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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:02 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Paul 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 centering, silence, and prayer:

Gracious Lord fountainhead of wisdom,
Ages ago you richly formed the oil and buried the minerals deep in the earth. You filled the rivers with teeming salmon. Today we ask for wisdom. As we seek to be grateful and good stewards of what you have wonderfully provided, save us from the nearsightedness of the next election or blindness to our changing climate. Give us that far-sighted wisdom to increasingly build up this state; to train, to encourage, and to care for all the people, especially the voiceless without lobbyist: the youngest, those living in the Bush, and those on the margins. I ask this in the Name of the One Who came, not to be served, but to serve. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Foster.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 21st and 22nd legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 4 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Story introduced Ana Scopel, Guest Page, from Gramado, Brazil.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Education & Early Development
Annual Report on School Performance
Alaska's Public Schools: A Report Card to the Public
February 6, 2023
<https://education.alaska.gov/compass/report-card>
(as required by AS 14.03.120)

Dept. of Health & Social Services
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Registration and Review Report
Fiscal Year 2022
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Documents/dd/2019ddregistryreport.pdf>
(as required by AS 47.80.130)

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Technical and Vocational Education Program
Annual Report Fiscal Year 2022
February 8, 2023
(as required by AS 23.15.835)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following report of the Committee on Committees, dated February 8, was read submitting amendments to the January 19 report (pages 27-29). The amendments follow:

Transportation Committee: Stutes changes from majority to minority member, Sumner replaces Gray.

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. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring – Marjorie Menzi

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 4

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Representatives Mina, Wright, Sumner, and Armstrong:

Honoring the Alaska-Korea relationship; and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and the 120th anniversary of the first Korean immigration to the United States.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 64

HOUSE BILL NO. 64 by Representative Cronk, entitled:

"An Act providing for trapping licenses for active members of the Alaska National Guard and military reserves without charge; making sport fishing, hunting, and trapping permanent identification cards available to certain disabled veterans without charge; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 65

HOUSE BILL NO. 65 by Representatives Ortiz, Fields, Dibert, Carrick, Schrage, Armstrong, and Himschoot, entitled:

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 66

HOUSE BILL NO. 66 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to homicide resulting from conduct involving controlled substances; relating to the computation of good time; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Family and Community Services
3. Zero, Dept. of Law
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 7 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to penalties for drug distribution and using controlled substances.

Drugs and drug overdoses have had a devastating effect on our state. According to the Department of Health's 2021 Drug Overdose Mortality Update, between 2020 and 2021, Alaska experienced the largest percent increase of drug overdose deaths of any state. In 2021, Alaska recorded over 100 deaths more than the previous year. Unfortunately, fentanyl, a highly potent opioid, makes up a large percentage of these drug related deaths. Increasingly, those who distribute drugs are mixing fentanyl with other types of drugs in order to cultivate addiction and attract buyers. These buyers may not necessarily know that fentanyl is mixed in with their drug of choice, increasing the risks associated with drug use.

This legislation attacks the problem at the point of distribution, making it second degree murder when a person distributes or manufactures a controlled substance and a person dies as a direct result of ingesting that substance. This legislation further serves to protect our communities by ensuring offenders convicted of distributing or manufacturing drugs will not be subject to early release due to a "good time" deduction from their sentence. Those who choose to manufacture or distribute drugs illegally should be put on notice that there are significant consequences for the harm they cause.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 67

HOUSE BILL NO. 67 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to the crime of stalking; relating to consecutive sentencing for violation of conditions of release; relating to the duty to register as a sex offender; amending the definition of 'sex offense'; amending the definition of 'crime involving domestic violence'; relating to multidisciplinary child protection teams; amending Rule 6(r), Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Law
3. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 7 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to increased protection for victims of sex offenses and domestic violence.

This legislation eliminates gaps in Alaska's criminal justice system and improves our laws to help victims. Specifically, the bill removes incentives for sex offenders from out of state to relocate to Alaska; helps our law enforcement personnel better monitor the activities of sex offenders within our state; more appropriately groups violations of protective orders for stalking and sexual assault with violations of protective orders for domestic violence; ensures adequate sanctions for repeated violations of conditions of release; reduces the trauma victims experience by participating in our justice system; and ensures professionals can engage with children involved in sex offenses to provide help to those children.

For too long Alaska has had the unfortunate distinction of having the highest rate of sexual assault in the United States according to FBI data. Alaska's sexual assault rate is more than four times the national average, and more than double that of the next closest state. Given these statistics, it is deeply troubling that our existing laws have critical gaps that allow convicted sex offenders to go undetected, make Alaska a refuge for sex offenders, and leave our most vulnerable citizens exposed.

