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Seventieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:15 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives McCormick and Patkotak had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Father Michael Galbraith of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Holy God,

In these days of uncertainty and change, we turn to you who are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Regardless of the circumstance, Lord, you are not just present but provisioning, supplying us all that we need to forge into and navigate the unknown ahead.

Give us reason, then, to cling to faith and to trust your guiding hand in this liminal period of our chamber's leadership. Offer us the gift of perspective. Bring to our minds the needs of our state. In the face of troubles, help us to remain resolute, ever committed to our duties and give us the strength to govern in wisdom and faith, knowing that you will sustain us.

Call us to live this day in faith, if not by sight, and seek always to make it our goal to please you as we serve the state you have entrusted to us.

We lean on you, our rock, and pray in the name of our sure redeemer. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Prax.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 65th through 69th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated March 23 was 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 Health & Social Services Committee:

State Medical Board

David Barnes – Palmer

Appointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar

William Granger – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2011

Term Expired: 3/1/2014

Reappointed: 3/1/2014

Term Expired: 3/1/2017

Reappointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Alaska Judicial Council

Dennis DeWitt – Juneau

Appointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

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

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Breanna Hardy – North Pole

Appointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Glenda Ledford – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Board of Nursing

Danette Schloeder – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

Alaska Aerospace Corporation

2022 Annual Report

<https://akaerospace.com/about-us/annual-reports/>

(as required by AS 26.27.100)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Joey Crum
Paula Harrison
Bethany Marcum
Dennis Michel

as members of the University of Alaska Board of Regents.

The report was signed by Representative Ruffridge, Co-chair; and Representatives Himschoot, Story, McKay, and Prax.

The Health & Social Services Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Heidi Hedberg

as the Commissioner of the Department of Health.

The report was signed by Representative Prax, Chair; and Representatives Fields, Ruffridge, Sumner, Mina, and Saddler.

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

John Boyle

As the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

The report was signed by Representative McKay, Chair; and Representatives Rauscher, Wright, Saddler, Mears, Armstrong, Dibert, and McCabe.

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

Greg Wilson

as a member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

The report was signed by Representative McKay, Chair; and Representatives Saddler, Mears, and Dibert.

HB 56

The Labor & Commerce 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 Ruffridge, Vice Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): Prax, Carrick, Saddler, Ruffridge

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 56 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 60

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

"An Act relating to the licensing of runaway shelters; relating to advisors to the board of trustees of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; relating to the sharing of confidential health information between the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 60(HSS)
(same title)

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

Do pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (5): Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, Saddler, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 60(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Family and Community Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Health

HB 60 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 65

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

"An Act relating to education; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(EDC)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Allard and Ruffridge, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (1): McCormick

Do not pass (3): McKay, Prax, Allard

No recommendation (1): Ruffridge

Amend (2): Himschoot, Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 65(EDC):

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization

HB 65 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 66

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 66

"An Act relating to homicide resulting from conduct involving controlled substances; relating to the computation of good time; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 66(JUD)

"An Act relating to homicide resulting from conduct involving controlled substances; relating to misconduct involving a controlled substance in the first degree; relating to sentencing; relating to the computation of good time; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

Do not pass (1): Eastman

No recommendation (1): Groh

Amend (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 66(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
2. Zero, Dept. of Family and Community Services
3. Zero, Dept. of Law
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
7. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 66 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 83

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 83

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

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

Do pass (5): McCabe, Saddler, Wright, Rauscher, McKay

No recommendation (3): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 83 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Edward and Janice Hotch
By Senators Kiehl, Hughes; Representative Story

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

Commemorating – Law Enforcement Memorial Day, January 9, 2023
By Representative Tilton

Honoring – Lindsay Weaver
By Representatives Stapp, Tomaszewski; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring – Huffman Elementary School
By Representative Coulombe; Senator Kaufman

Honoring – Gail Fenumiai
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring – 2023 Top Three Iditarod Finishers
By Senator Hoffman

Honoring – Kodiak High School Shakesbears Drama, 2023 Division I
Drama, Debate, & Forensics State Champions
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam – Marie Paul
By Representative Edgmon; Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam – Robert Lee Smay
By Senator Kaufman; Representatives Shaw, Coulombe

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring – Edward and Janice Hotch, 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 – Edward and Janice Hotch
By Senators Kiehl, Hughes; Representative Story

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 133

HOUSE BILL NO. 133 by Representative Sumner, entitled:

"An Act exempting municipal service area boards from the requirements of the Open Meetings Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 134

HOUSE BILL NO. 134 by Representative Coulombe, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting municipalities from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; prohibiting the state from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; and relating to municipal taxation of mobile telecommunications services."

