

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**February 17, 2023**

**Thirty-second Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 9:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 31 members present. Representatives Dibert, Foster, Ruffridge, Shaw, Stapp, and Stutes had been previously excused from a call of the House today. Representative Hannan was absent, and her presence was noted later.

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 Carrick – from today to 9:15 p.m., February 19

Representative Armstrong – today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of the 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 beliefs of each person here, I offer this prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for your goodness this day, O Lord. Thank you for your never-ending love and your mercies that are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

I will lift up my eyes to you, Lord, and I pray for the House today as they continue their work here. Be their strength today, Lord. Grant them peace of mind and rest for any who are weary. Guide them in their decisions. Keep them healthy throughout the session, Lord. Be their keeper. Preserve them from all evil and preserve their souls.

The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in today. He will be with you. I proclaim his blessing over you now and over your loved ones. Thank you, Lord, that you have heard my prayer. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Himschoot.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 30th and 31st legislative days and House Journal Supplement No. 2 and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A message dated February 15 was read stating that on January 31 in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statute 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointees are withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

#### **Board of Game**

Beatrice "Ruth" Cusack – Chugiak

Appointed: 7/1/2022

Term Expires: 7/1/2025

Allen "Al" Barrette – Fairbanks

Reappointed: 7/1/2022

Term Expires: 7/1/2025

**Board of Fisheries**

Thomas Carpenter – Cordova

Appointed: 7/1/2022

Term Expires: 7/1/2025

The appointments had been referred to the Resources Committee and the House Special Committee on Fisheries (pages 123 and 125).

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated February 15 was read stating the Senate has passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 10**

SENATE BILL NO. 10 by Senators Kiehl, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Wielechowski, Tobin, Hughes, Dunbar, Bjorkman, Merrick, Claman, Bishop, Stevens, Olson, Gray-Jackson, and Shower, 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 Resources Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Division of Insurance  
2022 Annual Report  
(as required by AS 21.06.110)

\*\*The presence of Representative Hannan was noted.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES****HB 62**

The House Special Committee on Energy considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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

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

Do pass (4): Patkotak, Wright, Schrage, Carrick

No recommendation (3): Prax, McKay, Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 62 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Bill Hill

By Senator Hoffman; Representatives Edgmon, Cronk

Honoring - Michael Swain, Jr.

By Senator Hoffman; Representative Edgmon

In Memoriam - Dorothy "Dory" Stucky

By Representative Galvin; Senator Gray-Jackson

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 77**

HOUSE BILL NO. 77 by Representatives Gray, Fields, Josephson, and Mina, entitled:

"An Act naming the Senator Johnny Ellis Jr. Anchorage Legislative Office Building."

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

## **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:

Honoring - North Pole High School, Unified Champion School  
By Senators Myers, Kawasaki; Representative Prax

### **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 Mina – from:

6:00 a.m., February 18 to 10:00 p.m., February 19

6:00 a.m., March 3 to 10:00 a.m., March 6

Representative C. Johnson – from 7:00 p.m., February 17 to 7:30 p.m., February 19

Representative D. Johnson – from 7:00 a.m., February 18 to 1:00 p.m., February 19

Representative Cronk – from 5:45 a.m., February 18 to 10:00 a.m., February 20

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The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 9:50 a.m.

**AFTER AT EASE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 10:01 a.m.

**JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE**

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Tilton turned the gavel over to President Stevens who called the joint session to order at 10:01 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Mary Sattler Peltola, U. S. Representative.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative McCormick and Senator Tobin to escort the Representative to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Representative's entrance into the House Chamber.

Representative Peltola was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Tilton.

Representative Peltola delivered her address, and it is published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Representative's speech.

Representative Peltola received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative McCormick and Senator Tobin.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 10:34 a.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

**IN THE HOUSE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 10:36 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HJR 3**

Representative McKay added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Encouraging Congress to pass the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act or a similar bill.

**HJR 5**

Representative Cronk 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.

**HB 9**

Representatives Mina and McCormick added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 9

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

**HB 17**

Representatives Mina and McCormick added as cosponsors 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 22**

Representative Mina 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 28**

Representative Mina 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."

**HB 43**

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

"An Act relating to professional and occupational licensing; and relating to treatment to change the sexual orientations or gender identities of children and vulnerable adults."

**HB 46**

Representative Mina 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 53**

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 53

"An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for



persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 61**

Representatives C. Johnson, Carpenter, Prax, Wright, Rauscher, and McKay added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

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

**HB 62**

Representatives Mina and Patkotak added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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

**SB 10**

Representatives Sumner and Hannan added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE BILL NO. 10

"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."

**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 20. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk