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Ninety-fourth Day

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

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Hannan. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the invocation be spread on the journal?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

Spread the Invocation on the Journal

YEAS: 30 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

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

Nays: Allard, Eastman, D.Johnson, Saddler, Stapp, Vance

Excused: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

Absent: McCormick

And so, the following invocation was spread on the journal:

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following:

I acknowledge that we stand on the occupied land of the A'akw Kwáan L'Eeneidi. For more than 10,000 years, 'Linget people have been the caretakers of this place and its people.

As we work together may we seek to speak to each other in truth. May we listen to each other with love and care. May we work to seek the common good and live in accord with our highest aspirations. Gunalchéesh.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Vance.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 93rd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 78

A message dated April 19 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 78

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

HB 78 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

A message dated April 19 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 58

SENATE BILL NO. 58 by the Senate Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to Medicaid eligibility; expanding eligibility for postpartum mothers; conditioning the expansion of eligibility on approval by the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and providing for an effective date."

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 115

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 115

"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."

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

Do pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (1): McCormick

Amend (5): Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, Saddler, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 115 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 148

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 148

"An Act relating to the Alaska performance scholarship program."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 148(EDC)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Himschoot, Story, McKay, McCormick, Prax, Ruffridge

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 148(EDC):

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 148 was referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HJR 2

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to an appropriation limit.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2(W&M)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): McCabe, Tilton, Carpenter

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No recommendation (2): McKay, Gray

Amend (1): Groh

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 2(W&M):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HJR 2 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 38

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 38

"An Act relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the budget responsibilities of the governor; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 38(W&M)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): McCabe, Tilton, Carpenter

No recommendation (2): McKay, Gray

Amend (1): Groh

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 38(W&M):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 38 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Mike Huisingh
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

Honoring – Suzanne LaFrance
By Representatives Schrage, Fields; Senator Dunbar

Honoring – Elizabeth Kvamme
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam – Thomas C. Gregori
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

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

HR 8

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representatives Vance, Cronk, Rauscher, and McCabe:

Encouraging the Department of Fish and Game to adopt certain regulations relating to fisheries bycatch.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

HJR 14

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14 by Representative Armstrong:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the duration of regular sessions of the legislature.

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

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

HB 167

HOUSE BILL NO. 167 by Representatives Fields, Dibert, and Armstrong, entitled:

"An Act relating to the care of children in state custody placed in nonprofit institutions outside the state."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 80

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 80

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

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(LAW)

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Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 12, through page 2, line 11:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 10:

Delete "sec. 20"

Insert "sec. 19"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

Representative Edgmon moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be tabled.

Representative Eastman objected.

Representative Edgmon moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 80

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

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

Yeas: Eastman

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, 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: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 3, lines 21 - 24:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 10:

Delete "sec. 20"

Insert "sec. 19"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be tabled.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be tabled?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 80

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2/Table

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

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, 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: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, Amendment No. 2 was tabled.

Amendment No. 3 was not offered.

Representative Eastman rose to a point of order regarding interrupting members during debate.

The Speaker cautioned members to refrain from interruptions.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 7, line 8:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 10:

Delete "sec. 20"

Insert "sec. 19"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 be tabled.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 be tabled?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 80

Second Reading

Amendment No. 4/Table

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Armstrong, Eastman, Josephson

Excused: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, Amendment No. 4 was tabled.

Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 7, following line 8:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Sec. 20.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

SEVERABILITY. If this Act is held invalid under the requirement of art. II, sec. 13, Constitution of the State of Alaska, that every bill be

confined to one subject, the provisions of secs. 3, 7, 18, and 19 of this Act shall be severed so that the provisions of secs. 1, 2, 4 - 6, and 8 - 17 of this Act are not affected."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 10:

Delete "sec. 20"

Insert "sec. 21"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be tabled.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 80

Second Reading

Amendment No. 5/Table

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Armstrong, Eastman, Galvin, Josephson, Ortiz, Tomaszewski

Excused: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, Amendment No. 5 was tabled.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 80 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 80 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SB 80 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 80

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, 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: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, SB 80 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.

SB 80 was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 75

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the April 19 calendar (page 785), would be held to the April 24 calendar:

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

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

HB 104

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 19 calendar (page 784), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(RES) am

"An Act relating to salvage sales of timber, negotiated timber sales for local manufacture of wood products, and expedited timber sales; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 104(RES) am pass the House?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 104(RES) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Groh, Hannan, Josephson, Mina, Story

Excused: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, CSHB 104(RES) am 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.

CSHB 104(RES) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 141

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 19 calendar (page 785), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

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

The question being: "Shall HB 141 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 141

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 2 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, 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: Coulombe, Hannan

Excused: Carrick, Patkotak, Sumner

And so, HB 141 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 – Daisy Lockwood Katcheak
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring – Josephine Elizabeth Stiles
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring – Susie Feero
By Representatives Gray, Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring – Kenny Iyatunguk
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

Honoring – Jill Flanders Crosby
By Representatives Gray, Saddler; Senator Merrick

Honoring – Reverend Gracie Mae Jackson
By Representatives Saddler, Allard; Senator Merrick

Honoring – Mark Littlefield
By Representatives Saddler, Allard; Senator Merrick

Honoring – Rodney Wild, Cook Inlet Conference Coach of the Year
By Representatives Saddler, Allard; Senator Merrick

Honoring – Police Chief Edwin Mercer
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring – Jeanne Waite Follette
By Senator Bjorkman

Honoring – John Davis
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

Honoring - Brant Bradley, Logan Jemewouk, and Damion Takak
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

Honoring – Teeka Ballas
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Gray, Mears

In Memoriam – Bertha Lucille Karras
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam – Butch Porter
By Representatives Saddler, Allard; Senator Merrick

In Memoriam – Donna Spragg Pegues
By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam – Terry Stonecipher
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam – Ethel Aanwoogex' Shtoo.aak Lund
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – Curtis Matthew Worland
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam – Drew Sparlin
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

In Memoriam – Betty Jane Glick
By Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam – Peggy Cynthia Sherman-Luce
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam – Nathan Hadley Sr.
By Senator Olson; Representative Patkotak

In Memoriam – Jo Chambers Putman
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam – Bill Oudal
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam – Dr. Jim Earl Lewis
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

In Memoriam – Jerry Fagerstrom
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

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 Cronk – from 6:30 p.m., April 21 to 9:30 p.m., April 23

HB 61

Representative Stapp added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 61

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

HB 156

Representative Armstrong added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 156

"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."

HB 166

Representative Mears added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

"An Act relating to firefighting substances; and providing for an effective date."

SJR 10

Representative Fields added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Encouraging Alaska's Congressional delegation and the federal government to raise Medicare reimbursement rates to meet the actual cost of care for the state's senior citizens.

ENGROSSMENT

HB 104

CSHB 104(RES) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 141

HB 141 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.

The following meetings today were changed:

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Transportation Committee
CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

House Special Committee on Energy

CANCELED

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., April 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk