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Tuesday

January 16, 2024

First Day

The House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 1:15 p.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The following members of the Girl Scouts of Alaska presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance:

Maya Breedlove, Isabel Danner, Elizabeth DeBartolo, Jazmarie Haube-Law, Kimberly Klawonn, Zuri Klinger, Joya McClain, Sophia Owen, Aamie Tollett, Cora Williams, and Gabrielle Williams.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

As we welcome the 33rd Legislature into session on the birthday of the great bard of the North, Robert Service, may we hear his words as a blessing:

Our breath is brief, and being so let's make our heaven here below, and lavish kindness as we go.

Bless those who know the brevity of breath - all those facing death or life-threatening illness. We pray for families and loved ones of those gathered here today. Help us to treasure and prioritize the love in our lives even when so many other things pull us away.

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Bless these servants who seek grace and justice in the here and now. Open these faithful people to new adventures and the possibility of growing and changing together. Give us a vision of your kingdom where wholeness and love reign, now and in the future.

Bless the lavish. We are thankful for all those who have been generous with time, money, or skills and invested in the community around them. Make our hearts big so we may pour that love out on our world and others.

Bless us with kindness. Embolden us with defiant spirits that refuse to give into petty bickering and divisiveness, but seek compassion and creative compromises. Help us see each other in our humanity and offer some laughter, hugs, and tears along the way.

Our breath is brief, and being so let's make our heaven here below, and lavish kindness as we go.

Amen.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the first legislative day of the First Special Session, the Final Supplement of the First Session and First Special Session, House Journal Supplement No. 6, and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 10 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Coulombe and Groh to advise the Governor that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker appointed Representatives Baker and Hannan to advise the Senate that the House is in session and ready to do business.

The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease; and so, the House stood at ease at 1:41 p.m.

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AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 1:50 p.m.

Representative Coulombe reported that the Governor was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

Representative Baker reported that the Senate was notified that the House is in session and ready to do business.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A message dated January 10 was read stating under the provision of art. III, sec. 18, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor requests the opportunity to address a joint session of the Thirty-Third Alaska State Legislature on Monday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m., for presentation of the State of the State Address.

EO 124

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 124

Prohibiting by regulation the live capture, possession, transport or release of native/exotic game or eggs.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the authority to prohibit by regulation the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or their eggs.

Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will transfer statutory authority to prohibit by regulation the live capture, possession, transport, or release of native or exotic game or

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their eggs from the Board of Game to the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for state policy relating to the regulation of wild game and fish, in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 125

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 125

Eliminating the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Health. The elimination of the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for state policy relating to statewide emergency medical services in order to increase performance and accountability.

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Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 126
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 126

Eliminating the Wood-Tikchik State Park Management Council.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Wood-tikchik State Park Management Council. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Wood-tikchik State Park Management Council and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Natural Resources. The elimination of the Wood-tikchik State Park Management Council is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the development of the Wood-tikchik State Park's management plan in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 127
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 127

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Eliminating the Board of Massage Therapists.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Board of Massage Therapists. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Board of Massage Therapists and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The elimination of the Board of Massage Therapists is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the licensing and regulation of massage therapists in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 128
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 128

Separating the Board of Directors of the Alaska Energy Authority from the Board of Directors of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

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

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The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Energy Authority and the membership of the Board of Directors of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order separates the Board of Directors of the Alaska Energy Authority from the Board of Directors of the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority and is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 129

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 129

Eliminating the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in

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the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The elimination of the Board of Barbers and Hairdressers is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the licensing and regulation of barbers and hairdressers in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 130

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 130

Eliminating the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. The elimination of the Board of Certified Direct Entry Midwives is in the best interest of efficient administration.

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This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the licensing and regulation of certified direct entry midwives in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 131

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131

Reorganizing the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order to reorganize the membership of the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order amends the Board's membership to transfer appointment of all six qualified persons to the Governor. This Order is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 132

Eliminating the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Natural Resources. The elimination of the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the development and monitoring of the management plan for the Alaska Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 133

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 133

Eliminating the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board.

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

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The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Public Safety. The elimination of the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the efficient administration of the criminal history repository and other criminal justice information systems in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 134

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 134

Eliminating the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in

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the organization of the Executive Branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Natural Resources. The elimination of the Recreation Rivers Advisory Board is in the best interest of efficient administration.

This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for the management plan for each of the six recreation rivers and their recreation river corridors in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

EO 135

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 135

Eliminating the Alaska Safety Advisory Council.

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting an Executive Order relating to the Alaska Safety Advisory Council. Pursuant to my authority under Article III, Section 23 of the Alaska Constitution to make changes in the organization of the executive branch and in the assignment of functions among its units, this Order will eliminate the Alaska Safety Advisory Council and reassign its statutory functions, duties, and powers to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The elimination of the Alaska Safety Advisory Council is in the best interest of efficient administration.

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This Executive Order will encourage the development of expertise, eliminate duplication of functions, and provide a single point of responsibility for state policy relating to health, safety, and accident prevention in order to increase performance and accountability.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

A letter dated May 12, 2023, 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 Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Emily Jackson-Hall – Kasilof

Appointed: 5/11/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Tammy Schultz – Homer

Appointed: 5/11/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Jennifer Yuhas – Fairbanks

Appointed: 5/11/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

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

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated October 16, 2023, (Amendment to May 13, 2023 declaration) with an accompanying letter were received. The letter and declaration were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated November 21, 2023 and accompanying letter dated November 28 regarding the Wrangell landslide disaster emergency, were received. The letter and declaration were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

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A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated December 7, 2023, and accompanying letter dated December 13, regarding loss of critical infrastructure in the City of Diomede, were received. The letter and declaration were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated December 11, 2023, (Amendment to November 21 declaration) with an accompanying letter were received. The amendment expanded the area impacted to include the Southeast Island School District Regional Education Attendance Area. The amendment and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated December 13 and accompanying letter dated December 27, 2023, regarding an extended power outage in the City of Quinhagak and the Native Village of Kwinhagak, were received. The letter and declaration were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The following letter dated November 8, 2023, was received:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Pursuant to my authority under Article II, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution and the process outlined in AS 15.40.320, I have appointed Thomas Baker to fill the vacancy in the Alaska State House, District 40.

Subject to confirmation by a majority of the Republicans in the House, Thomas Baker will hold this office for the remainder of the unexpired term for House District 40.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 16 was read stating the Senate has accepted the House invitation to meet in joint session at 7:00 p.m., January 29 to hear the State of the State address.

A message dated January 16 was read stating the Senate has accepted the House invitation to meet in joint session at 11:00 a.m., February 7 to hear the State of the Judiciary address.

A message dated January 16 was read stating that pursuant to AS 24.65.020 the Senate has ratified the following to the office noted:

Angela Garay
Victims' Advocate

A message dated May 16, 2023, was read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 89**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 89(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to tobacco, tobacco products, electronic smoking products, nicotine, and products containing nicotine; raising the minimum age to purchase, exchange, or possess tobacco, a product containing nicotine, or an electronic smoking product; relating to the tobacco use education and cessation fund; relating to the taxation of electronic smoking products and vapor products; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 95

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 95(STA) am by the Senate State Affairs Committee, entitled:

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"An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; relating to special registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration
Division of Retirement and Benefits
Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports
Public Employees' Retirement System
Teachers' Retirement System
<https://drb.alaska.gov/docs/reports/>
Fiscal Year 2023
(as required by AS 37.10.220)

Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank
2023 Annual Report
(as required by AS 44.81.200)

Alaska Energy Authority
Certification of Capital Reserve Fund Requirement
Bradley Lake Hydroelectric Project
January 2, 2024
(as required by AS 44.83.110)

Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council
AYARUQ: 2024 Action Plan for Alaska Native Languages
(as required by AS 44.33.520)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Alaska Gasline Development Corporation
2023 Annual Report
(as required by AS 31.25.270)

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Dept. of Education & Early Development
Reported Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Resulting
in Suspension or Expulsion
School Years 2007-2023
(as required by AS 14.33.210)

Dept. of Family & Community Services
Office of Children's Services
Annual Report to the Legislature on Caseloads, Staffing, Recruitment,
Retention, and the Impacts on Child Welfare Outcomes
November 15, 2023
(as required by AS 47.14.112)

Dept. of Health
Operating Grants
Fiscal Year 2024
(as required by AS 18.25.110)

Dept. of Health
Dept. of Corrections
Recidivism Reduction Joint Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2023
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
(as required by AS 47.38.100)

Dept. of Health
Dept. of Family & Community Services
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Psychiatric Patient Rights in Alaska
Supplemental Material
October 16, 2023
(as required by Chapter No. 41, SLA 22)

Dept. of Health
Dept. of Law
Joint Legislative Report
Fraud, Waste, Abuse, Payment, and Eligibility Errors
November 2023
(as required by AS 47.07.076)

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Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
2023 Annual Report
<https://www.ahfc.us/about-us/reports/2023-Annual-Report>
(as required by AS 18.56.200)

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority
Interior Energy Project
Quarterly Report to the Alaska State Legislature
October 2023
(as required by Chapter No. 39, SLA 2015)

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority
Interior Energy Project
2023 Annual Report
www.interiorenergyproject.com
(as required by AS 44.88.210)

Alaska Judicial Council
Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission
2023 Annual Report
November 1, 2023
(as required by AS 44.19.647)

Legislative Affairs Agency
Division of Legal and Research Services
Report Listing Alaska Statutes with Delayed Repeals or Delayed
Amendments and Examining Court Decisions and Opinions of the
Attorney General Construing Alaska Statutes
Summary of Alaska Legislation 2023
December 2023
(as required by AS 24.20.065)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Alaska Sustainable Energy Act
2023 Annual Progress Report
January 2024
(as required by AS 44.42.067)

The following audit reports were received from the Division of
Legislative Audit, Legislative Budget & Audit Committee, as required
by AS 24.20.311:

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Dept. of Law
Spending on Contracts Relating to Janus
Special Audit
May 19, 2023

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Big Game Commercial Services Board
Sunset Review
July 22, 2023

The following letter dated December 1, 2023 was read:

"Dear Governor Dunleavy,

Pursuant to Article II, Section 4 of the Alaska Constitution and Alaska Statutes 15.40.330 and 15.40.340, House Republicans have met and discussed the nomination of Thomas Baker to fill the vacant seat in House District 40. I respectfully wish to inform you that Thomas Baker achieved the needed support to be seated. The meeting to confirm Representative Baker to the house seat occurred on November 11, 2023.

I swore in Representative Baker on November 13, 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/

Representative Cathy Tilton
Speaker of the House"

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SB 140

The Finance Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)
"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

"An Act relating to education; relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; 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."

(HCR 4 – title change resolution)

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

Do pass (6): Ortiz, Josephson, Galvin, Hannan, Edgmon, Foster

No recommendation (4): Tomaszewski, Cronk, Coulombe, D. Johnson

Amend (1): Stapp

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 140(FIN):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
3. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization

CSSB 140(FIN) was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A message dated January 4 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 24.65.020 and Chapter No. 8, SLA 2023, the Victims' Advocate Selection Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the nomination be forwarded for consideration:

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Angela Garay

as Victims' Advocate.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House ratify Angela Garay as Victims' Advocate.

The question being: "Shall Angela Garay be ratified as Victims' Advocate?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Victims' Advocate - Angela Garay
Ratify

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, 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

And so, Angela Garay was ratified as Victims' Advocate.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Patricia Belle "Pat" Branson
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

Honoring - 2024 Alaska Business Hall of Fame
By Senator Kaufman; Representatives Schrage, Coulombe

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 4

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by the House Finance Committee:

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Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning Senate Bill No. 140, relating to funding for Internet services for school districts.

was read the first time.

HCR 5

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 by Representative Josephson:

Opposing the unintentional bycatch of orcas; and endorsing the mitigation and prevention of orca bycatch in state fisheries.

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

HCR 6

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by Representatives Stutes and Eastman:

Encouraging public celebrations to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America.

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

HJR 16

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16 by Representative McKay:

Urging the Alaska delegation in Congress to pursue a waiver to the Jones Act for the transportation of oil and gas drilling rigs to the state.

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Resources Committees.

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 207**

HOUSE BILL NO. 207 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to judicial impeachment; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 208

HOUSE BILL NO. 208 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the earnings of the Alaska permanent fund and the earnings reserve account; relating to the mental health trust fund; 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.

HB 209

HOUSE BILL NO. 209 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to extreme risk protective orders; establishing the crime of enforcement of an extreme risk protective order; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 210

HOUSE BILL NO. 210 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to voting machines and vote tally systems; and relating to ballots."

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

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HB 211

HOUSE BILL NO. 211 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the liability of public health officials."

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

HB 212

HOUSE BILL NO. 212 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to coercion; and relating to interference with constitutional rights."

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

HB 213

HOUSE BILL NO. 213 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to informed consent of individuals under 18 years of age; relating to claims based on the sterilization of a minor; establishing the crime of sterilization of a minor; and relating to the statute of limitations."

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

HB 214

HOUSE BILL NO. 214 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to female genital mutilation; relating to the practice of medicine; relating to direct-entry midwives; relating to the practice of nursing; relating to criminal law and procedure; relating to sentencing; relating to the duties of the Department of Health; and amending Rule 505(a), Alaska Rules of Evidence."

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

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HB 215

HOUSE BILL NO. 215 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to the definition of privacy in the Constitution of the State of Alaska."

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

HB 216

HOUSE BILL NO. 216 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to required disclosures for gene therapy products."

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

HB 217

HOUSE BILL NO. 217 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance; relating to commercial passenger vessel fees; establishing the wastewater infrastructure grant fund; repealing the authority for citizens' suits relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Transportation and Resources Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

The Governor's transmittal letter dated May 16 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

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Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance.

This bill is an overhaul of the commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance program created by ballot initiative in 2006. It replaces the Ocean Ranger on-board cruise ship monitoring program with a program designed by the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) water and air quality technical staff that will be more efficient and effective in protecting Alaska's environment. It changes the statutory environmental compliance fee applied to commercial passenger vessels and provides options for an owner or operator of a commercial passenger vessel to reduce the environmental compliance fee by participating in electronic monitoring of wastewater discharge, applying for a rebate based on the vessel's total number of unoccupied lower berths in a year, or both. The bill also adjusts wastewater discharge definitions and aligns the commercial passenger vessel environmental compliance program within DEC's regulatory structure.

The proposal has delayed effective dates, particularly for small commercial vessels, that will allow for uniform implementation and time for the industry to come into compliance with the new law. It would remove and repeal many aspects of the existing chapter, while retaining the core structure and enabling DEC to adopt and implement regulations.

Finally, the bill creates a new wastewater infrastructure grant fund that would be available for municipal port communities that serve commercial passenger vessels to apply for and receive partial funding toward establishing, upgrading, or improving wastewater treatment systems or facilities.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

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HB 218

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 218 by Representative Saddler, entitled:

"An Act relating to coverage for disability from diseases for certain firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 219

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 219 by Representative Saddler, entitled:

"An Act repealing the assistive technology loan guarantee and interest subsidy program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 220

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 220 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act establishing a bed tax; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs, State Affairs, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 221

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 221 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to subdivision of unplatte land in second class boroughs; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Labor & Commerce Committees.

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HB 222

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 222 by Representatives Sumner and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund and the income and investments of the fund; relating to the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 223

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 223 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to the production tax and royalty rates on certain gas; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 224

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 224 by Representative C. Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to appropriation bills."

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

HB 225

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 225 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act relating to the tabulation of ballots; and requiring the division of elections to provide unofficial election results before the results of an election are certified."

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

HB 226

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 226 by Representative Sumner, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to insurance; relating to pharmacies; relating to pharmacists; relating to pharmacy benefits managers; relating to patient choice of pharmacy; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, Labor & Commerce, and Finance Committees.

HB 227

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 227 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to liability of an electric utility for contact between vegetation and the utility's facilities."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Judiciary Committee.

HB 228

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 228 by Representative Armstrong, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska mental health and psychedelic medicine task force; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services, State Affairs, and Finance Committees.

HB 229

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 229 by Representative Stapp, entitled:

"An Act establishing Alaska Veterans' Poppy Day; and providing for an effective date."

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

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HB 230

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 230 by Representatives Himschoot, Ortiz, Dibert, and Hannan, entitled:

"An Act repealing the limit on the number of years of out-of-state school experience that may be substituted for in-state experience in teacher salary scales."

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

HB 231

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 231 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

"An Act relating to notice requirements allowing museums to acquire title to undocumented property."

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

HB 232

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 232 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act relating to retirement benefits and military service."

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

HB 233

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 233 by Representative Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act relating to rates and time allowances for motor vehicle warranty work."

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

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HB 234

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 234 by Representatives McCormick, Foster, and Dibert, entitled:

"An Act relating to police officer training; establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission; relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and State Affairs Committees.

HB 235

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 235 by Representative McCormick, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duty of law enforcement agencies to report missing persons; and relating to missing persons."

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

HB 236

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 236 by Representative Stapp, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duties of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; establishing the University of Alaska major maintenance and modernization fund; repealing the University of Alaska building fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 237

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 237 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"An Act relating to temporary permits for nurses with lapsed licenses."

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

HB 238

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 238 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to criminal mischief in the third degree; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 239

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 239 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the presumption of compensability for workers' compensation claims related to post-traumatic stress disorder; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 240

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 240 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to legal representation of public officers in ethics complaints; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 241

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 241 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to reproductive health care services; relating to the Uniform Arbitration Act in matters involving reproductive health care services; establishing a civil action for interference with reproductive health care services; relating to arrests and

search warrants related to crimes involving reproductive health care services; relating to the Uniform Act to Secure Attendance of Witnesses in Criminal Proceedings in matters involving reproductive health care services; relating to the disclosure of criminal justice information in matters involving reproductive health care services; relating to the Uniform Criminal Extradition Act in matters involving reproductive health care services; relating to health care records that include information about reproductive health care services; relating to the application of laws and court cases from other states in matters involving reproductive health care services; relating to subpoenas and other orders served on telecommunications utilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 242

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 242 by Representatives Vance and Ortiz, entitled:

"An Act extending the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 243

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 243 by Representative Cronk, entitled:

"An Act reducing the draw permit application fee for bison to \$5; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 244

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 244 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the refined fuel surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 245

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 245 by Representative Saddler, entitled:

"An Act relating to depositing permanent fund dividends into investment accounts; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 246

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 246 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age."

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

HB 247

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 247 by Representatives Story and Dibert, entitled:

"An Act relating to funding for reading improvement plans."

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

HB 248

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 248 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act establishing liability for failure to obtain consent for a pelvic examination."

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

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HB 249

(Prefile released January 8)

HOUSE BILL NO. 249 by Representative Groh, entitled:

"An Act creating the military and veteran family help desk in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 250

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 250 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal and school board elections; declaring Election Day a holiday; relating to terms of office for municipal mayors, municipal governing bodies, elected utility boards, and school boards; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and State Affairs Committees.

HB 251

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 251 by Representative Rauscher, entitled:

"An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in a person's uninspected home kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met."

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

HB 252

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HOUSE BILL NO. 252 by Representative McKay, entitled:

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"An Act prohibiting certain transactions by or with foreign adversaries; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism and the State Affairs Committee.

HB 253

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 253 by Representative Wright, entitled:

"An Act relating to refrigerants designated as acceptable for use under federal law."

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

HB 254

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 254 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to liability for publishing or distributing pornography to minors on the Internet."

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

HB 255

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 255 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Port of Southcentral Alaska; establishing the Port of Southcentral Alaska Authority to manage and operate the Port of Southcentral Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

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HB 256

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 256 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to closure of plants and facilities of a public utility and discontinuance, abandonment, or suspension of a public utility service."

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

HB 257

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 257 by Representatives McKay and Saddler, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Natural Resources to make Cook Inlet seismic survey data available to certain persons; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 258

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 258 by Representative Stapp, entitled:

"An Act relating to general relief and burial assistance; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 259

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 259 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Council on Human and Sex Trafficking; and relating to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault."

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

HB 260

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 260 by Representative Stapp, entitled:

"An Act repealing programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions."

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

HB 261

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 261 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act establishing certain offenses concerning vehicular homicide; relating to homicide; relating to attorney fees; relating to preservation of evidence; relating to authorization to intercept communications; relating to juror counseling; relating to temporary detention and identification of persons; relating to fines; relating to sentencing; relating to voter eligibility; relating to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board; relating to license revocation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 262

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 262 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to increases in rent for dwelling units; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 263

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 263 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to the obstruction or hindrance of lawful trapping of game; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 264

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 264 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act requiring the Department of Family and Community Services to adopt a uniform screening tool; requiring shelters for runaway minors to screen minors for victimization relating to sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and commercial sexual exploitation; requiring the Department of Family and Community Services to screen children in need of aid for victimization relating to sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and commercial sexual exploitation; and relating to the duty of the Department of Family and Community Services to investigate the experiences of missing children in need of aid who have been located."

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

HB 265

(Prefile released January 12)

HOUSE BILL NO. 265 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act changing the term 'child pornography' to 'child sexual abuse material.'"

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

HB 266

HOUSE BILL NO. 266 by Representative Carrick, entitled:

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"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to dividends for state residents; relating to the use of certain state income; relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the general and permanent funds; 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.

HB 267

HOUSE BILL NO. 267 by Representative Tomaszewski, entitled:

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

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

HB 268

HOUSE BILL NO. 268 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; 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."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the State's operating expenses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

This appropriation bill totals \$12.6 billion and includes \$6.8 billion unrestricted general funds, \$0.9 billion designated general funds, \$1.7 billion other state funds, and \$3.2 billion federal funds.

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The FY 2025 budget continues past investments in protecting Alaskans, educating our children, and developing the economy of our State. It also continues my commitment to providing a full statutory dividend to our residents.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2025 operating budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 269

HOUSE BILL NO. 269 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations and other appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to appropriations for the State's capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

This appropriation bill totals \$3.5 billion and includes \$305.2 million in unrestricted general funds, \$76.2 million in designated general funds, \$172.4 million in other state funds, and \$3.0 billion in federal funds.

The FY 2025 proposed capital budget invests in projects that enhance public protection and generate economic activity for the State, provides matching funds for federal surface transportation and

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aviation, water and wastewater programs, and funds deferred maintenance programs for aging State assets.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2025 capital budget.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 270

HOUSE BILL NO. 270 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"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."

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

A letter dated December 14, 2023, with accompanying spreadsheets, to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority from Lacey Sanders, Director, Office of Management and Budget, was attached (as required by AS 37.14.003) and is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

The Governor's transmittal letter dated January 15 follows:

"Dear Speaker Tilton:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. As required by statute, this bill includes both operating and capital appropriations.

This budget totals \$246.8 million and includes \$179.7 million in unrestricted general funds, \$45.8 million in designated general funds, and \$21.2 million in Mental Health Trust Authority funds.

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The FY 2025 proposed mental health budget includes requests that were put forward to the Office of Management and Budget by the Alaska Mental Health Trust (Trust). The requests support programs and activities in Trust focus areas that meet the identified treatment and service needs of Trust beneficiaries and areas of system change to improve the lives of beneficiaries.

I look forward to working with the Legislature on the timely passage and implementation of the FY 2025 budget for Alaska's comprehensive mental health program.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 271

HOUSE BILL NO. 271 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to social media and minors; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 17

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the May 17, 2023, calendar (page 1163), would be returned to the Rules Committee:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

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SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 45

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the May 17, 2023, calendar (page 1163), would be returned to the Rules Committee:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(L&C) am

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; relating to the duties of the director of the division of insurance in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Schrage moved and asked unanimous consent that the House invite the other body to a joint session on January 18, 2024, 12:00 p.m. to consider the override of the Governor's vetos.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House invite the other body to a joint session on January 18, 2024, 12:00 p.m., to consider the override of the Governor's vetos?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Invite Other Body to Joint Session

January 18, 2024 - 12:00 pm - Veto Override

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

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

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

And so, the motion failed.

HB 100

Representatives Story and Hannan added as cosponsors to:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 100

"An Act relating to teacher and public employee leave."

HB 126

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act relating to the Board of Professional Counselors; and relating to licensing of associate counselors."

HB 164

Representative Hannan 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 191

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 191

"An Act relating to medical care for major emergencies."

HB 196

Representatives Story and Hannan added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 196

"An Act relating to the supplemental nutrition assistance program; 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., January 18.

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There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House adjourn to 11:00 a.m., January 18?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Adjourn

To January 18 at 11:00 am

YEAS: 23 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, the House adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk