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Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

January 19, 2023

Third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 2:05 p.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of White Fields Church. Representative Vance 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,

Give ear to my words, O Lord. Consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and My God. For to You I will pray. Psalms 5:1, 2

O Lord, I pray you fill this chamber with your presence as they begin this session. Bless each of the representatives. Grant them a working unity and fervency of spirit as they converse; an excitement for what lies ahead in this season, moving our state forward in the plans you have ordained for it.

For you are a mighty God, creator of the heavens and earth, by your great power and outstretched arm and you have a plan for us.

O Lord, I pray for the House now. Be their vision. Be their light. Be their peace. Keep them safe in their comings and goings. Protect their families.

I bless you now in the name of the Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Armstrong.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A message dated January 11 was read stating under the provision of art. III, sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor requests the opportunity to address a joint session of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 p.m. for presentation of the State of the State Address.

An amendment dated October 10 to the Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated September 17, 2022, with an accompanying letter were received. The amendment expands the West Coast Storm Disaster to include the Pribilof Islands Regional Education Attendance Area. The letter and declaration were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A letter dated October 10, 2022, was received requesting concurrence from the Legislature to increase the funding limitation for the September 2022 West Coast Storm disaster to \$40 million of Federal Authorization along with the original \$10 million from the disaster relief fund in accordance with AS 26.23.020(i) and (k) and per AS 26.23.025(a). The letter and attached finance plan were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A letter dated November 1, 2022, requesting Legislative concurrence pursuant to AS 26.23.020(k)(2)(B) for transfer of General Funds from the Disaster Relief Fund was received. The letter was copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and is on file in the Chief Clerk's Office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency and accompanying letter dated November 14, 2022, regarding the North Slope Borough severe sea storm were received. The declaration and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

An updated finance plan dated November 29, 2022, and accompanying letter dated December 1, 2022, regarding the Village of Tununak Washeteria Fire disaster were received. The letter and finance plan were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

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Pursuant to Uniform Rule 1(e), the Speaker appointed the following members to the Committee on Committees:

Representative Tilton, Chair
Representative C. Johnson
Representative D. Johnson
Representative Patkotak
Representative Schrage

The Speaker appointed Representatives Shaw and Dibert to advise the Governor that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Cronk and Himschoot to advise the Senate that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would stand at ease; and so, the House stood at ease at 2:13 p.m.

AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 3:03 p.m.

Representative Shaw reported that the Governor was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Cronk reported that the Senate was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 17 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 7:00 p.m., January 23 to hear the Governor's State of the State address.

A message dated January 17 was read stating the Senate ratified the following members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

- Senator Stevens
- Senator Tobin
- Senator Olson (alternate)
- Senator Wilson (alternate)

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

- Dept. of Administration
- Division of Retirement and Benefits
- Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports
- Public Employees' Retirement System
- Teachers' Retirement System
- Deferred Compensation Plan
- Supplemental Annuity Plan
- <https://drb.alaska.gov/docs/reports/>
- Fiscal Year 2022
- (as required by AS 37.10.220)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Premium Analysis
December 20, 2022
(as required by Chapter No. 11, SLA 2022)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Professional Licensing Fee Stabilization Report
December 20, 2022
(as required by Chapter No. 11, SLA 2022)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Healthcare Payment And Utilization Database
December 20, 2022
(as required by Chapter No. 11, SLA 2022)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Alaska Railroad Corporation
5-Year Capital Plan
December 1, 2022
(as required by AS 42.40.290)

Alaska Court System
FY 2022 Annual Report
<https://courts.alaska.gov/admin/index.htm#annualrep>
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Dept. of Education & Early Development
Reported Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Resulting
in Suspension or Expulsion
School Years 2007-2022
(as required by AS 14.33.210)

Alaska Energy Authority
Susitna-Watana Hydro Project
2023 Report
www.susitna-watanahydro.org
(as required by AS 44.83.085)

Dept. of Family & Community Services
Office of Children's Services
Annual Report to the Legislature on Caseloads, Staffing, Recruitment,
Retention, and the Impacts on Child Welfare Outcomes
November 15, 2022
(as required by AS 47.14.112)

Office of the Governor
Office of Management and Budget
Report of Publications required by Alaska statutes
(as required by Chapter 63, SLA 2022)

Dept. of Health
Alaska's Opioid Response 2021-2022
October 1, 2022
(as required by AS 17.20.085)

Dept. of Health
Annual Medicaid Reform Report: FY 2022
November 15, 2022
(as required by AS 47.05.270)

Dept. of Health
Senior and Disabilities Services
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Waitlist Eradication Report
December 20, 2022
(as required by Chapter No. 11, SLA 2022)

Dept. of Health
FY 2023 Operating Grants
<https://health.alaska.gov/fms/grants/Documents/Grant-Book/FY23-Grant-Book.pdf>
(as required by AS 18.25.110)

Dept. of Health
Dept. of Law
Joint Legislative Report
Fraud, Waste, Abuse, Payment and Eligibility Errors
November 2022
(as required by AS 47.07.076)

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Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
2022 Annual Report
<https://www.ahfc.us/about-us/reports/2022-Annual-Report>
(as required by AS 18.56.200)

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

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority
2022 Annual Report
January 2023
(as required by AS 44.88.210)

Dept. of Law
Federal Laws and Litigation Report
January 15, 2023
(as required by AS 44.23.020)

Legislative Affairs Agency
Division of Legal and Research Services
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
December 2022
(as required by AS 24.20.065)

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
2023 Reports to the Alaska Legislature on:
Identified RS 2477 Rights-of-Way
Availability of the Annual Mining Report
Status of the Land Disposal Income Fund
Status of Land in the Land Disposal Bank
Water Removals and Exports
Notification of Interim Classifications (Closing Land to Mineral Entry)
Cooperative Resource Management or Development Agreements

Efforts to Maintain or Enhance Access to and Along Fishing Streams
Aquatic Farm Program

January 2023

(as required by AS 19.30.400, 27.05.060, 38.04.022, 38.04.020,
46.15.020, 38.05.300, 38.05.027, 38.04.205, and 38.05.035 respectively)

House Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity

Annual Report

December 31, 2022

(as required by House Resolve No. 8)

Dept. of Public Safety

2022 Report on Untested Sexual Assault Examination Kits

November 1, 2022

(as required by AS 44.41.070)

Dept. of Revenue

Oil and Gas Tax Credit Certificates Purchased in 2022

January 5, 2023

(as required by AS 43.05.230)

Dept. of Revenue

Treasury Division

Alaska ABLE program

Annual Report

January 17, 2023

(as required by AS 06.65.350)

The following audit reports were received from the Division of
Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required
by AS 24.20.311:

2022 Annual Report, Unabridged

2022 Annual Report, Condensed

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Sunset Review

October 14, 2022

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
State Medical Board
Sunset Review
July 19, 2022

Office of the Governor
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights
Special Review
July 20, 2022

The following memorandum dated November 9, 2022, from Hilary V. Martin, Revisor of Statutes, was received:

"Under sec. 9, ch. 32, SLA 2021, AS 03.05.077 is repealed. Under sec. 10(a), ch. 32, SLA 2021, sec. 9 takes effect "only if the United States Department of Agriculture approves an industrial hemp program plan submitted by the Department of Natural Resources under AS 03.05.076(i) before January 1, 2030". Section 11, ch. 32, SLA 2021, provides that if sec. 9 takes effect, it "takes effect on the day after the date on which the revisor of statutes receives notice from the commissioner of natural resources" under sec. 10(b), ch. 32, SLA 2021. I received notice on September 9, 2022, from the commissioner of natural resources that the industrial hemp plan had been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. Therefore, the effective date of sec. 9, ch. 32, SLA 2021, is September 10, 2022.

Please publish this in the journal to provide notice of this effective date."

The following memorandum dated July 15, 2022, from Hilary V. Martin, Revisor of Statutes, was received:

"Section 14, ch. 33, SLA 2018, required notice to the revisor of statutes regarding the status of bonds issued by the Alaska Tax Credit Certificate Bond Corporation. That section reads:

NOTICE TO REVISOR OF STATUTES. (a) The commissioner of revenue shall notify the revisor of statutes in writing

(1) if bonds

(A) are not issued under AS 37.18.010 - 37.18.190 by January 1, 2022; or

(B) are issued under AS 37.18.010 - 37.18.190 before January 1, 2022, when the principal amounts of the bonds issued under AS 37.18.010 - 37.18.190, together with the interest on them and any interest owing on unpaid installments of interest, and all other obligations with respect to the bonds, have been fully met and discharged; and

(2) when

(A) there are no outstanding applications for purchase of tax credit certificates or claims for refunds or payments for which payment has not been made under AS 43.55.028(e); and

(B) it has been at least one year since a person has applied for a purchase, refund, or payment under AS 43.55.028.

(b) In this section,

(1) "claim for refund or payment" means a refund or payment claimed under AS 43.20.046, 43.20.047, or 43.20.053 subject to payment under AS 43.55.028;

(2) "tax credit certificate" means a transferable tax credit certificate issued under AS 43.55.023 or a production tax credit certificate issued under AS 43.55.025 subject to purchase under AS 43.55.028.

On January 3, 2022, Lucinda Mahoney, commissioner of revenue, gave notice to the revisor of statutes that "[d]ue to the ruling in *Forrer v. State of Alaska*, this legislation has been struck down and therefore, bonds have not been issued by the January 1, 2022 date provided in the uncodified law and no payments or applications have been made under this law."

Please publish this in the journal to provide notice of the status of oil and gas tax credit certificate bonds."

A letter dated November 10, 2022, from Speaker Stutes was received stating that Representative Story had been appointed to replace Representative Drummond on the Education Commission of the States.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following report of the Committee on Committees, dated January 19 was received:

The Committee on Committees met and submits the following names of Representatives to serve on the respective House committees:

Community & Regional Affairs: McCormick, Chair; McCabe, Vice Chair; McKay, Patkotak, Ruffridge, Himschoot, Mears

Education: Allard and Ruffridge, Co-chairs; Prax, McCormick, McKay, Himschoot, Story

Finance: D. Johnson, Edgmon, and Foster, Co-chairs; Coulombe, Cronk, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz

Health & Social Services: Prax, Chair; McCormick, Ruffridge, Saddler, Sumner, Fields, Mina

Judiciary: Vance, Chair; Allard, Vice Chair; Carpenter, C. Johnson, Eastman, Gray, Groh

Labor & Commerce: Sumner, Chair; Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Wright, Carrick, Fields

Resources: McKay, Chair; McCabe, Patkotak, Rauscher, Saddler, Wright, Armstrong, Mears, Dibert

Rules: C. Johnson, Chair; Tilton, Vice Chair; Allard, Sumner, Shaw, Fields, Schrage

State Affairs: Shaw, Chair; Wright, Vice Chair; Carpenter, C. Johnson, Allard, Armstrong, Story

Transportation: McCabe, Chair; C. Johnson, McKay, Vance, Stutes, Mina, Gray

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House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: Wright, Chair; Shaw, Carpenter, Groh (pending passage of HR 1)

House Special Committee on Fisheries: Vance, Chair; McCabe, McCormick, Stutes (pending passage of HR 2)

House Special Committee on Ways & Means: Carpenter, Chair; Allard, Groh (pending passage of HR 3)

House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs: McCormick, Chair; Carpenter, Vance, Dibert (pending passage of HR 4)

House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, and Tourism: Wright, Chair; Rauscher, Shaw, Carrick (pending passage of HR 5)

House Special Committee on Energy: Rauscher, Chair; McKay, Patkotak, Schrage (pending passage of HR 6)

The report was signed by Representative Tilton, Chair; and Representatives C. Johnson, D. Johnson, Patkotak, and Schrage.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adopt the Committee on Committees report.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the Committee on Committees report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Committee on Committees Report
Adopt

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

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, 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

Nays: Eastman

And so, the motion passed.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HJR 1

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1 by Representative Josephson:

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to marriage.

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

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

HB 1

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1 by Representatives Rauscher and Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections."

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

HB 2

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to contracts with public agencies; and relating to the State of Israel."

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

HB 3

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3 by Representatives McCabe, Rauscher, and D. Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

HB 4

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 4 by Representatives Vance and Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections."

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

HB 5

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 5 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to convening the legislature in Anchorage; relating to the regulation of lobbying; relating to annual student guests of the legislature; relating to locations of sessions of the legislature; relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; relating to the relocation of functions of state government; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

HB 6

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 6 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public education; relating to opioid

abuse awareness and prevention; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, Education, and Finance Committees.

HB 7

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 7 by Representative Hannan, entitled:

"An Act relating to the office of administrative hearings; relating to the types of proceedings handled by the office of administrative hearings; relating to the entities that may use the services of the office of administrative hearings; relating to the duties of the chief administrative law judge, including the power to hire professional staff; relating to the qualifications and powers of administrative law judges, including subpoena power; relating to the compensation of the chief administrative law judge; relating to complaints against administrative law judges and hearing officers; relating to reimbursement for costs incurred by the office of administrative hearings; relating to procedures for requesting and conducting proceedings of the office of administrative hearings; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 8

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 8 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Transportation Committees.

HB 9

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 9 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

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

HB 10

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to costs of and charges for textbooks and other course materials required for University of Alaska courses; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 11

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 11 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of assault in the presence of a child."

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

HB 12

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 12 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal regulation of trapping; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Resources, and Finance Committees.

HB 13

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 13 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the definition of 'employer' for the purposes of the State Commission for Human Rights."

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

HB 14

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 14 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to aggravating factors considered at sentencing."

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

HB 15

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Health & Social Services Committees.

HB 16

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 16 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act requiring the state medical assistance program to provide certain services; relating to cost containment measures for the state medical assistance program; relating to payment for adult dental services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Finance Committees.

HB 17

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 17 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, Community & Regional Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 18

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 18 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to regional fishery development associations; and relating to developing fishery management assessments."

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

HB 19

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 19 by Representatives Stutes and Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 20

(Profile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 20 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 21

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 21 by Representatives Vance and McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, Education, and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 22

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 22 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to participation of certain peace officers and firefighters in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; relating to eligibility of peace officers and firefighters for medical, disability, and death benefits; relating to liability of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 23

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 23 by Representative Mina, entitled:

"An Act establishing the month of October as Filipino American History Month."

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

HB 24

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 24 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the membership of the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar."

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

HB 25

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 25 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to eligibility for the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee, the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs, and the Finance Committee.

HB 26

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 26 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act renaming the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council as the Council for Alaska Native Languages; and relating to the Council for Alaska Native Languages."

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

HB 27

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 by Representative McKay, entitled:

"An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports."

was read the first time and referred to the Education and Health & Social Services Committees.

HB 28

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 28 by Representative Wright, entitled:

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 29

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 29 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance discrimination."

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

HB 30

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 30 by Representatives Ortiz and D. Johnson, entitled:

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

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 31

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 31 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska performance scholarship program."

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

HB 32

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 32 by Representative McKay, entitled:

"An Act relating to appeals of administrative decisions related to oil or gas; establishing an oil and gas production working group; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 33

(Prefile released January 9)

HOUSE BILL NO. 33 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to penalties for discharges of oil and other pollution violations; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 34

(Prefile released January 13)

HOUSE BILL NO. 34 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the selection and retention of court of appeals and district court judges and magistrates; relating to the qualifications of supreme court justices, superior court judges, district court judges, and magistrates; relating to the duties of the judicial council; relating to the duties of the Commission on Judicial Conduct; and repealing Rule 19.1, Alaska Rules of Administration."

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

HB 35

(Prefile released January 13)

HOUSE BILL NO. 35 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the certificate of need program for health care facilities; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 36

(Prefile released January 13)

HOUSE BILL NO. 36 by Representative Schrage, entitled:

"An Act requiring the disclosure of the identity of certain persons, groups, and nongroup entities that expend money in support of or in opposition to an application filed for a state referendum or recall election; relating to political contributions; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time.

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 36 by Representative Schrage.

(same title)

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

HB 37

(Prefile released January 13)

HOUSE BILL NO. 37 by Representative Schrage, entitled:

"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to the crime of unlawful interference with voting; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 38

HOUSE BILL NO. 38 by Representatives Stapp and D. Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee, the House Special Committee on Ways & Means, and the Finance Committee.

HB 39

HOUSE BILL NO. 39 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making reappropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the State's operating expenses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

This appropriation bill includes \$6,758.8 million unrestricted general funds, \$875.7 million designated general funds, \$1,675.5 million other state funds, and \$3,178.3 million federal funds.

The FY 2024 budget invests in development of the state economy, ensures the safety of all Alaskans, funds K-12 education at the full formula level, and includes a full statutory Permanent Fund Dividend.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2024 operating budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 40

HOUSE BILL NO. 40 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations and other appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

This appropriation bill includes \$266.3 million in unrestricted general funds, \$72.7 million in designated general funds, \$109.7 million in other state funds, and \$1,661.7 million in federal funds.

The FY 2024 proposed capital budget invests in projects that enhance public protection and generate economic activity for the state, provides matching funds for federal surface transportation and aviation, water and wastewater programs, and funds deferred maintenance programs for aging state assets.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2024 capital budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 41

HOUSE BILL NO. 41 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

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

A letter dated January 17, with accompanying spread sheets, to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority from Neil Steininger, Director, Office of Management and Budget, was attached (as required by AS 37.14.003) and is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 17 follows:

"Dear Chief Clerk:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. As required by statute, this bill includes both operating and capital appropriations.

This budget includes \$176.3 million in unrestricted general funds, \$45.8 million in designated general funds, and \$19.2 million in Mental Health Trust Authority funds.

The FY 2024 proposed mental health budget includes requests that were put forward to the Office of Management and Budget by the Alaska Mental Health Trust (Trust). The requests support programs and activities in Trust focus areas that meet the identified treatment and service needs of Trust beneficiaries and areas of system change to improve the lives of beneficiaries.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2024 budget for Alaska's comprehensive mental health program.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved that the House confirm the appointments of Representatives D. Johnson and Hannan and Representatives Prax and Josephson (alternates) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House confirm the appointments of Representatives D. Johnson and Hannan and Representatives Prax and Josephson (alternates) to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

Confirm - Representatives D. Johnson and Hannan
Representatives Prax and Josephson, Alternates
Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

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

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, 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

Nays: Eastman

And so, the appointments were confirmed.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The Speaker made the following appointments:

Legislative Council: McCabe, Vice Chair; Tilton, C. Johnson, Saddler, Edgmon, Rauscher, Hannan

Legislative Budget and Audit: Carpenter, Chair; D. Johnson, Vance, Tomaszewski, Josephson

Joint Armed Services: Shaw, Co-chair; Prax, Rauscher, Wright, Groh

In accordance with Uniform Rule 3, Representative C. Johnson nominated Crystalline Jones as Chief Clerk of the House for the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature and moved and asked unanimous consent that the nominations be closed and Crystalline Jones be elected as Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative C. Johnson introduced the following Clerk's staff:

Christian Brown
Krisztina Bury
Lydia Kline

Julie McDowell
Jackie Schulz
Lou Taylor

Representative C. Johnson appointed Micaela Bradner as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House for the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature.

Representative Saddler 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 Dibert – from afternoon plane time, January 20 to morning plane time, January 23

Representative Ortiz – from evening plane time, today to evening plane time, January 22

Representative Story – from morning ferry time, January 20 to ferry time, January 22

Representative Himschoot – from evening plane time, January 20 to afternoon plane time, January 22

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., January 20. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk