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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Patkotak 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 Himschoot – from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., today

Representative Armstrong – today

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of 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,
Blessed be your name. In you, O Lord, I put my trust. Bow down your ear to me now and hear my prayer.

Let your presence be here in the House as the legislators consider their agenda for this day.

Lead and guide them in their decisions as they work together for the good of our state.

Grant them insight into the matters brought before them and a hearing ear as they listen to one another and consider their path forward.

Bring your healing touch to any who are ailing and keep them in the palm of your hand, watching over them with your unfailing love and mercy.

Bless the representatives, now, and their families. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Mears.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 56th and 57th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Hannan introduced Kate and Callie Stickel, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

Representative Himschoot introduced Waylon Jones, Guest Page, from Petersburg.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 3 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 8.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Robert Doyle

as a member of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

The report was signed by Representative McCormick, Chair; and Representatives McCabe, Ruffridge, Himschoot, McKay, and Mears.

HJR 10

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods; and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the rule.

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 10 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 47

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

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

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

Do pass (3): Sumner, Ruffridge, Prax

No recommendation (3): McCormick, Saddler, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 47 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 56

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

"An Act exempting controlled substances prescribed or dispensed by a veterinarian to treat an animal from the requirements of the controlled substance prescription database."

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

Do pass (6): Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Saddler, Mina, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 56 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 92

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 92

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 92(FSH)

"An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fishermen's fund; and relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners."

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

Do pass (6): Himschoot, McCormick, Carpenter, Stutes, McCabe, Vance

No recommendation (1): C. Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 92(FSH):

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 92 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Georgianna Lincoln
By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

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

Honoring - John Renner
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Joseph "Joey" Selby
By Representative C. Johnson; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Harlee Harvey
By Representatives Tilton, Patkotak

Honoring - Dr. Vera Alexander
By Representative Carrick

Honoring - MatSu Food Bank
By Representative Eastman

Honoring - Daisy Lee Bitter
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - 2023 Homer Mariners Boys Nordic Ski Team, Division II
State Champions
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - The Alaska Journal of Commerce 2023 Top 40 Under 40
Recipients
By Senators Kawasaki, Tobin; Representative Schrage

In Memoriam - Michael Auvern "Mike" Isaacson
By Representative Carrick

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring – Georgianna Lincoln, 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 – Georgianna Lincoln
By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 114

HOUSE BILL NO. 114 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to the definition of 'village' in the Village Safe Water Act."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs 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 – Nick Carpenter
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

Honoring – Richard "Dick" Olson
By Senator Myers; Representative Prax

Honoring – Lathrop High School Football Team, 2022 Alaska State Champions
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Tomaszewski, Dibert

Honoring – The Tanana Valley Farmers Market Fiftieth Anniversary
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Carrick

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 McCormick – from 8:00 p.m., March 22 to 8:00 a.m., March 30

Representative Mina – from 6:30 a.m., March 25 to 10:00 p.m., March 26

HB 74

The Speaker removed the Resources Committee referral and added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

"An Act relating to geothermal resources; relating to the definition of 'geothermal resources'; and providing for an effective date."

HB 74 was referred to the Finance Committee.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House ratify the appointment of Deborah Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Deborah Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Deborah Fancher

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Armstrong, Patkotak

And so, the appointment was ratified.

The Senate ratified the appointment (page 110).

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House ratify the appointment of Gerald A. McBeath to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Gerald A. McBeath to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Gerald A. McBeath

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Armstrong, Patkotak

And so, the appointment was ratified.

The Senate ratified the appointment (pages 84-85).

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

**Representative Himschoot, who was excused (page 381), left the Chamber.

Representative Galvin moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Introduction of Guests. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would advance to Unfinished Business, and so the House advanced to:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HJR 9

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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

HJR 10

Representative C. Johnson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Disapproving the proposed rule by the National Park Service limiting non-subsistence hunting methods; and urging the National Park Service to withdraw the rule.

HB 15

Representative Fields added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

"An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections."

HB 43

Representative McCormick 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 53

Representative Schrage 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 62

Representatives McCormick and Foster 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."

HB 83

Representative Cronk added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

"An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

HB 89

Representatives McCormick and Schrage added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

"An Act relating to the day care assistance program and the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 93

Representatives Schrage, Tomaszewski, and Himschoot added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

"An Act relating to a lumber grading training program and lumber grading certificates; relating to use of lumber graded and certified by a person holding a lumber grading training program certificate; and providing for an effective date."

HB 99

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

"An Act relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

HB 100

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 100

"An Act relating to teacher and public employee leave."

HB 104

Representative Sumner added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act relating to expedited timber sales."

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 17. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk