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Eighty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 33 members present. Representatives Carpenter, Ortiz, and Stutes were absent.

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 Armstrong – today

Representative Story – today

Representative Vance – today

Representative Patkotak – from today to 9:30 p.m., April 11

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Major Gina Halverson of the Salvation Army. Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Dear Lord,

We thank you for those who are present and those who help our House of Representatives continue to govern our land with grace and dignity. We ask that you give wisdom and understanding as they work together to keep our beautiful state of Alaska's resources benefiting those who live here.

As the climate of our nation continues to change and leaders continue to view different ways to lead our land, we ask that you provide a spirit of compromise and a spirit of humility that only make our leaders stronger and wiser.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Stapp.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 80th, 81st, 82nd, and 83rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 69

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

"An Act relating to the reclassification of first class cities as second class cities; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(CRA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Mears, McKay, Himschoot, Ruffridge, McCabe, McCormick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 69(CRA):

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

HB 69 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 123

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

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."

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

Do pass (6): Mears, McKay, Himschoot, Ruffridge, McCabe, McCormick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 123 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up as a special order of business:

Honoring - Dixie St. John

By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

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

Honoring - Scott Roleff

By Representative Allard

Honoring - Denali Elementary School

By Representative Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Nome Arts Council's Fiftieth Anniversary

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Clayton Lowell Ellington
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - William "Bill" Black
By Representative Dibert; Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam - George Jeffrey Cobb
By Representatives Carrick, Cronk

In Memoriam - Lucinda Miranda
By Representative Allard

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Dixie St. John, 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 - Dixie St. John
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 155

HOUSE BILL NO. 155 by Representative Stapp, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Military Affairs Commission; and relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Military Affairs Commission."

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

HB 156

HOUSE BILL NO. 156 by Representatives Galvin and Groh, entitled:

"An Act relating to the taxation of income of individuals, partners, shareholders in S corporations, trusts, and estates; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; 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.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 39**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 6 calendar (page 667), would be held to the April 12 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(FIN) am

"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."

HB 41

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 6 calendar (page 673), would be held to the April 12 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 41(FIN) am

"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."

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 – 2022 Gold Award Girl Scouts
By Representatives Groh, Galvin, Himschoot

Honoring – 2022 Anchorage Eagle Scouts
By Representatives Groh, Fields, Gray

In Memoriam – Dwight Eduard Morris
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam – Carol Ann Heeks Brice
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam – Charles "Chuck" Leo Milles
By Senators Kawasaki, Meyer; Representative Tomaszewski

In Memoriam – Larry J. Hackenmiller
By Senator Kawasaki

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 21**

Representative McKay added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date."

HB 34

Representative McKay added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

"An Act relating to the selection and retention of court of appeals and district court judges and magistrates; relating to the

qualifications of supreme court justices, superior court judges, district court judges, and magistrates; relating to the duties of the judicial council; relating to the duties of the Commission on Judicial Conduct; and repealing Rule 19.1, Alaska Rules of Administration."

HB 35

Representative McKay added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

"An Act relating to the certificate of need program for health care facilities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 45

Representative Groh added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 45

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general and permanent funds."

HB 61

Representative Sumner added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

"An Act relating to restrictions on firearms and other weapons."

HB 98

Representative McKay 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."

HB 145

Representative Groh added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

"An Act relating to loans in an amount of \$25,000 or less; relating to deferred deposit advances; 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., April 12. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk