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Sixtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representatives Edgmon and Stutes had been previously excused from a call of the House 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,

Your word says, *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and grace to help in time of need.* Hebrews 4:16

I, therefore, approach your throne, O Lord, my god, on behalf of the House of Representatives. I ask that you bestow mercy and grace upon them as they enter into the middle of this session. Strengthen their hands, give them peace of mind and clarity of thought. Light their paths; give them fresh vision for the future of our state.

Lord, you know what lies ahead of us for you see all things. I pray you quicken the representatives. Speak to them so we can be prepared for the times ahead.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

May the Lord bless you and keep you. I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Mina.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 58th and 59th legislative days, House Journal Supplement No. 3, and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 8 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Vance introduced her son, Daniel Vance, Guest Page, from Homer.

Representative Tomaszewski introduced Tayton Brice, Guest Page, from Fairbanks.

Representative Himschoot introduced Felix Meyers, Guest Page, from Sitka.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

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

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 80

SENATE BILL NO. 80 by the Senate Rules Committee by request of the Legislative Council, entitled:

"An Act making corrective amendments to the Alaska Statutes as recommended by the revisor of statutes; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated March 17 was received stating the Speaker appointed Representative Carpenter as Co-chair of the Victims' Advocate Selection Committee.

The following was received:

Dept. of Administration
State Officers Compensation Commission
Amended Final Findings and Recommendations
March 16, 2023
<https://doa.alaska.gov/dop/socc/>
(as required by AS 39.23.540)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 3

The State Affairs 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 Shaw, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Allard, Wright, C. Johnson, Carpenter, Shaw

Amend (1): Story

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

1. Zero, House Judiciary Committee

HJR 3 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HJR 4

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Honoring the Alaska-Korea relationship; and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and the 120th anniversary of the first Korean immigration to the United States.

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

Do pass (6): Armstrong, Story, Allard, Carpenter, Wright, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HJR 4 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 2

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2

"An Act relating to contracts with public agencies; and relating to the State of Israel."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(STA)
(same title)

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

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

Do not pass (1): Story

No recommendation (1): Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 2(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 2 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 23

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"An Act establishing the month of October as Filipino American History Month."

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 23 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 58

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

"An Act relating to medical assistance for recipients of Medicaid waivers; establishing an adult care home license and procedures; providing for the transition of individuals from foster care to adult home care settings; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Ruffridge, Prax, Saddler, Wright, Fields, Carrick, Sumner

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

HB 58 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 62

The Finance Committee 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 Representatives Foster, D. Johnson, and Edgmon, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (11): Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Coulombe, Tomaszewski, Cronk, Ortiz, Foster, D. Johnson, Edgmon

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 62 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 63

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

"An Act repealing the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission; relating to superior court

jurisdiction over appeals from Alaska Workers' Compensation Board decisions; repealing Rules 201.1, 401.1, and 501.1, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure, and amending Rules 202(a), 204(a) - (c), 210(e), 601(b), 602(c) and (h), and 603(a), Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Wright, Saddler

No recommendation (5): Ruffridge, Prax, Fields, Carrick, Sumner

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 63 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 75

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 75

"An Act relating to coverage for additional insureds under owner and contractor controlled insurance programs; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75(L&C)

(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Wright, Prax, Saddler, Ruffridge, Sumner

No recommendation (2): Fields, Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 75(L&C):

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

HB 75 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 78

The Community & Regional Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

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

Do pass (7): McCabe, Ruffridge, Himschoot, Patkotak, McKay, Mears, McCormick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 78 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 - Dean Marshall
By Representative Allard

Honoring - Ed Boudreau
By Representative Allard

Honoring - Colleen James
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

In Memoriam - Jeffrey David LeDoux
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Dorothy "Anne" Cusick
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Kaitlyn A. Burns
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Patti Lynn Stone
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Frederick William Hester
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Harold L. Rodgers
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Mayor James C "Jim" Hayes
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam - Amanda Blanchard
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Lance Mackey
By Senators Kawasaki, Myers; Representative McCormick

In Memoriam - Darroll R. Hargraves
By Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Joleen L. Caspersen
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 115

HOUSE BILL NO. 115 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of naturopathy; establishing the Naturopathy Advisory Board; relating to the licensure of naturopaths; relating to disciplinary sanctions for naturopaths; relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 116

HOUSE BILL NO. 116 by Representative Coulombe, entitled:

"An Act relating to appropriations from the restorative justice account."

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

HB 117

HOUSE BILL NO. 117 by the House Rules Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to cannabis and cannabis seeds; relating to the regulation of cannabis and cannabis facilities; relating to criminal law; relating to controlled substances; relating to misbranded drugs and devices; relating to medical uses of cannabis; relating to cannabis taxes; relating to the duties of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and the Department of Environmental Conservation; renaming the Marijuana Control Board the Cannabis Control Board; relating to the Cannabis Control Board; repealing the industrial hemp program; relating to the cannabis use education and treatment program; relating to adulterated foods; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 118

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 by Representatives D. Johnson, McCabe, and Wright, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale and possession of used detached catalytic converters; and establishing the crime of possession, sale, or purchase of a used detached catalytic converter."

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

HB 119

HOUSE BILL NO. 119 by the House Rules Committee by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to marijuana taxes; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 120

HOUSE BILL NO. 120 by Representative Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act relating to hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses for certain nonresident postsecondary students; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Resources and Finance Committees.

HB 121

HOUSE BILL NO. 121 by Representatives Sumner and Mears, entitled:

"An Act relating to a renewable portfolio standard; relating to electrical energy transmission; relating to distributed energy systems; relating to power cost equalization; relating to the Alaska Energy Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 122

HOUSE BILL NO. 122 by Representative Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue revenue bonds to finance the replacement of the Alaska Railroad Corporation's passenger dock and related terminal facility in Seward, Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Finance Committees.

HB 123

HOUSE BILL NO. 123 by Representative C. Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to an amendment to the articles of incorporation of a corporation organized under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 124

HOUSE BILL NO. 124 by Representative McCormick, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers' license requirements; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 10

The following was read the second time:

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.

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(H.RES)

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Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 10 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

Representative Fields objected.

HJR 10 will advance to third reading on the March 20 calendar.

HCR 1

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Establishing a joint task force on labor workforce, training, and retention.

The Rules Committee submitted the following fiscal note:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

The question being: "Shall HCR 1 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 1

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Edgmon, Stutes

And so, HCR 1 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 - 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 17

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

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 17 is in the Community & Regional Affairs Committee with further referral to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the Alaska Legislature participate in an amicus curiae in support of the Willow project consistent with CSHJR 6 am, and that the Legislative Council, in consultation with the presiding officers, be delegated authority to direct the Alaska Legislature's continued participation in that amicus curiae.

Representative C. Johnson objected and withdrew the objection.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the amicus curiae authorization motion pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Delegate Presiding Officers, Leg. Council
Legislature Participate in Amicus Curiae
Support of Willow Project

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Carrick, Eastman, Gray, Mina

Excused: Edgmon, Stutes

And so, the motion passed.

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 Coulombe – from:

8:30 p.m., March 24 to 9:30 p.m., March 26

8:30 p.m., April 7 to 9:30 p.m., April 9

Representative Allard – from:

8:30 p.m., March 31 to 9:30 p.m., April 2

8:30 p.m., April 7 to 9:30 p.m., April 9

2:00 p.m., April 14 to 9:30 p.m. April 16

Representative Patkotak – from:

7:00 a.m., March 19 to 1:30 p.m. March 27

7:00 a.m., March 30 to 11:00 p.m., April 8

Representative Wright 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 Announcements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HCR 1

Representatives Fields, Wright, Schrage, Story, Josephson, Tomaszewski, Dibert, Stapp, Ruffridge, Foster, D. Johnson, Coulombe, Saddler, Tilton, Galvin, and C. Johnson added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Establishing a joint task force on labor workforce, training, and retention.

HJR 4

Representatives Mears, Story, McCormick, Gray, Schrage, Carpenter, and Groh added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Honoring the Alaska-Korea relationship; and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, the 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and the 120th anniversary of the first Korean immigration to the United States.

HJR 10

Representatives Schrage, Vance, D. Johnson, Patkotak, Carpenter, Saddler, and Tilton added as cosponsors 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 8

Representatives Prax, Sumner, and Ruffridge added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

HB 23

Representatives Ruffridge, Edgmon, Carpenter, Foster, Prax, Coulombe, Allard, Sumner, Shaw, Cronk, D. Johnson, Mears, Story, Tomaszewski, McCormick, Armstrong, Gray, and Galvin added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

"An Act establishing the month of October as Filipino American History Month."

HB 28

Representative Tomaszewski 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 Fields 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 Mears 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 78

Representatives Groh, Dibert, Fields, Carrick, Himschoot, and Armstrong added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

HB 93

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor 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 101

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 101

"An Act relating to the use of campaign funds for dependent care, protection, and supervision."

ENGROSSMENT

HCR 1

HCR 1 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 11:00 a.m., March 20. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk