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**One Hundredth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:05 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Patkotak had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Keith Greene of Glacier Valley Church of God. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Almighty God,

We come to you today to first acknowledge your great wisdom and holiness. We humbly ask your direction today for this legislative body so that this great state can move in a direction that benefits all of its citizens. We thank you for our freedom, and our ability to honor you. Let us set aside differences within us and let healing and peace reign. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Allard.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 98th and 99th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Story introduced Kaycee Parady, Guest Page, from Juneau.

Representative Hannan introduced Atagan Hood, Guest Page, from Juneau.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated April 24 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 Education Committee:

#### **University of Alaska Board of Regents**

Albiona Selimi – Wasilla

Appointed: 6/1/2023

Term Expires: 6/1/2025

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

#### **Professional Teaching Practices Commission**

Stephanie Green – Wasilla

Appointed: 4/21/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

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

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

Messages dated April 24 and 25 were received stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

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

#### **SB 12**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12(JUD) by the Senate Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 57**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57(FIN) am by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to home- and community-based services under the medical assistance program; relating to medical assistance for recipients of Medicaid waivers; establishing an adult care home license and procedures; providing for the transition of individuals from foster care to adult home care settings; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 98**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 98(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation to manage the power cost equalization endowment fund; requiring the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation to publish certain reports relating to the power cost equalization endowment fund; relating to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation's management and investment of the power cost equalization endowment fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

**SB 103**

SENATE BILL NO. 103 by Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson, Tobin, Kawasaki, and Giessel, entitled:

"An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections."

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

### COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Natural Resources  
Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys  
Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission  
2022 Annual Report to the Governor and State Legislature  
(as required by AS 44.37.067)

Messages dated April 25 were received stating the Speaker made the following appointments:

Alaska Aerospace Corporation  
(AS 26.27.010-040)  
Representative Shaw

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
(AS 14.42.015)  
Representative Coulombe

Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council  
(AS 44.33.520)  
Representative McCormick

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute  
(AS 16.51.010)  
Representative Hannan, alternate

Governor's Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation  
(Administrative Order No. 324)  
Representative Ruffridge  
Representative Mina

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council  
(AS 44.29.300)  
Representative McCormick  
Representative Hannan

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education  
(AS 47.80.030)

Representative Wright

Childcare Task Force  
(Administrative Order 346)

Representative Coulombe

Coordinated Care Demonstration Project Review Committee  
(AS 47.07.039)

Representative Prax  
Representative Mina, alternate

Alaska 9-1-1 Advisory Board  
(AS 44.19.145)

Representative Ortiz

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

Jonathan Woller

as a member of the Board of Dental Examiners.

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

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

David Lorring

as a member of the Board of Game.

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

**HB 92**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 92

"An Act relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 92(FSH)

"An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fishermen's fund; and relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners."

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

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

No recommendation (2): Fields, Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 92(FSH):

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 92 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 99**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

"An Act relating to and prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression."

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

Do pass (3): Himschoot, Mears, McCormick

Do not pass (2): McKay, McCabe

No recommendation (1): Ruffridge

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HB 99 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 127**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 127

"An Act relating to home- and community-based services under the medical assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Saddler, Mina, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health

HB 127 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**HB 128**

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

"An Act relating to the definition of 'oil terminal facility.'"

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 128(TRA)

"An Act relating to the operation of a tank vessel or oil barge as an oil terminal facility; relating to the definition of 'oil terminal facility'; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (7): Stutes, Mina, Sumner, C. Johnson, McKay, Vance, McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 128(TRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 128 is on today's calendar.

### **SJR 10**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

#### 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.

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

Do pass (7): Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Saddler, Mina, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Affairs Agency

SJR 10 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Gina Spartz

By Senators Stevens, Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

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



Honoring - Sarge Truesdell  
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

Honoring - Arnold Ibias  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Elizabeth Congdon-McGee  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Blake Stewart and Darren Albertson  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Cooper Roberts  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Kelly Shrein  
By Representative Josephson

Honoring - Rebecca Carrillo  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Scott Brainard  
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Millie Schoonover  
By Representatives Himschoot, Hannan

Honoring - Thunder Mountain High School Girls Basketball Team,  
2023 Region V 4A Champions  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Ketchikan PeaceHealth General Hospital  
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Sitka High School Drama, Debate & Forensics State  
Champions  
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Doug Tansy  
By Senators Dunbar, Bishop, Kawasaki

Honoring - Jeremy Narus and Rowan Wollrich  
By Senator Giessel

Honoring - Barbara Jones  
By Senators Claman, Dunbar; Representative Armstrong

Honoring - Greg Kinney  
By Senator Claman; Representative Armstrong

Honoring - Pier One Theater  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - Pacific Community of Alaska  
By Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson; Representative Mina

Honoring - Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 70th Anniversary  
By Senators Kaufman, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Hari Pariyar  
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Manuel R. Agramonte  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Ralph William "Billy" Foster  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Wayne Fredeen  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Irene Cadiente  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Donna Jayne Shaw  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Dennis L. Smythe  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Lorrie Horning  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Sadie Jane Huffer  
By Representatives Josephson, Saddler, Allard

In Memoriam - Gladys Mae Yuth  
By Representative Vance; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Fritz Moser  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Sol Neely  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Reatha Sommers  
By Representative Prax; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Joseph Reeves III  
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Dr. Loren Dean Halter  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Lance Petersen  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Gina Spartz, 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 - Gina Spartz  
By Senators Stevens, Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

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

**HB 175**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 175 by Representative Allard, entitled:

"An Act relating to midwives and the practice of midwifery; relating to apprentice midwives; renaming the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives as the Board of Licensed Midwives; relating to the Board of Licensed Midwives; extending the termination date of the Board of Licensed Midwives; relating to insurance; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 178**

HOUSE BILL NO. 178 by the House Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to village safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities."

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

**HB 179**

HOUSE BILL NO. 179 by Representative Wright, entitled:

"An Act relating to employee rights; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 180**

HOUSE BILL NO. 180 by Representatives Cronk, McCormick, Stapp, Foster, and Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act temporarily closing the commercial salmon fishery in a portion of the Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 181**

HOUSE BILL NO. 181 by the House Judiciary Committee, entitled:

"An Act renaming the State Commission for Human Rights the Alaska State Commission for Civil Rights; relating to removal of commissioners of the Alaska State Commission for Civil Rights; relating to reports from the Alaska State Commission for Civil Rights; relating to the definition of 'employer' for the purposes of the Alaska State Commission for Civil Rights; and relating to local civil rights commissions."

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

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 128**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 128

"An Act relating to the definition of 'oil terminal facility.'"

with the: Journal Page

TRA RPT CS(TRA) NEW TITLE 7DP 847

FN1: ZERO(DEC) 847

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 128(TRA)

"An Act relating to the operation of a tank vessel or oil barge as an oil terminal facility; relating to the definition of 'oil terminal facility'; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 128(TRA) be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 128

Second Reading

Adopt Transportation CS

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, 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, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Patkotak

And so, CSHB 128(TRA) was adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 128(TRA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 128(TRA) will advance to third reading on the April 28 calendar.

### **HB 60**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 24 calendar (page 833), was read the third time:

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 60(HSS) am**

"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."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 60(HSS) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 60(HSS) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, 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, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Patkotak

And so, CSHB 60(HSS) 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 60(HSS) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 75**

The following, which was held from the April 24 calendar (page 833), was read the third time:

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."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 75(L&C) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 75(L&C)  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Patkotak

And so, CSHB 75(L&C) 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 75(L&C) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to:

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated April 26 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

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

#### **SB 87**

SENATE BILL NO. 87 by Senators Bjorkman, Dunbar, Stevens, Bishop, Merrick, Stedman, Olson, Kawasaki, Giessel, Claman, Kaufman, and Wielechowski, entitled:

"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."

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



The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to Introduction of Guests and then advance to:

### LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

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

There was objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that the question be divided and the citation, Honoring - Austin Quinn-Davidson, be taken up first. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Gray objected to the citation, Honoring - Austin Quinn-Davidson, offered remarks, and withdrew the objection.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citation, Honoring - Austin Quinn-Davidson?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Honoring - Austin Quinn-Davidson  
Approve Citation(s) on Calendar

**YEAS: 31 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Eastman, McCabe, McKay, Rauscher, Saddler, Tomaszewski

Excused: Patkotak

And so, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Austin Quinn-Davidson  
By Representative Armstrong; Senators Dunbar, Claman

Representative Schrage moved and asked unanimous consent to consider the remaining citations individually.

There was objection.

Representative Schrage withdrew the motion. There being no further objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Ted Wilson

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Dr. John H. Eiler

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Wayne Stevens

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - American Legion Auxiliary, Jack Henry Unit 1

By Representatives Stutes, Josephson; Senator Tobin

Honoring - Diane Susan Kaplan

By Senators Tobin, Claman; Representative Armstrong

Honoring - Duke Russell

By Senators Tobin, Gray-Jackson; Representative Galvin

Honoring - Linda Combs

By Senator Hughes; Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam - Jerome "Jerry" Vonnahme

By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Bruce Earl James

By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Reynaldo Rafanan Caparas

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - David Wayne Schade

By Representatives Allard, Saddler

In Memoriam - James "Jim" W. Watts  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Marta Agramonte  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Verner Stor Wilson III  
By Representative Edgmon; Senators Hoffman, Dunbar

In Memoriam - Margaret Spils  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Victor "Vic" Van Ballenberghe  
By Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Francis Xavier Nolan, Jr.  
By Representative Josephson; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - William E. Fread  
By Senator Hughes

In Memoriam - Darlene Bess  
By Senator Hughes; Representative D. Johnson

### **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 June 6 to June 11

#### **HB 101**

The Speaker removed the Health & Social Services Committee referral for the following:

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 101**

"An Act relating to the use of campaign funds for dependent care, protection, and supervision."

HB 101 was referred to the State Affairs Committee with further referral to the Judiciary Committee.

**HJR 14**

Representative Eastman added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

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

**HB 147**

Representative Prax added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act relating to teacher certificates for retired teachers."

**HB 149**

Representatives McCabe, Shaw, McKay, D. Johnson, and Cronk added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 149

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

**SB 103**

Representative Galvin added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 103

"An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 60**

CSHB 60(HSS) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 75**

CSHB 75(L&C) 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 10:30 a.m., April 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk