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**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 20, 2023**

**Sixty-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:02 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representative Patkotak had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Armstrong, Fields, and Sumner be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Guy Crockroft of Love In the Name of Christ. 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 prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,  
I thank you for this day that you have given us to share together in this beautiful place called Alaska. Thank you for this body, the Alaska House of Representatives, as they meet together to do the people's business. Bless them as they serve and grant them the ability to love each other, even when they have differences of opinions.

As we read in I Corinthians 13:4-8: *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not*

*puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

Verse 13 adds, *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

Lord, in accordance with your unconditional love, may you help each representative as they work together to serve all Alaskans. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Ortiz.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 60th, 61st and 62nd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Story introduced Charlotte Gomez, Guest Page, from Juneau.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Letters dated March 14 and 15 were read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

#### **Board of Education and Early Development**

James Fields – Glenallen

Appointed: 3/22/2013

Reappointed: 3/1/2018

Reappointed: 3/14/2023

Term Expired: 3/1/2018

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

**Board of Dental Examiners**

Jonathan Woller – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**

Dana Walukiewicz – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

**Alaska Workers' Compensation Board**

John Corbett – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Jonathon Dartt – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Anthony Ladd – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/5/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Lake Williams – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/14/2014

Term Expired: 1/19/2015

Reappointed: 1/19/2015

Term Expired: 3/1/2017

Reappointed: 3/1/2017

Term Expired: 3/1/2020

Reappointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The Speaker referred the following to the Transportation Committee:

**Board of Marine Pilots**

Edward Sinclair – Juneau

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 7 and accompanying letter dated March 14, regarding the response to the March 1-7 winter storm in the Northwest Arctic Borough and primarily the City of Kotzebue, were received. The declaration and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated March 17 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

#### **FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS**

##### **SB 38**

SENATE BILL NO. 38 by Senators Wilson, Kaufman, Merrick, and Olson, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of interference with emergency communications."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **HB 49**

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

"An Act authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to lease land for carbon management purposes; establishing a carbon offset program for state land; authorizing the sale of carbon offset credits; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

## CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 49(RES)

"An Act authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to lease land for carbon management purposes; establishing a carbon offset program for state land; authorizing the sale of carbon offset credits; authorizing the use of land and water within the Haines State Forest Resource Management Area for a carbon offset project; authorizing the undertaking of carbon offset projects on land in legislatively designated state forests; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Saddler, Wright, McKay

No recommendation (6): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert, McCabe, Rauscher, Patkotak

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 49(RES):

4. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 49 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 85**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 85

"An Act relating to professional licensing; relating to temporary licenses for some professions; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85(L&C)  
(same title)

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

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

Amend (1): Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 85(L&C):

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

HB 85 was referred to the Finance Committee

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

In Memoriam – William "Bill" Louis Dozette  
By Representative Carrick

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

#### **HB 125**

HOUSE BILL NO. 125 by the House Resources Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to trapping cabins on state land; and relating to trapping cabin permit fees."

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

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

#### **HB 62**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

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

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with the:

Journal Page

ENE RPT 4DP 3NR	224
FN1: (CED)	224
FIN RPT 11DP	402
FN1: (CED)	402

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 62 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 62 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 62 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 62

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, 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, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Armstrong, Fields, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, HB 62 passed the House.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 62 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 4**

The following was read the second time:

## 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.

with the:	Journal Page
MLV RPT 5DP	343
FN1: ZERO(H.MLV)	343
STA RPT 6DP	400
FN1: ZERO(H.MLV)	400

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 4 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HJR 4 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HJR 4 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 4

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, 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, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: Armstrong, Fields, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, HJR 4 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.



**THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 10**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 17 calendar (page 409), was read the third 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.

The question being: "Shall HJR 10 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 10

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 31 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Carrick, Gray, Groh, Josephson, Mina

Excused: Armstrong, Fields, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, HJR 10 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 - 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; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

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

In Memoriam - Darroll R. Hargraves  
By Senator Wilson; Representative Stutes

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following member be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the member was excused as noted:

Representative Vance – from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., March 22

**HB 63**

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

**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."

HB 63 is in the Judiciary Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

**HJR 4**

Representatives Shaw, Josephson, Stapp, Dibert, Galvin, Tomaszewski, and Tilton 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 Allard, Tomaszewski, Stapp, and Wright 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 62**

Representatives Cronk, Galvin, Stutes, Josephson, Carrick, Groh, Ortiz, Wright, and Mears 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 93**

Representative Cronk 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 122**

Representative McCabe added as a cosponsor to:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 122

"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."

**ENGROSSMENT****HJR 4**

HJR 4 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HJR 10**

HJR 10 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 62**

HB 62 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 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk