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Forty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives Edgmon, Foster, and Patkotak had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative McCormick be excused from a call of the House from today to 10:30 p.m., March 3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Trenton Cooper of Glacier Valley Baptist 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 the deepest respect for all people including those with differing beliefs, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection:

Father God,
Your word calls your children to lift up those who have been given the power to govern over us. And so, I am greatly honored by the opportunity to lift up these leaders, their families, their staff, and their families in a prayer of blessing to you.

Lord, I believe that you have knitted each of us in our mother's womb, Psalm 139 says. It says that we are fearfully

and wonderfully made. It is evident then, that you deeply care for each person here. For this, I marvel at your lovingkindness.

Lord, I believe that you desire the good of all people. So, as these leaders guide our state, I pray that you accomplish good for all Alaskans. I ask that you protect these leaders and their families from harm, sickness, pain, and loss. I ask instead, that you bless them with wisdom to lead us, hearts to love us, and good health to persevere in the great work that they are doing for this great state.

Lord, above all, I give you thanks for enduring love for all people regardless of race, culture, economic status, or gender. I am grateful that you sent your son, Jesus, so that all can know you. Lord, bless these great leaders and this great state of Alaska for many generations to come. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Josephson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 42nd and 43rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HJR 6

A message dated February 28 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 2

SCR 1

A message dated February 28 was read stating the Governor read the following resolution and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 1

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**HJR 6**

A message dated February 27 was read stating the Senate passed:

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.

CSHJR 6(RES) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

A message dated February 27 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 86**

SENATE BILL NO. 86 by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission relating to the salaries of state officers; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Military Licensing Report to the Legislature
FY 2022
(as required by AS 08.01.063)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Finance Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Adam Crum

as commissioner of the Dept. of Revenue.

The report was signed by Representatives D. Johnson and Edgmon, Co-chairs; and Representatives Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz, Cronk, Tomaszewski, and Coulombe.

HJR 2

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2
Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2(JUD)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): C. Johnson, Carpenter, Allard

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Do not pass (1): Groh

No recommendation (1): Gray

Amend (2): Eastman, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 2(JUD):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HJR 2 was referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means.

HB 38

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 38

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 38(JUD)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): C. Johnson, Carpenter, Allard

Do not pass (1): Groh

No recommendation (1): Gray

Amend (2): Eastman, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 38(JUD):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 38 was referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means.

SB 10

The Resources Committee considered:

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."

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

Do pass (9): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert, McCabe, Saddler, Wright, Patkotak, Rauscher, McKay

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs
2. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

SB 10 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 - John H. McLay
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Ashley Wood and Hillarie Gossett, 2023 Iron Dog Race Finishers
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

Honoring - Nick Olstad & Tyler Aklestad, 2022 & 2023 Iron Dog Race Winners
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Burnie Recel Hall
By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Carlene Joyce Sanders
By Representative Tilton; Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Faye Palin
By Representative Tilton; Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Chérie B. Stihler
By Senators Kawasaki, Myers; Representative Carrick

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

HJR 7

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7 by the House Special Committee on Ways and Means:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Judiciary Committee.

HJR 8

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by the House Special Committee on Ways and Means:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the Alaska permanent fund and appropriations from the Alaska permanent fund.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Judiciary Committee.

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

HB 90

HOUSE BILL NO. 90 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to income of the Alaska permanent fund and the amount available for appropriation; relating to appropriations from the earnings reserve account; relating to the amount of the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Ways & Means and the Finance Committee.

HB 91

HOUSE BILL NO. 91 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to deduction of labor or employee organization dues or service fees from the pay of certain public employees; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Judiciary Committees.

HB 92

HOUSE BILL NO. 92 by the House Special Committee on Fisheries, entitled:

"An Act relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

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

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 27 calendar (page 283), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 51

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

The question being: "Shall HB 51 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 51

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Edgmon, Foster, McCormick, Patkotak

And so, HB 51 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 5

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 27 calendar (page 284), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FSH)

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.

Representative Hannan moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and she was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 5(FSH) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 5(FSH)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Edgmon, Foster, McCormick, Patkotak

And so, CSHJR 5(FSH) 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 - Micahel Trefon

By Representative Edgmon; Senator Hoffman

Honoring – Karen Perdue

By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

Honoring – Alaska Chaduê Network

By Senators Stevens, Kaufman; Representatives Stutes, Schrage

Honoring – The Patrons of the Pratt Society

By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - Silk Restaurant

By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representatives Galvin, Josephson

In Memoriam – John Peter "Jay" Sommer V

By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

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:

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Representative Allard – from 8:30 p.m., March 2 to 9:30 p.m.,
March 5

Representative Shaw – from 1:00 p.m., March 3 to 9:30 p.m., March 5

Representative Stutes – from 7:00 a.m., March 3 to 2:00 p.m., March 4

Representative Dibert – from 9:00 a.m., March 2 to 10:00 p.m.,
March 5

Representative Mears – from 1:00 p.m., March 2 to 10:30 a.m.,
March 6

Representative Cronk – from 6:00 p.m., March 2 to 10:00 a.m.,
March 6

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Pursuant to AS 24.65.020, the Speaker appointed the following members to meet with appointees from the Senate to form the Victims' Advocate Selection Committee:

Representative Vance
Representative Carpenter
Representative Josephson

HB 76

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 76

"An Act relating to pay for the Alaska State Defense Force; and providing for an effective date."

HB 76 is in the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HJR 5

Representatives Stapp and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(FSH)

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 6

Representative Story 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 10

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

"An Act relating to costs of and charges for textbooks and other course materials required for University of Alaska courses; and providing for an effective date."

HB 22

Representative Groh 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

Representative Carrick added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

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

ENGROSSMENT

HJR 5

CSHJR 5(FSH) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 51

HB 51 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT

HR 1

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:20 p.m., February 28.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Establishing a House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

House Resolve No. 1

HR 2

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:20 p.m., February 28.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

Establishing a House Special Committee on Fisheries.

House Resolve No. 2

HR 3

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:20 p.m., February 28.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Establishing a House Special Committee on Ways and Means.

House Resolve No. 3

HR 4

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:20 p.m., February 28.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

Establishing a House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs.

House Resolve No. 4

HR 5

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:20 p.m., February 28.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 5

Establishing a House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, and Tourism.

House Resolve No. 5

HR 6

The following was engrossed and enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:20 p.m., February 28.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

Establishing a House Special Committee on Energy.

House Resolve No. 6

ENROLLMENT

HJR 6

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:24 p.m., February 27:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 2

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., March 3. There being no objection,
the House adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk