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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Allard be excused from a call of the House from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., today.

The invocation was offered by Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Paul D. Beran, Pastor Emeritus of Resurrection Lutheran 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 deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you to a time of reflection, silence, and prayer:

Gracious Lord of all wondrous and diverse creation, Thank you for making each person here unique and special. Give us the courage to personally claim and then live out our best self. As we listen to our colleagues with varying perspectives, enlarge our world. Save us from the temptation to put another down. Help us to disagree without being disagreeable. Empower this House to lead all Alaskans as together we claim a beautiful heritage and a promising future. Help us to serve others, especially the young and those on the margins of society. This I pray in the name of the one who came, not to be served but to serve. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Fields.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 18th, 19th, and 20th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Patkotak introduced Nasuayaaq Milligrock and Magdalena Stringer, Guest Pages, from Point Hope and Utqiagvik.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and taken up as a Special Order of Business:

In Memoriam – Sandy Coons By Senator Hughes; Representatives Tilton, D. Johnson

In Memoriam – Charles Frank Kaucic, Jr. By Senator Hughes

In Memoriam – Patricia Linda Kendall By Senator Hughes

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, In Memoriam – Sandy Coons, Charles Frank Kaucic, Jr., and Patricia Linda Kendall, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam – Sandy Coons By Senator Hughes; Representatives Tilton, D. Johnson

In Memoriam – Charles Frank Kaucic, Jr. By Senator Hughes

In Memoriam – Patricia Linda Kendall By Senator Hughes

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 61

HOUSE BILL NO. 61 by Representatives Tilton, McCabe, and Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to restrictions on firearms and other weapons."

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

HB 62

HOUSE BILL NO. 62 by Representatives Edgmon and Schrage, entitled:

"An Act relating to the renewable energy grant fund and recommendation program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 63

HOUSE BILL NO. 63 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act repealing the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to superior court jurisdiction over appeals from Alaska Workers' Compensation Board decisions; repealing Rules 201.1, 401.1, and 501.1, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, and amending Rules 202(a), 204(a)

- (c), 210(e), 601(b), 602(c) and (h), and 603(a), Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

Commemorating - Elizabeth Peratrovich Day By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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 Tomaszewski – from noon, February 10 to 9:30 p.m., February 11

Representative Coulombe – from noon, February 17 to 8:00 p.m., February 19

HB 15

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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

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HB 17

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"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."

HB 19

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO 19

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

HB 22

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

"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."

HB 23

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

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

HB 28

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

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

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HB 46

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 46

"An Act allowing child care providers that receive state aid to organize and collectively bargain with the Department of Health; and establishing the child care provider fund."

HB 56

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

"An Act exempting controlled substances prescribed or dispensed by a veterinarian to treat an animal from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:50 a.m., February 7 for a joint session. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Crystaline Jones Chief Clerk