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

HB 135

HOUSE BILL NO. 135 by Representatives C. Johnson, Wright, Vance, Tomaszewski, and Ruffridge, entitled:

"An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 136

HOUSE BILL NO. 136 by Representatives Ruffridge, Coulombe, Tomaszewski, Galvin, Wright, Mears, Armstrong, Gray, Groh, Dibert, and Mina, entitled:

"An Act disapproving recommendations of the State Officers Compensation Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 137

HOUSE BILL NO. 137 by Representative Wright, entitled:

"An Act relating to an interstate physical therapy licensure compact; relating to the licensure of physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 138

HOUSE BILL NO. 138 by Representative Wright, entitled:

"An Act relating to an audiology and speech-language interstate compact; relating to the practice of audiology and the practice of speech-language pathology; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 139

HOUSE BILL NO. 139 by Representative Ruffridge, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for correspondence study programs."

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

HB 140

HOUSE BILL NO. 140 by the House Rules Committee by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to the State Officers Compensation Commission; and relating to policies of the Alaska Legislative Council regarding allowances and reimbursement for moving expenses."

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

HB 141

HOUSE BILL NO. 141 by the House Rules Committee, entitled:

"An Act establishing June 9 of each year as Don Young Day."

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

HB 142

HOUSE BILL NO. 142 by Representative Carpenter, entitled:

"An Act relating to a state sales and use tax; authorizing the Department of Revenue to enter into the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement; 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 143

HOUSE BILL NO. 143 by the House Resources Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to advanced recycling and advanced recycling facilities; relating to waste; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 103

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 103

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission."

with the:	Journal Page
RES RPT 7DP	445
FN1: ZERO(CED)	445

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 103 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 103 will advance to third reading on the March 29 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 78**

The following, which could not be considered in a technical session (page 463), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

The Speaker stated that, without objection, HB 78 would be held in third reading to the March 29 calendar.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citations on the calendar?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on Calendar

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: McCormick, Patkotak, Schrage

And so, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring – Cash Robert Arrington
By Representative Foster

Honoring – Lieutenant General Craig Campbell
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam – Elaine Hawks
By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Joshua "Josh" Brooks
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

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 Vance – from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., March 29

Representative Rauscher – from 6:00 p.m., March 29 to 6:00 p.m.,
April 1

Representative McCabe – from 1:00 p.m., March 31 to 10:00 p.m.,
April 2

Representative Wright – from 7:00 p.m., March 31 to 10:00 p.m.,
April 2

Representative Mears – from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., March 30

Representative Tomaszewski – from:
5:00 p.m., April 14 to 10:30 p.m., April 15
5:00 p.m., April 20 to 10:30 a.m., April 24
5:00 p.m., April 28 to 10:30 a.m., May 1
5:00 p.m., May 5 to 10:30 a.m., May 8

HB 60

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral and added a Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 60

"An Act relating to the licensing of runaway shelters; relating to advisors to the board of trustees of the Alaska Mental Health Trust

Authority; relating to the sharing of confidential health information between the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; relating to the duties of the Department of Health and the Department of Family and Community Services; and providing for an effective date."

HB 60 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 19

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

HOUSE BILL NO. 19

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and providing for an effective date."

HB 19 is in the House Special Committee on Fisheries with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HB 78

Representatives Ortiz and Tomaszewski added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

HB 103

Representatives C. Johnson, McCabe, Armstrong, and Story added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 103

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission."

HB 112

Representative Mears added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 112

"An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to the practice of pharmacy; relating to pharmacies; relating to prescription drug

manufacturers; relating to prescriptions for epinephrine; relating to the administration of epinephrine; and providing for an effective date."

HB 123

Representative Edgmon added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 123

"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."

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 29. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk