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Seventy-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:33 a.m.

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

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.

God of the universe, we give you thanks for giving us another day.

We ask your blessing upon this assembly and upon all who call upon your name. Send your spirit to fill their hearts with those divine gifts you have prepared for them.

May your grace find expression in the works we do here today and may your blessing be upon our judgement and thoughts. Bless us, that we will have the wisdom and knowledge to complete your good work for our state and nation. May your mercy encourage good will in all we do and accomplish this day.

As the members of this House face the demands of our time, grant them and us all your peace.

May all that is done this day be for your greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Ruffridge.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 72nd and 73rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

A message dated March 30 was received stating the Speaker made the following appointments:

Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee

Representative Carpenter

Representative Cronk

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

David Koch

as a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Christopher Jaime

as a member of the Marijuana Control Board.

Sara Rasmussen

as a member of the Board of Pharmacy.

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

HB 39

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making reappropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; amending appropriations; making reappropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives D. Johnson and Edgmon, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Stapp, Tomaszewski, Cronk, Coulombe, D. Johnson, Edgmon

Amend (4): Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz

HB 39 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 41

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 41(FIN)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives D. Johnson and Edgmon, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Stapp, Coulombe, Cronk, Tomaszewski, D. Johnson, Edgmon

Amend (4): Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz

HB 41 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 - Jason Mackey, 2023 Iditarod Red Lantern Award Musher
By Representative Tomaszewski

Honoring - 2023 Alaska School Activities Association, Alaska High School Hall of Fame Inductees
By Representatives Cronk, Ruffridge; Senator Bishop

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 13

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13 by Representatives McKay and Tomaszewski:

Requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United States Senate; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to request the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

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

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

HB 149

HOUSE BILL NO. 149 by Representatives Prax, Tomaszewski, and Coulombe, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 150

HOUSE BILL NO. 150 by Representative Sumner, entitled:

"An Act relating to residential building codes; relating to construction contractors and residential contractor endorsements; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 23

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

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

with the:

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STA RPT 6DP	401
FN1: ZERO(GOV/COMBINED)	401

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 23 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 23 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 23 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 23
 Third Reading
 Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Armstrong, Galvin, Patkotak, Rauscher

And so, HB 23 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 135

The following, which was held from the March 29 calendar (page 504), was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 135

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

with the:	Journal Page
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STA RPT 6DP 1AM	498
FN1: ZERO(H.STA)	498

The Speaker stated that, without objection, HB 135 will be held in second reading to the April 3 calendar.

HOUSE BILLS IN THIRD READING

HB 78

The following, which was held in third reading from the March 29 calendar (page 505), was before the House:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

The question being: "Shall HB 78 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 78

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Excused: Armstrong, Galvin, Patkotak, Rauscher

And so, HB 78 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 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: 35 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 4 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Armstrong, Galvin, Patkotak, Rauscher

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

Honoring - Crystal Kennedy
By Representative Allard

Honoring - Timothy Barto
By Representative Allard

Honoring - LeAnn Young
By Representative Cronk; Senator Bishop

Honoring - Homer High School Mariners Football Team
By Representative Vance

Honoring - Chief Justice Daniel Winfree
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Elsie Pitka
By Representative Cronk; Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Jesus Antonio "Jesse" V. Vizcocho
By Senators Stevens, Claman; Representatives Stutes, Armstrong

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 Shaw – from 1:00 p.m., April 21 to 9:30 p.m., April 23

Representative Wright – from 7:00 p.m., April 14 to 10:00 p.m., April 16

Representative Carpenter – from 7:30 a.m., April 14 to 9:30 p.m., April 16

Representative Mina – from 1:00 p.m., today to 1:00 p.m., April 1

Representative Dibert – from 6:30 a.m., April 7 to 10:00 p.m. April 9

HB 19

The Speaker added a Transportation 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 referrals to the Transportation and Finance Committees.

HB 23

Representatives Fields, Josephson, Stutes, and Tilton added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 23

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

HB 70

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

"An Act relating to property exempt from municipal taxation."

HB 78

Representatives Stapp, Stutes, and Wright added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

HB 98

Representative Allard added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 98

"An Act relating to state ownership of submerged land underlying navigable water within the boundaries of and adjacent to federal areas; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT**HB 23**

HB 23 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 78

HB 78 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENROLLMENT**HJR 4**

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 9:30 a.m., March 31:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 4

The following memorandum dated March 31 was received from Lora Brown, Enrolling Secretary, Division of Legal and Research Services, regarding:

"In accordance with Rule 43, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am reporting the following manifest errors in HJR 4, which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 2, line 12:

Delete "that"

Insert ", which"

Page 3, line 11:

Delete "Sueng-man"

Insert "Seung-man"

HB 79

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 3:15 p.m. March 30:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 79(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations and other appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

The following memorandum dated March 29 was received from Lora Brown, Enrolling Secretary, Division of Legal and Research Services, regarding:

"In accordance with Rule 43, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am reporting the following manifest errors in CSHB 79(FIN), which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 5, line 7:

Delete "June 20"

Insert "June 30"

Page 5, line 13:

Delete "June 20"

Insert "June 30"

Page 5, line 14:

Delete "appropriations"

Insert "appropriation"

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., April 3. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk