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Thirty-fifth Day

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

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives Dibert and Foster 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 10:00 a.m., February 24

Representative Mina – today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Lieutenant Commander Christopher Sutton of the United States Coast Guard. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here,
I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray:

I love You, O Lord, my strength.

David prays this with such great abandonment in Psalm 18.

Often when we pray, O Lord, it is with routine and just about our daily concerns.

But when overwhelmed with distress and responsibilities, we sometimes approach David's depths and cry out that you will be our strength.

In this age of information, we can easily be caught up in our own agenda and see no further; foolish enough to think we can carry and accomplish deeds on our own.

But without you we can do nothing; nothing of lasting value, nothing of true significance, nothing that will touch the people around us and move them deeply.

Help us now, O Lord, as a State and as this governing body prepares for the day.

Shield us from moments of crisis and distress. Instead, renew in us the love you evidence in our history. Allow us to be so overwhelmed by your loving presence today, that with all our hearts we may pray: *I love You O Lord, my strength* now and forever.

In your gracious name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hannan.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 32nd, 33rd, and 34th legislative days and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Tomaszewski introduced Autumn DeMars, Guest Page, from Fairbanks.

Representative Hannan introduced Lylie Anderson-Metz, Guest Page, from Juneau.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A message dated February 17 was read stating that on January 31 in accordance with Article III, Sections 26 and 27 of the Alaska

Constitution and Alaska Statue 39.05.080, the Governor submitted a list of appointees for confirmation.

The following appointee is withdrawn from consideration, effective immediately:

Alaska Police Standards Council

Bryan Barlow – Anchorage

Appointed: 10/6/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The appointment had been referred to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees (page 126).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 3

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3(JUD)

(same title)

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

Do pass (3): C. Johnson, Groh, Vance

No recommendation (4): Carpenter, Eastman, Gray, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 3(JUD):

1. Zero, House Judiciary Committee

HJR 3 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HJR 6

The Resources Committee considered:

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.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Rauscher, McCabe, Mears, Wright, Patkotak, McKay

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 6(RES):

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 6 is on today's calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam – Christine Pricer-Fish

By Representatives Sumner, Wright; Senator Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Jay Hogan

By Senator Hoffman; Representative Groh

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 78**

HOUSE BILL NO. 78 by Representatives McCormick and Schrage, entitled:

"An Act establishing September 10 as Alaska Community Health Aide Appreciation Day."

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

HB 79

HOUSE BILL NO. 79 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 17 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

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 2023.

This appropriation bill includes supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2023 that are of an urgent nature. I am requesting expedited consideration of these items to ensure the state's continued ability to provide for fair and speedy trials and to ensure the timely delivery of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits to Alaskans in need.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the prompt passage and implementation of these items.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 51**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to the February 22 calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 6**

The following was read the second time:

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.

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Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original resolution:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES)

(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Patkotak and Eastman:

Page 2, line 26:

Delete "first and rightful"

Insert "longstanding"

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

There was objection.

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

CSHJR 6(RES)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 29 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, Edgmon, Galvin, Groh, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Mears, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance

Nays: Carrick, Fields, Gray, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick

Excused: Dibert, Foster, Mina, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representatives Eastman and Patkotak:

Page 4, line 18:

Following "the state and its residents"

Insert "and the nation"

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

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 6(RES) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHJR 6(RES) am was read the third time.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to be shown as a cosponsor to CSHJR 6(RES) am. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 6(RES) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 6(RES) am
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Ortiz, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance

Excused: Dibert, Foster, Mina, Wright

And so, CSHJR 6(RES) am passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - 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

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 6:00 p.m., February 24 to 10:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Sumner – from 6:00 p.m., February 22 to 10:00 a.m., February 27 (amended from page 91)

HJR 6

Representatives Schrage, Stutes, Galvin, Allard, Ortiz, Groh, Eastman, and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6(RES) am
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 9

Representative Groh added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 9
"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

HB 28

Representative Groh 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 61

Representative Cronk added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

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

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HJR 6

CSHJR 6(RES) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk