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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:01 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Stutes had been excused from a call of the House today.

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 Wright – from today to 8:00 a.m., February 15

Representative McCabe – from 7:00 a.m., today to 8:00 p.m., today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Mary Cruise, Tlingit Language Learner and Teacher of the Tlingit and Haida Language Nest. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Gunalchéesh yeewháan.

Daaljíni yoo xat duwasáakw.

Yanwaasháa áyá xát.

Ax éesh hás L'uknx.ádi

Ká ax léelk'u hás Gaanxteidí.

Yeedát ax tuwáa sigóo yee een x'axwdagaax'í.

Haa Shagéinyaa,
 Haa léelk'u hás,
 Haa tuwáa sigóo gunalchéesh yéi yawtusakaayí.
 Gunalchéesh aadé haa éet yeeydasheeyí yé.
 Yá haa shadeiháni, yá legislators,
 has tsú has du éet yeeydashí x'wán!
 Wa.éich has du yaa koosgeiyí too yéi inati x'wán.
 Haa jeeyís yei s jeewanéi.
 Aadéi yei has jeewaneiyí yé,
 yá Lingít ku.oo,
 haa eedé has guxdasheeyí.
 A káa daak has saylaháa!
 Ldakát ku.oo, haa jeeyís yei has jeewanéi.
 Gunalchéesh has du jín yeeylashaadí.
 Gunalchéesh has du éet yeeydasheeyí,
 ka uháan tsu. Gunalchéesh.
 Yéi áwé ax tundataaní.
 Gunalchéesh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Gray.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 25th, 26th, and 27th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
 2022 Annual Report
 (as required by AS 44.81.200)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 13

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

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

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

Do pass (2): Fields, Carrick

No recommendation (3): Saddler, Ruffridge, Sumner

Amend (1): Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 13 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 51

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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

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

Do pass (6): Fields, Sumner, Saddler, Prax, Carrick, Ruffridge

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 51 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam - Christine Jenkins

By Senators Wielechowski, Stedman; Representative Ortiz

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

Honoring - Raymond Alexie

By Senator Hoffman; Representative McCormick

Honoring - James "Coach Wes" Cornelison

By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Mina, Gray

Honoring - Amy Russell

By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - 2023 Top Five Kuskokwim 300 Finishers

By Senator Hoffman; Representative McCormick

In Memoriam - Louis "Louie" Bencardino

By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Christine Jenkins, 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 citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Christine Jenkins

By Senators Wielechowski, Stedman; Representative Ortiz

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 70

HOUSE BILL NO. 70 by Representative Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act relating to property exempt from municipal taxation."

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

HB 71

HOUSE BILL NO. 71 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to education; and relating to a school district online checkbook."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Saddler 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 – Point Hope Harpoonettes, 2022 2A State Basketball Champions
By Representative Patkotak

Honoring – Joseph W. Ralston, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame
By Senator Olson

Honoring – Richard Wien, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame
By Senator Olson

Honoring – Sigurd "Sig" Wien, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame
By Senator Olson

Honoring – Orin Seybert, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame
By Senator Olson

Honoring – Soldotna High School Stars, State Hockey Champions
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

In Memoriam – Yolande L. "Sam" Fejes
By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam – Samuel Lindsay Clyde
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

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 Ruffridge – from 7:00 am, February 16 to 9:00 p.m., February 19

Representative Shaw – from 2:00 p.m., March 3 to 9:30 p.m., March 5

HJR 5

Representative Ortiz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Urging the United States Secretary of Commerce, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and other federal and state agencies to defend the state's fisheries, including the Southeast Alaska troll fishery.

HJR 6

Representative Coulombe added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Supporting oil and gas leasing and development within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and urging President Biden and the United States Department of the Interior to approve the Willow Master Development Plan.

HB 6

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

"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."

HB 9

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

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

HB 14

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

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

HB 18

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 18

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

HB 22

Representative Armstrong 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 45

Representatives Allard, Vance, Ruffridge, and Foster added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

HB 47

Representatives Cronk, D. Johnson, and Sumner added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; and relating to unfair trade practices."

HB 62

Representative Armstrong 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."

HB 64

Representative Wright added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 64

"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."

HB 65

Representative Hannan added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

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

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., February 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk