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Monday

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Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:03 a.m.

Roll call showed 35 members present. Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Armstrong, Eastman, Fields, Mears, and Sumner be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Father Michael Galbraith of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious and merciful God, we give you thanks for giving us another day.

Send your spirit upon the members of this people's house to encourage them in their official tasks. Assure them that in the fulfillment of their responsibilities, you will provide the grace to enable them to be faithful in their duties, and the wisdom to be conscious of their obligations to fulfill them with integrity.

Give to us and all people a vivid sense of your presence, that we may learn to understand each other, to respect each other, to work with each other, to live with each other, and to do good to each other. So shall we make this State of Alaska great in goodness, and good in its greatness.

May all that is done this day be for your greater honor and glory. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Josephson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 11th, 12th, and 13th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated January 26 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 18.85.030, AS 39.05.080, and AS 44.19.040 and art. III, secs. 13, 25, 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:

Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development

Cathy Munoz – Juneau

Appointed: 1/17/2023

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

Emma Pokon – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/5/2023

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Lieutenant Governor Successor

Torrence Saxe – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/23/2023

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Public Defender

Terrence Haas – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/19/2023

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

Board of Education and Early Development

Pamela Dupras – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/7/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Barbara Tyndall – Fairbanks

Appointed: 7/7/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Michael Robbins – Ketchikan

Appointed: 11/6/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

The Speaker referred the following to the Finance Committee:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Brent Fisher – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/18/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

John Sturgeon – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Ronald Gherman – Soldotna

Appointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

John Lloyd – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Marital and Family Therapy

Shawnmarie Carpenter – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/8/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Kayla Green – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Massage Therapists

Emily Foster – Palmer

Appointed: 12/7/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

State Medical Board

David Barnes – Palmer

Appointed: 3/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

David Paulson – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

David Wilson – Palmer

Appointed: 1/4/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Bethel Belisle – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Nursing

Michael Collins – Wasilla

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

April Erickson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Ethan Arndt – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Bradley Cross – Soldotna

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Board of Pharmacy

Sylvain Nouvion – Eagle River

Appointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Ashley Schaber – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Rebecca Dean – Fairbanks

Appointed: 11/20/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Lorin Bradbury – Bethel

Appointed: 8/8/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Erin Johnson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Bradley McConnell – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Social Work Examiners

Anne Wells – Fairbanks

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Denise Albert – Denali Park

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

State Commission for Human Rights

Rebecca Carrillo – Juneau

Appointed: 2/17/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

William Craig – Sitka

Appointed: 1/24/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Robert Sheldon – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/29/2008

Term Expired: 3/1/2012

Reappointed: 3/1/2012

Term Expired: 3/1/2016

Reappointed: 3/1/2016

Term Expired: 3/1/2020

Reappointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

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

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Mark Diehl - Palmer

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors

Paul Baril – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

John Barry – Gustavus

Appointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Jeffrey Garness – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Colin Maynard – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2012

Term Expired: 3/1/2016

Reappointed: 3/1/2016

Term Expired: 3/1/2020

Appointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Bradford Rinckey – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Michelle McMullin – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Tenaya Miramontes – Juneau

Appointed: 8/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Wendy Palin – Palmer

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Justin Mack – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Occupational Safety and Health Review Board

Ryan Sharratt – Kodiak

Appointed: 9/11/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

Jenny Buswell – Palmer

Appointed: 1/24/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Mae Sprague – Wasilla

Appointed: 9/18/2020

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Regulatory Commission of Alaska

John Espindola – Eagle River

Appointed: 6/9/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission

Nancy Shaw – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/11/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Amy Steele – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/8/2019

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Pamela Cline – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/8/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

John Corbett – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Bronson Frye – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Mark Sayampanathan – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Debbie White – Auke Bay

Appointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Michael Porcaro – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/8/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2025

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Megan O'Neil – Petersburg

Appointed: 1/24/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Janice Hill – Haines

Appointed: 6/8/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Diane Thompson – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Marijuana Control Board

Bailey Stuart – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

State Board of Parole

Richard Larson – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/23/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Personnel Board

Donald Handeland – Eagle River

Appointed: 9/18/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Alaska Police Standards Council

Jeff Brown – Utqiagvik

Appointed: 6/25/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Dusty Dumont – Juneau

Appointed: 3/24/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Ron Dupee – Fairbanks

Appointed: 8/8/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/1/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Anna Cometa – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated January 26 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 14 to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

A message dated January 26 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 21 to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

A message dated January 26 was read stating the Senate ratified the following public members to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics:

Dennis "Skip" Cook
Joyce M. Anderson
Rachel Kelly (alternate)

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Alaska Minerals Commission
Annual Report
January 2024
(as required by AS 44.33.431)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Local Boundary Commission
2023 Annual Report to the Legislature
(as required by AS 44.33.812)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Division of Community & Regional Affairs
National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska
Impact Mitigation Grant Program Report
January 2024
(as required by AS 37.05.530)

Dept. of Corrections
Interstate Compact Commission
2023 Annual Report
January 31, 2024
(as required by AS 33.36.135)

Dept. of Education & Early Development
State Board of Education and Early Development
Report to the Alaska Legislature
January 2024
(as required by AS 14.07.168)

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam – Jeremy Daniel Evans
By Representatives Stapp, Prax; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam – Brian Joshua Snowden
By Representative Stapp; Senators Dunbar, Kawasaki

In Memoriam – L. Stanley "Stan" Zielinski
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam – Barbara Ann "Sue" Cofey
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Kevin Charles Johnson
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Alicia Ann Alonzo
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Prax

In Memoriam – Kenneth Dale Brewer
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Silver Peter Chord
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam – Violet "Rosie" Rosemary Evans
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Valda Josephine McMahan
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Tori J. Moore
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Robert "Bob" H. Tilly
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Carrick

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 298

HOUSE BILL NO. 298 by Representatives Gray and Galvin, entitled:

"An Act relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

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 – Giana Pugh
By Representative Tilton

Honoring – North Star Council on Aging, 50th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

Honoring – Fairbanks Fire Department, 120th Anniversary
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

Honoring – Fairbanks Concert Association, 75th Anniversary
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam – Charles "Vern" Carlson, Jr.
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam – Max Joseph Hundorf, Jr.
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam – Martha Ott
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Carrick, Prax

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 285

The Speaker added a Labor & Commerce Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to mammograms; and providing for an effective date."

HB 285 is in the Health & Social Services Committee with further referrals to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

EO 128

Representative Rauscher, Chair of the House Special Committee on Energy, moved and asked unanimous consent that Uniform Rule 23(a) be waived, so the House Special Committee on Energy can hear the following on February 1 at 10:15 a.m.:

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.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 55

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

"An Act relating to allocations of funding for the Alaska Workforce Investment Board; and providing for an effective date."

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HB 182

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

"An Act relating to abandoned vehicles."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Labor & Commerce Committee

CANCELED

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The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess until 6:45 p.m. for the Governor's State of the State address; and so, the House recessed at 11:31 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 5:04 p.m.

The Speaker announced the postponement of the Governor's State of the State address to 7:00 p.m., January 30.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 6:45 p.m., January 30. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk