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**May 9, 2023**

**One Hundred Thirteenth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 9:52 a.m.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the Chamber.

**JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE**

Consideration of the Governor's appointees will be published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 9.

**IN THE HOUSE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 2:18 p.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Shaw was absent and his presence was noted later.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Carrick. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With the deepest respect for the spiritual beliefs of all Alaskans, I invite everyone to join in a moment of prayer and reflection:

On this day, may we each be thankful. Let us each be thankful for the many joys of our lives, for the company of our

colleagues, friends, community, and families, and for the opportunity to serve together on behalf of Alaskans across the state.

On this day, let us also be mindful. Let us be mindful of the many people whose lives are impacted by the decisions we make. Let us be kind and thoughtful towards those family members, colleagues, friends, and staff who daily work hard and who make sacrifices on our behalf in order that we may better come to this work whole and with a readiness to make such mindful decisions.

On this day, and on every day, let us treat one another and all Alaskans with dignity, with integrity, and with respect. Let us strive to fulfill our duties with the right mix of courage and compassion. And let us each respect the land, the traditions, and the people whose honor it is we have to represent. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Cronk.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 112th legislative day and House Journal Supplement No. 5 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

#### **HB 8**

A message dated May 8 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles."

with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 8(STA)

"An Act relating to electric-assisted bicycles; and providing for an effective date."

(technical title change)

HB 8 is under Unfinished Business.

A message dated May 8 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS**

**SB 37**

SENATE BILL NO. 37 by Senator Claman, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

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

**SB 53**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to competency to stand trial; relating to involuntary civil commitments; and relating to victims' rights during certain civil commitment proceedings."

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

\*\*The presence of Representative Shaw was noted.

**SB 67**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(RES) by the Senate Resources Committee, entitled:

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

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**HB 11**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

## SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 11

"An Act establishing the crime of assault in the presence of a child."

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

Do pass (4): Groh, Carpenter, Gray, Allard

Do not pass (1): Eastman

No recommendation (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

SSHB 11 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 137**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 137

"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."

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

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

No recommendation (2): Saddler, Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 137 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 138**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 138

"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."

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

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

No recommendation (2): Saddler, Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 138 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 93**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(L&C) am

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

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

Do pass (6): Fields, Carrick, Wright, Ruffridge, Saddler, Sumner

Amend (1): Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

CSSB 93(L&C) am was referred to the Rules Committee.

**SB 123**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 123(L&C)

"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers' license requirements; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Fields, Wright, Ruffridge, Prax, Saddler, Sumner

No recommendation (1): Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

CSSB 123(L&C) was referred to the Rules Committee.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**HB 169**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

"An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries rehabilitation permit."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 169(FSH)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): McCabe, Stutes, McCormick, Carpenter, Vance

No recommendation (1): Himschoot

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 169(FSH):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 169 was referred to the Resources Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Merrill Sikorski  
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

Honoring - Dr. Talis James Colberg  
By Senator Wilson; Representative D. Johnson

Honoring - Daniel Esparza  
By Senator Wielechowski; Representatives Mears, Fields

In Memoriam - Mary Margaret McConnell  
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

In Memoriam - Jean Holly  
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

In Memoriam - Ann Whipple  
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****SB 53**

Representative Vance, Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23(a) be waived so the Judiciary Committee may hear the following on May 10:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am

"An Act relating to competency to stand trial; relating to involuntary civil commitments; and relating to victims' rights during certain civil commitment proceedings."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 57**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 8 calendar (page 972), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

"An Act relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; and relating to patient records."

The question being: "Shall HB 57 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 57

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 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, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright



And so, HB 57 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 - Andre Rembert  
By Representative Saddler

Honoring - Janice Strickland  
By Representatives Gray, Mina; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - The Last Frontier Honor Flight 10th Anniversary  
By Representative Saddler

Honoring - Fairbanks Juneteenth Celebrations 2023  
By Representative Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - West High School Ski Team, Region and State Champions  
By Representatives Fields, Armstrong; Senator Tobin

Honoring - Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Exchange  
By Representatives Groh, Gray; Senator Tobin

Honoring - 2023 House Floor Staff  
By Representative C. Johnson

Honoring - Discovery Peak Charter School, Science Olympiad Team  
By Representative Tomaszewski

Honoring - Lathrop High School Academic Decathlon Team State Champions  
By Representative Tomaszewski

Honoring - Joel Lindsey  
By Senator Myers; Representatives Tomaszewski, Prax

Honoring - Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month  
By Senators Kawasaki, Dunbar; Representative Mina

In Memoriam - Nancy Graff  
By Representatives Tomaszewski, Prax; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Timothy J. Moore  
By Representative Vance

In Memoriam - William Deshay English  
By Senators Wielechowski, Olson, Gray-Jackson

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **HB 111**

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 111

"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or have a hearing impairment."

HB 111 was referred to the Finance Committee.

#### **HB 4**

Representative Tomaszewski added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

"An Act relating to elections."

#### **HB 28**

Representative Ortiz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 28

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

#### **HB 57**

Representatives Schrage, Stutes, Cronk, Stapp, C. Johnson, and Story added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

"An Act relating to review organizations and permitting an emergency medical services provider to establish a review organization; and relating to patient records."

**HB 112**

Representative Wright 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 164**

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 164

"An Act relating to misconduct involving weapons in the fourth degree; and establishing the offense of misconduct involving weapons in the sixth degree."

**HB 196**

Representative Groh added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 196

"An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and providing for an effective date."

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would revert to Introduction of Guests.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would advance to Special Order of Business.

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 57**

HB 57 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 10:00 a.m., May 10. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk