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Thirty-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:57 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representative Wright 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 Foster – today

Representative McCormick – from today to 8:00 a.m., February 27

Representative Rauscher – from today to 6:00 p.m., February 24

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The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 10:58 a.m.

AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:07 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 11:07 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U. S. Senator.

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 Cronk and Senator Wielechowski to escort the Senator to the joint session.

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

Senator Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Tilton.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address, and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 7.

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

Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Cronk and Senator Wielechowski.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 12:25 p.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 12:35 p.m.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Lydia Kline, Assistant Chief Clerk. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following invocation:

Let us express our gratitude for the opportunities before us. Gratitude for the opportunity to serve Alaska and all of its residents. For the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those we serve. For the opportunity to work together for the betterment of our great state. Let us embrace the challenge and responsibility we have as leaders, so we may lead with integrity and respect. Many important, complex problems will come before this body. Let us have the strength, courage, and humility to face these issues together. Let us bring the wisdom of the past and the hope of the future to all of our decisions so we may create a present that is truly a gift. Thank you for your service.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative C. Johnson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 35th and 36th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
Research and Analysis Section
Alaska Training Program Performance
For Participants Exiting Programs in
State Fiscal Year 2021
February 2023
(as required by AS 23.15.580)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act
2022 Annual Progress Report
February 2023
(as required by AS 44.42.067)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 3

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 3

"An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie."

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

Do pass (4): Allard, C. Johnson, Carpenter, Shaw

No recommendation (2): Armstrong, Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 3 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 25

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

"An Act relating to eligibility for the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 25(STA)

"An Act allowing certain members of the uniformed services, spouses and dependents of certain members of the uniformed services, and individuals attending certain merchant marine vocational programs to remain eligible for the permanent fund dividend during absences from the state; allowing, in certain cases, an otherwise eligible individual to file for an unclaimed permanent fund dividend if the parent, guardian, or authorized representative failed to claim a dividend on behalf of the individual during the application period; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Armstrong, Allard, Story, Carpenter, Shaw

No recommendation (1): C. Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 25(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 25 was referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs.

HB 48

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

"An Act relating to reports from the State Commission for Human Rights."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Armstrong, Story, Allard, C. Johnson, Carpenter, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 48(STA):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 48 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Patty Mackey
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

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

Honoring – Ronald Vecera
By Representative Shaw

Honoring – Noel "Merrill" Wien, Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame
By Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Roberta "Bobbie" Joyce Mason
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring – Patty Mackey, 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:

Honoring – Patty Mackey
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

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

HB 80

HOUSE BILL NO. 80 by Representatives Josephson and Fields,
entitled:

"An Act relating to competency to stand trial; relating to
commitment based on a finding of incompetency; relating to
administration of psychotropic medication; and relating to victims'
rights during certain civil commitment proceedings."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services,
State Affairs, and Judiciary Committees.

HB 81

HOUSE BILL NO. 81 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the owner;
and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and State
Affairs Committees.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 51

The Speaker stated that the following, which was held from the
February 20 calendar (page 240), would be held to the February 24
calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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

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:

In Memoriam – Christine Pricer-Fish

By Representatives Sumner, Wright; Senator Wielechowski

In Memoriam – Jay Hogan

By Senator Hoffman; Representative Groh

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:

6:00 p.m., February 24 to 10:30 a.m., February 27

6:00 p.m., March 3 to 10:30 a.m., March 5

Representative McCabe – from 6:00 p.m., March 2 to 3:00 p.m., March 5

Representative Coulombe – from 1:00 p.m., March 4 to 10:30 a.m., March 6

HB 62

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral to the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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

HB 62 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 1

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1
"An Act relating to elections."

HB 61

Representative Ruffridge added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61
"An Act relating to restrictions on firearms and other weapons."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

Judiciary Committee
CHANGED TO: 1:30 p.m.

Resources Committee
CHANGED TO: 1:30 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Gray moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Eastman be censured for offensive, insulting, and unsubstantiated statements that undermine the dignity of the House.

Representative Vance objected.

Representative Eastman rose to a point of order, citing Section 121 of Mason's Manual.

The Speaker cautioned members to refrain from impugning the motives of others.

Representative Vance removed her objection.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House censure Representative Eastman?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Censure Representative Eastman

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Foster, McCormick, Rauscher, Wright

And so, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk