielle Williams, Cora Williams

Singer-songwriter and producer Taylor Vidic sang "The Alaska Flag Song."

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Blue of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Eternal God, Fountain of Wisdom,

It has pleased you to provide abundantly for us, prospering many generations from this great land.

It has pleased you so to make us that we are many peoples, but of one blood. You have multiplied your people and given us the strength of many cultures.

Spirit of justice, Creator Spirit; help this House to nurture the bones and sinews of civility, to make justice and provide sustenance for our elders and children.

We recall the words of the elders, how priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

Wisdom, you know better than we the temptations that will bring us down. Creator, protect us from greed and blind zeal: open the hearts of your servants, open our eyes to your mercy and guide our feet into the way of wisdom and peace.

We give you thanks and praise for this great land. May you be with these women and men the representatives who have been called by the people to protect your holy creation. Bless them so that they may bring blessings upon the future generations of Alaska. Amen.

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Senators Claman and Kaufman reported that the Senate is organized and ready to do business.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom read the following Certificate of Election:

CERTIFICATE

"I, Michaela Thompson, Acting Director of the Division of Elections for the State of Alaska, do hereby certify that in accordance with the

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provisions of AS 15.15.450, a General Election was held on the 8th day of November 2022, in the State of Alaska pursuant to AS 15.15.020 and the following are the certified results for the office designated:

House District 1	Daniel H. "Dan" Ortiz
House District 2	Rebecca Himschoot
House District 3	Andrea "Andi" Story
House District 4	Sara Hannan
House District 5	Louise B. Stutes
House District 6	Sarah L. Vance
House District 7	Justin Ruffridge
House District 8	Ben Carpenter
House District 9	Laddie H. Shaw
House District 10	Craig W. Johnson
House District 11	Julie Coulombe
House District 12	Calvin R. Schrage
House District 13	Andy Josephson
House District 14	Alyse S. Galvin
House District 15	Thomas W. "Tom" McKay
House District 16	Jennifer "Jennie" Armstrong
House District 17	William Z. "Zack" Fields
House District 18	Cliff Groh
House District 19	Genevieve G. Mina

House District 20	Andrew T. Gray
House District 21	Donna C. Mears
House District 22	Stanley A. Wright
House District 23	Jamie Allard
House District 24	Dan Saddler
House District 25	DeLena M. Johnson
House District 26	Cathy L. Tilton
House District 27	David Eastman
House District 28	Jesse M. Sumner
House District 29	George Rauscher
House District 30	Kevin J. McCabe
House District 31	Maxine L. Dibert
House District 32	Will B. Stapp
House District 33	Glenn M. "Mike" Prax
House District 34	Frank J. Tomaszewski
House District 35	Ashley E. Carrick
House District 36	Mike Cronk
House District 37	Bryce Edgmon
House District 38	Conrad J. "C.J." McCormick
House District 39	Neal W. Foster
House District 40	Josiah B. "Aullaqsruaq" Patkotak

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed hereto the Seal of the State of Alaska, at Juneau, the Capital, this 4th day of January, A.D. 2023.

/s/

Michaela Thompson, Acting Director
Division of Elections"

OATH OF OFFICE

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 1	Daniel H. "Dan" Ortiz
House District 2	Rebecca Himschoot
House District 3	Andrea "Andi" Story
House District 4	Sara Hannan

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 5	Louise B. Stutes
House District 6	Sarah L. Vance
House District 7	Justin Ruffridge
House District 8	Ben Carpenter

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 9	Laddie H. Shaw
House District 10	Craig W. Johnson
House District 11	Julie Coulombe
House District 12	Calvin R. Schrage

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

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Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 13	Andy Josephson
House District 14	Alyse S. Galvin
House District 15	Thomas W. "Tom" McKay
House District 16	Jennifer "Jennie" Armstrong

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 17	William Z. "Zack" Fields
House District 18	Cliff Groh
House District 19	Genevieve G. Mina
House District 20	Andrew T. Gray

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House District 21	Donna C. Mears
House District 22	Stanley A. Wright
House District 23	Jamie Allard
House District 24	Dan Saddler

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Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 25	DeLena M. Johnson
House District 26	Cathy L. Tilton
House District 27	David Eastman
House District 28	Jesse M. Sumner

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 29	George Rauscher
House District 30	Kevin J. McCabe
House District 31	Maxine L. Dibert
House District 32	Will B. Stapp

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 33	Glenn M. "Mike" Prax
House District 34	Frank J. Tomaszewski
House District 35	Ashley E. Carrick
House District 36	Mike Cronk

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom requested that the following members come forward to take the oath of office:

House District 37	Bryce Edgmon
House District 38	Conrad J. "C.J." McCormick
House District 39	Neal W. Foster
House District 40	Josiah B. "Aullaqsruaq" Patkotak

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom administered the oath of office to the members.

The Lieutenant Governor delivered remarks regarding the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature and announced that members could sign their oath of office today.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The Lieutenant Governor stated that nominations for Speaker pro tempore were now in order.

Representative Josephson nominated Representative Ruffridge as Speaker pro tempore.

Representative Shaw nominated Representative Patkotak as Speaker pro tempore.

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Carpenter moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Patkotak be Speaker pro tempore.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Representative Patkotak be elected Speaker pro Tempore?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Patkotak
Elect Speaker Pro Tempore

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Representative Patkotak was elected Speaker pro tempore.

Lieutenant Governor Dahlstrom appointed Representatives Mears and Sumner to escort Representative Patkotak, Speaker pro tempore, to the rostrum.

Speaker pro tempore Patkotak appointed Representatives Hannan and Tomaszewski to escort the Lieutenant Governor from the House Chamber.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following letter dated January 17 was received:

"Dear Representatives:

Pursuant to AS 24.10.030 and Uniform Rule 1(c), I have authorized House Chief Clerk Crystaline Jones and Sergeant At Arms Micaela Bradner and their respective staff to continue to assist the Lieutenant Governor and temporary presiding officer until the House is organized to do business and formally reappoints or replaces them.

Regards,

/s/

Jessica Geary

Executive Director"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 1:00 p.m., January 19.

Representative Eastman objected and moved to amend the motion to 10:00 a.m., January 18.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall the House Amend the motion to Adjourn to 10:00 a.m., January 18?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Amend Adjournment to 10:00 am January 18

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, the motion passed.

The question being: "Shall the House adjourn to 10:00 a.m., January 18?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Adjourn

To 10:00 am January 18

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hannan, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Saddler, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Carrick, Dibert, Groh, Himschoot, McCormick, Ruffridge, Shaw, Stutes, Sumner

And so, the House adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Acting Chief Clerk