This legislation eliminates Alaska as an option for sex offenders from other states seeking to avoid registration requirements by updating Alaska's registration requirement to be more in line with the federal scheme. Under existing law, a sex offender who is required to register in their state of conviction is not always required to register in Alaska. This makes Alaska attractive to sex offenders who seek to avoid registration. This legislation closes that gap and simply says: "If you are required to register in your home state and you come to Alaska, you will be required to register here, regardless of when you were convicted." This change will respect the decision made in the person's home state that required the person to register, as well as protect Alaskans. A sex offender should not be allowed to avoid registration simply by moving to Alaska.

The legislation also protects victims of stalking by increasing the level of offense where a person stalks someone in violation of a stalking or sexual assault protective order. Under current law, a person can be convicted of stalking in the first degree, which is a felony, for stalking someone while violating a domestic violence protective order. However, it is only a misdemeanor for violation of a stalking protective order. This legislation would close that gap and include stalking someone in violation of a stalking or sexual assault protective order among the conduct that will elevate the offense to stalking in the first degree (class C felony).

The legislation further protects victims and the public by mandating additional sanctions when defendants repeatedly violate conditions of release. Unfortunately, defendants often disregard the conditions and bail imposed by the court. This conduct turns our jails into revolving doors and is a drain on Alaska's justice system. To help address this growing problem, the legislation requires that the court impose

additional jail time for each conviction of violation of conditions of release under AS 11.56.757. This additional sanction will send a message that bail and conditions imposed by the court are to be followed and that there are consequences for failing to do so.

The legislation also reduces the stress that victims are forced to experience when required to testify at grand jury. More than 30 other jurisdictions allow grand jury proceedings without requiring the victim to testify. Alaska law, on the other hand, requires that a victim take time off work or school to testify, and insists those victims relive their trauma before the grand jury – a room of strangers. This is required even though the victim provides statements to law enforcement usually mere days earlier. This all makes the grand jury process cumbersome and inefficient and causes a hardship on the victim and witnesses. This legislation relaxes the rules and allows key witnesses, typically the officer in the case, to summarize the testimony of other witnesses. This will permit prosecutors to call fewer witnesses at the grand jury phase of the case, reducing the need for the victim to relive their trauma so soon after the crime occurred. It will also make the process more efficient and reduce the backlog that was created when grand juries were suspended due to COVID-19.

Finally, the legislation makes changes aimed at protecting our most vulnerable citizens: our children. The legislation allows multidisciplinary child protection teams to accept referrals of cases where there has been sexual contact or sexual penetration that occurs between children under the age of 13. Typically, when children who are under 13 engage in this type of behavior, prosecution or adjudication is not considered appropriate or effective. Rather the mental and physical well-being of both children becomes the singular goal. However, without this change, the multidisciplinary child protection teams cannot engage at all. Giving multidisciplinary child protection teams, who are the experts in this field, the statutory authority to accept referrals of these cases will make it easier to appropriately address this behavior in young children and provide the children with any needed therapeutic assistance.

This legislation will close gaps in our laws and better protect Alaskans. The legislation will provide the tools for us to monitor offenders and protect Alaskans from future victimization.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 68

HOUSE BILL NO. 68 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to sex trafficking; establishing the crime of patron of a victim of sex trafficking; relating to the crime of human trafficking; relating to prostitution; relating to sentencing for sex trafficking, patron of a victim of sex trafficking, and human trafficking; establishing the process for vacating judgments for certain convictions of prostitution and misconduct involving a controlled substance; relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; relating to permanent fund dividends for certain individuals whose convictions are vacated; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Law
3. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety
8. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 7 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to clarify and improve Alaska's sex trafficking and human trafficking laws; establish the crime of patron of a victim of sex trafficking; and create a process for a sex trafficking victim convicted of prostitution to have that conviction vacated.

Alaska's sex trafficking and human trafficking statutes do not adequately address the serious nature of these offenses or provide sufficient protections for underage victims. The current language in these statutes is archaic and fails to address the realities faced by individuals forced into the labor or sex trade, creating situations where victims are unaided and perpetrators go undetected.

This legislation will restructure the human trafficking and sex trafficking statutes to address the realities of how these offenses are committed and to protect underage victims. The bill increases the penalties for all forms of trafficking, placing the most serious classification on those crimes that use force to traffic an underage person. Sex trafficking in the first, second, and third degree is now treated as a sex offense for purposes of sentencing, thereby enhancing the penalties. Sex trafficking in the first and second degree would also require sex offender registration, while sex trafficking in the third degree would not require registration.

The legislation also establishes the new crime of "patron of a victim of sex trafficking." While it is crucial to target those who traffic individuals, it is equally important to address those who create a demand for victims of sex trafficking, specifically underage victims.

The legislation also targets persons who patronize those engaging in sex work. First, it increases the penalties for this conduct and establishes mandatory minimums based on the number of times a person is convicted. If a person is convicted three times within five years, the offense will become a felony. Sex trafficking would not exist without those who pay for sex. We cannot begin to address this scourge if we continue to look the other way as people continually fund the sex trafficking industry.

Finally, the legislation establishes a mechanism by which a person convicted of prostitution or low-level drug possession can request that the conviction be vacated if they were a victim of sex trafficking at the time of the offense. The threat of being charged with a crime is often something that traffickers will use to continue to control their victims. It is important for society to recognize that these victims often have no other choice, and they should not be treated as criminals when they are, in fact, victims themselves.

Human trafficking and sex trafficking are insidious crimes that ruin lives. It is time that our statutes adequately address the devastation this predatory conduct has on our society and protect those who need it most.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR 1

The following was read the second time:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Proposing amendments to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to the 2020 edition of "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" and relating to standing committees; and providing for an effective date for the amendments.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**"

Insert "**Procedure, relating to use of chambers and galleries,**"

Page 1, following line 11:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

**** Sec. 2.** Rule 12, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

Rule 12. Use of Chambers and Offices. Legislative chambers are to be used only for the official business of the legislature during legislative sessions. During the session access to the chambers and their galleries is under the control of the presiding officer of the house to which the space is assigned, and the assignment of legislative offices and use of committee rooms shall be provided for by and be under the control of the Rules Committee. **When the legislature is in session, members of the public shall enjoy the same access to the capitol as members, and, unless prohibited by the presiding officer, shall be permitted in the galleries.**"

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

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

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following the second occurrence of **"to"**: (title amendment)

Insert **"election of a parliamentarian,"**

Page 1, line 2:

Delete **"Procedure" and relating to"**

Insert **"Procedure," and"**

Page 1, following line 4:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

**** Section 1.** Rule 3, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(d) The legislature shall elect a parliamentarian to serve for the two-year duration of the legislature. The parliamentarian is nominated jointly by the Rules Committee of each house and elected in joint session by a majority vote of the full membership of each house."

Page 1, line 5:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

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

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 2. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**" and"

Insert "**Procedure,**" relating to the appearance of measures on the daily calendar after the ninetieth day of the regular session, and"

Page 1, following line 11:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Sec. 2.** Rule 18, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) No measure other than an appropriation bill may appear on the daily calendar after the ninetieth day of a regular session."

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

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

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**" and"

Insert "**Procedure,**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**committees**":

Insert "**, and relating to notice of committee meetings**"

Page 2, following line 27:

Insert new resolution sections to read:

"* **Sec. 3.** Rule 23(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(a) Written notice of the time, place and subject matter of all meetings of standing, special, and joint committees during a week shall be provided by the person who chairs the committee to the chief clerk or secretary by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the week of the meeting, except that, during the first week of the first regular session, **notice shall be given** not **later** [LESS] than **the day preceding the meeting** [24 HOURS NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN]. The person who chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred shall provide to the chief clerk or secretary written notice of the time and place of the first public hearing on the bill or resolution at least five days before the hearing. However, this requirement may be waived by motion of the person who chairs the committee to which a bill or resolution is first referred if concurred in by majority vote of the full membership of the house. The chief clerk or secretary shall publish and distribute copies of the weekly schedule of committee meetings and of the five-day notice of hearing.

* **Sec. 4.** Uniform Rule 23(d), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(d) The provisions of (a) and (b) of this rule do not apply to a standing, special, or joint committee meeting scheduled after the

date a conference committee has been chosen to consider amendments to or differences between versions of the general appropriation act. However, a person who chairs a standing, special, or joint committee shall post written notice of the time, place and subject matter of a meeting **not later than the day preceding** [AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE] the meeting."

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

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

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 4. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**" and relating to"

Insert "**Procedure,**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**committees**":

Insert "**, and adjournment**"

Page 2, following line 31:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Sec. 4.** Rule 52, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

Rule 52. Adjournment. Neither house may adjourn or recess for longer than three days unless the other concurs. (Sec. 10, Art. II, State Constitution.) Adoption of a concurrent resolution by a majority vote of the full membership of each house constitutes concurrence. A motion to adjourn or recess a session is in order when it is the intention of the legislature to recess or adjourn to a day certain. A motion to adjourn sine die is in order [ONLY] at the end of a [SECOND] regular session or a special session.
Unless changed by a vote of two-thirds of the full membership

of both houses, the legislature shall, by operation of this rule, be adjourned sine die from a regular session at 12:00 a.m. on the 91st legislative day."

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 6 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**" and"

Insert "**Procedure,**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**committees**":

Insert "**, and relating to returning a bill not acted on by a committee**"

Page 2, following line 27:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Sec. 3.** Rule 24(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(a) A committee acts on all bills referred to it and reports its actions and recommendations to the house as soon as practicable. Committee reports must be in writing and the report must be signed by a majority of the members of the committee. The report will note the recommendation of each member signing the report. **If, after 21 days, a committee has not reported its action on a bill referred to it, the committee chair shall return the bill to the chief clerk or senate secretary with a written notice to the body that the committee did not act on the bill.**"

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 6. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 7 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**"

Insert "**Procedure, relating to use of chambers,**"

Page 1, following line 11:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Sec. 2.** Rule 12, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

Rule 12. Use of Chambers and Offices. Legislative chambers are to be used only for the official business of the legislature during legislative sessions. During the session access to the chambers and their galleries is under the control of the presiding officer of the house to which the space is assigned, and the assignment of legislative offices and use of committee rooms shall be provided for by and be under the control of the Rules Committee. **During the 14 days immediately preceding adjournment of a session, the Rules Committee may not schedule a committee room for any purpose except a meeting of a legislative committee.**"

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 7. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Patkotak moved and asked unanimous consent that amendments to SCR 1 be submitted by 11:42 a.m. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 8 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)

Delete "**Procedure**" and"

Insert "**Procedure,**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**committees**":

Insert "**, and relating to employment of legislative employees**"

Page 1, following line 4:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Section 1.** Rule 3(b), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(b) The Rules Committee of each house is responsible for the selection and direction of the session staff assigned to each chamber (sergeant-at-arms and their assistants, pages and messengers) and is the source of approval for hiring session assistants for standing, special, and joint committees and caucuses and **any additional employees** [SECRETARIAL HELP] to be assigned to individual members. **Each member of the legislature may hire, without prior approval, one permanent legislative employee and one seasonal legislative employee who is hired for the duration of each session.** The Rules Committees of the house and senate shall decide jointly and within the amount budgeted for session staff the compensation and conditions of employment of those working under their individual supervision. The director of administrative services of the Legislative Affairs Agency shall assist and make recommendations to the Rules Committees **and members** regarding staff compensation and related matters."

Page 1, line 5:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 8 be adopted.

There was objection.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 8 was offered by Representative Hannan:

Page 1, line 16 of the amendment:

Delete "without prior approval,"

Representative Hannan moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 8 be adopted.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 8 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 1

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 8

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 23 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

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

And so, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 8 was not adopted.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 8 be withdrawn. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 9 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 2: (title amendment)
Delete "**Procedure**" and"
Insert "**Procedure,**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**committees**":
Insert "**, and relating to introduction of bills**"

Page 2, following line 31:
Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Sec. 4.** Rule 37(a), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, is amended to read:

(a) Any member, [GROUP OF MEMBERS,] standing, special, or joint committee may introduce a bill, subject to the provisions of these Uniform Rules. **In accordance with AS 24.08.060(a), a committee chair may introduce a committee bill or resolution if the request to introduce a committee bill or resolution is signed by a majority of the active members of the committee.** A bill must be introduced, in proper form as approved by the enrolling secretary of the legislature, with the original and three copies delivered to the chief clerk or secretary. The bill is then assigned a number which it retains through subsequent changes and substitutions. The bill is considered formally introduced when the clerk or secretary reads the heading and title aloud in open session (first reading). Bills may be introduced through the Rules Committees by the governor and the permanent interim committees pursuant to provisions of law."

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 9 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative McCabe rose to a point of order regarding relevance of the debate.

The Speaker cautioned the member to confine remarks to the amendment before the body.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 9. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SCR 1 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 1

Second Reading

Final Passage

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

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, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

Absent: Patkotak

And so, SCR 1 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

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 C. Johnson – from 1:00 p.m., February 11 to 10:00 a.m., February 13

Representative Saddler – from 1:00 p.m., February 17 to 2:00 p.m., February 19

The Speaker made the following appointments:

HR 1

House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs: added Rauscher, Saddler, Gray

HR 2

House Special Committee on Fisheries: added C. Johnson, Himschoot

HR 3

House Special Committee on Ways & Means: added Tilton, Gray

HR 4

House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs: added Patkotak, Allard, Armstrong

HR 5

House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism: added Tilton, Sumner, Dibert

HR 6

House Special Committee on Energy: added Prax, Carrick

HJR 1

Representative Sumner added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

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

HB 23

Representative Wright added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

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

HB 45

Representatives D. Johnson, Stapp, Josephson, Stutes, and Tomaszewski added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general and permanent funds."

HB 51

Representative Mears added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

"An Act relating to refrigerants designated as acceptable for use under federal law."

HB 62

Representative Hannan added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Committee Announcements. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO:

1:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 10. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk