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One Hundred Sixteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:02 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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

With respect to all faiths, I offer a reading from Proverbs, Chapter 3.

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place; by his knowledge the watery depths were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.

My son, do not let wisdom and understanding from your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be

life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; but when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

Father God in heaven, give us the wisdom of discretion. We ask this in your son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Edgmon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 115th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated May 11 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 52

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 52(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to education; requiring the Department of Education and Early Development to provide information relating to public schools on an Internet website; relating to information on the post-secondary education, career path, and residency of graduates from high schools in the state; relating to transportation of students; relating to state funding for districts operating residential schools; increasing the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 74

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 74(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"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."

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

SB 75

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 75(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"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."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Fish & Game
Status of Brown Bears and Other Natural Resources
McNeil River State Game Sanctuary and Refuge
2022 Annual Report
May 2023
(as required by AS 16.20.162)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**HB 42**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 42

"An Act relating to the elimination or modification of state agency publications that are outdated, duplicative, or excessive."

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

Do pass (1): Story

No recommendation (5): Carpenter, C. Johnson, Wright, Armstrong, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 42 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 157

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

"An Act establishing Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday."

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

Do pass (4): Story, Wright, Armstrong, Shaw

No recommendation (2): Carpenter, C. Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
8. Fiscal, Dept. of Family & Community Services

HB 157 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

SB 55

The Finance Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 55(FIN)

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the State Medical Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (9): Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz, Tomaszewski, Cronk, Coulombe, Edgmon, Foster

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

CSSB 55(FIN) was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 119

The State Affairs Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 119

"An Act relating to state identifications and driver's licenses for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections; relating to state identifications issued by the Department of Corrections; relating to the duties of the commissioner of corrections; relating to misconduct involving confidential information; relating to voter identification; relating to identification for fishing permits; relating to identification for debtor financing statements; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Armstrong, Carpenter, C. Johnson, Story, Wright, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
2. Zero, Dept. of Corrections

SB 119 was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HJR 7

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the permanent fund, relating to transfers out of the permanent fund, and requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

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

Do pass (6): Allard, Tilton, Groh, McKay, McCabe, Carpenter

No recommendation (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 7(W&M):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HJR 7 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Karey Cooperrider

By Senators Wielechowski, Kiehl; Representative Hannan

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

Honoring - Celeste Hodge-Growden
By Representative Gray; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Kake High School Boys Basketball Team, 2023 1A State Champions
By Representatives Himschoot, Ortiz; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Liz Clark
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - Ziona Brownlow
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Mina, Mears

In Memoriam - Christine Angela Hutchison
By Representatives Carpenter, Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Annie Alvanna Ahgupuk
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Karey Cooperrider, 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 - Karey Cooperrider
By Senators Wielechowski, Kiehl; Representative Hannan

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 29**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 29

"An Act relating to insurance discrimination."

with the:	Journal Page
L&C RPT CS(L&C) 1DP 1DNP 5NR	341
FN1: ZERO(CED)	341
JUD RPT CS(JUD) NEW TITLE 3DP 1DNP 2NR 1AM	959
FN1: ZERO(CED)	959

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. 29(JUD)

"An Act prohibiting certain insurance decisions based solely on a person's political party or a person's status as an elected official."

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 29(JUD) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Gray:

Page 1, lines 1 - 2 (title amendment):

Delete "**a person's political party or**"

Page 1, line 5:

Delete "**political party or**"

Page 1, lines 6 - 7:

Delete "a person's political party or"

Page 2, line 6:

Delete "(1)"

Page 2, line 9:

Delete all material.

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

There was objection.

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

CSHB 29(JUD)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 3 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, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Wright

Nays: Rauscher, Tomaszewski, Vance

And so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 29(JUD) am

"An Act prohibiting certain insurance decisions based solely on a person's status as an elected official."

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, lines 1 - 2 (title amendment):

Delete **"based solely on a person's political party or a person's status as an elected official"**

Page 1, line 5:

Delete **"Decisions based on political party or elected official status"**

Insert **"Insurance decisions"**

Page 1, line 6:

Delete "A"

Insert "Except as provided in (b) of this section, a"

Page 1, lines 6 - 7:

Delete ", solely because of a person's political party or a person's status as an elected official,"

Page 2, lines 5 - 9:

Delete all material.

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

Representative McCabe objected.

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

CSHB 29(JUD) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 8 NAYS: 32 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Eastman, Galvin, Groh, Hannan, Josephson, Mina, Ortiz

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Gray, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Galvin changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

Groh changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

Josephson changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

Mina changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 29(JUD) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 29(JUD) am will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 125

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

"An Act relating to trapping cabins on state land; and relating to trapping cabin permit fees."

with the:

Journal Page

RES RPT CS(RES) 7DP 2NR	716
FN1: (DNR)	716
FIN RPT CS(RES) 8DP 1AM	962
FN1: (DNR)	962

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. 125(RES)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 12, following the second occurrence of "cabin":

Insert "(A)"

Page 2, line 13:

Delete "or"

Insert "and"

Page 2, following line 13:

Insert a new subparagraph to read:

"(B) is not within 10 miles of a road ordinarily usable by automobiles during the trapping season; or"

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

Representative Cronk objected.

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

CSHB 125(RES)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 37 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Himschoot, Josephson

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

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 125(RES) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 125(RES) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 123

The following was read the second time:

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

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

with the:	Journal Page
L&C RPT 6DP 1NR	992
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	992

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSSB 123(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSSB 123(L&C) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSSB 123(L&C) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 123(L&C)
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, CSSB 123(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.

CSSB 123(L&C) was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 2**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 11 calendar (page 1042), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(STA)

"An Act relating to contracts with public agencies; and relating to the State of Israel."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 2(STA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 2(STA)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Carpenter, Cronk, Groh, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McKay, Patkotak, Rauscher, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Coulombe, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hannan, Himschoot, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Ruffridge, Schrage, Story

And so, CSHB 2(STA) failed to pass the House.

Representative Rauscher gave notice of reconsideration on the vote on CSHB 2(STA)(fld H).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 99**

Representative Armstrong, citing Uniform Rule 48(d), moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be discharged from the Judiciary Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

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

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall HB 99 be discharged from the Judiciary Committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 99

Discharge Bill from Judiciary Committee

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 22 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, Edgmon, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Patkotak, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, the motion failed.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 28

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 11 calendar (page 1045), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 28(FIN)

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

The question being: "Shall CSHB 28(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 28(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: 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, Patkotak, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Wright

Nays: Allard, Eastman, Rauscher, Vance

And so, CSHB 28(FIN) 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 28(FIN) 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 - Bruce "Cecher" Cech
By Representative Stapp; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Milo Griffin
By Representatives Tomaszewski, Hannan

Honoring - Hockey Club Fairbanks 12 U A, State Champions
By Representative Tomaszewski

Honoring - Mary Kay Havens
By Senators Bjorkman, Kiehl; Representative Hannan

Honoring - Romaine Hindman
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Carpenter

Honoring - Senate Floor Staff of 2023
By Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Kenneth Arthur Anderson
By Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Donald Dean Lust
By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam - Hilda Louise Spires
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Carpenter

In Memoriam - Master Sergeant William L. Dill (Ret.)
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SB 53

Representative Sumner moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be discharged from the Judiciary Committee:

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 was objection.

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

HB 145

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

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."

HB 145 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 22

The Speaker removed the State Affairs Committee referral for the following:

SENATE BILL NO. 22
"An Act establishing Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday."

SB 22 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 70

Representative Tomaszewski moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

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

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, it was so ordered.

HB 2

Representative Saddler added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2(STA)(fld H)

"An Act relating to contracts with public agencies; and relating to the State of Israel."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 28

CShB 28(FIN) 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 13.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, the House adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk