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Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:01 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Doctor Charles Ensminger of Kunéix Hídi Northern Light United Church. 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 the religious beliefs of those gathered here today, I invite you to be in an attitude of prayer or reflection:

Almighty God,

As we take this moment to pause, I pray for these members of the House of Representatives. In thanksgiving for their work, I would ask for your wisdom to instruct them, for clarity of vision and purpose to guide them as they work for the people of Alaska.

I pray that they will be guided by integrity and a desire for justice. Give them strength of character and be with them as they face the challenges of their office.

I pray that you will help them to work together in unity and the desire to find common ground. Surround them, their

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families, their constituents, and all who live in this great land of Alaska, and this your world in your mercy.

I ask all of this in your holy name. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Prax.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 28th and 29th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative D. Johnson introduced Quoddy Repnow, Guest Page, from Palmer.

Representative Cronk introduced Shian Scott and Grace Muldoon, Guest Pages, from Eagle.

Representative Shaw introduced Elle Gifford, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated February 12 was read stating the Senate accepted the House invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 10:00 a.m., February 15 to hear a rescheduled address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
Division of Insurance
2023 Annual Report
(as required by AS 21.06.110)

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Dept. of Revenue
Tax Division
Education Tax Credits
Calendar Year 2023 Summary
(as required by AS 43.05.010)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 81

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

"An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the owner; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (10): Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Ortiz, Coulombe, Cronk, Tomaszewski, D. Johnson, Edgmon, Foster

No recommendation (1): Josephson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

HB 81 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 148

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 148

"An Act relating to the Alaska performance scholarship program."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 148(FIN)
(same title)

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

Do pass (10): Cronk, Stapp, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Coulombe, Ortiz, Foster, D. Johnson, Edgmon

No recommendation (1): Tomaszewski

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 148(FIN):

4. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 148 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 193

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (8): Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Ortiz, Cronk, Foster, D. Johnson, Edgmon

No recommendation (1): Tomaszewski

Amend (2): Stapp, Coulombe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 193 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 257

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

"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."

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

Do pass (6): McCabe, Saddler, Wright, Baker, Rauscher, McKay

Do not pass (1): Mears

No recommendation (2): Armstrong, Dibert

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 257 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 273

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

"An Act relating to the power of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to make or purchase mortgage loans."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 273(L&C)

"An Act relating to the power of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to make or purchase mortgage loans; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 273(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 273 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 282

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 282

"An Act relating to access roads; relating to state land; relating to contracts for the sale of state land; relating to the authority of the Department of Education and Early Development to dispose of state land; relating to the authority of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to dispose of state land; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources over certain state land; relating to the state land disposal income fund; relating to the sale and lease of state land; relating to covenants and restrictions on agricultural land; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Mina, McKay, Vance, Sumner, C. Johnson, McCabe

No recommendation (1): Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 282 was referred to the Resources Committee.

SB 129

The Transportation Committee considered:

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SENATE BILL NO. 129

"An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path."

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

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Transportation

SB 129 was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 291

The House Special Committee on Arctic Policy, Economic Development, & Tourism considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 291

"An Act relating to reports of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations."

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

Do pass (3): Dibert, Armstrong, Baker

No recommendation (2): Tilton, Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 291 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Ginamaria Smith
By Representatives Coulombe, Shaw

Honoring – Snowzilla
By Representative Mina; Senator Dunbar

Honoring – Kuskokwim 300, 2024 Top Five Finishers
By Senator Hoffman; Representative McCormick

Honoring – The Fairbanks Red Hackle Pipe Band, 50th Anniversary
By Senators Kawasaki, Bishop; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam – James Louis Thurman
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Margaret Isabel Eagan
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Nicole Schok
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Ronald Lloyd Franklin
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Jerald Durane Stansel
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Robert Clifton Swarthout
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Robert Masson
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Marvin James Thurmond
By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

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In Memoriam – Mary Ellen Starr
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Fritz Peter Corpuz
By Senators Wielechowski, Kiehl; Representative Wright

In Memoriam – Mabel Freda Brown
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Wright

In Memoriam – Alice Marie Bebow Bethka
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

In Memoriam – Darcy Stielstra
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HCR 8

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representatives Shaw, Rauscher, and Eastman:

Honoring United States military veterans exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War; and expressing gratitude for the courageous service of those veterans to the United States.

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

HJR 19

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 by the House Transportation Committee:

Supporting the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; encouraging a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a community-minded approach to future rail expansion; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

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

HJR 20

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 by Representatives Baker, Tomaszewski, Fields, and Wright:

Urging withdrawal of proposed Bureau of Land Management regulations affecting the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and urging meaningful engagement with tribes, local governments, and affected communities.

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

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 321

HOUSE BILL NO. 321 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act establishing child support for unborn children; relating to the duties of the child support services agency; and amending Rule 90.3, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

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

HB 322

HOUSE BILL NO. 322 by Representative Eastman, entitled:

"An Act relating to preparation of the jury list."

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

HB 323

HOUSE BILL NO. 323 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act naming the Vic Fischer Shoup Bay State Marine Park."

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

HB 324

HOUSE BILL NO. 324 by Representative Stapp, entitled:

"An Act relating to insurance data security; amending Rule 26, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rules 402 and 501, Alaska Rules of Evidence; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 325 by Representative Mina, entitled:

"An Act relating to business license fees; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HB 143

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 143

"An Act relating to the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to advanced recycling and advanced recycling facilities; relating to waste; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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L&C RPT CS(RES) 5DP 2AM	1342
FN2: ZERO(DEC)	1342

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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. 143(RES)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Mears:

Page 4, lines 16 - 20:
Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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

Representative McKay objected.

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

CSHB 143(RES)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was not offered.

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Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 5, line 5, following "and other recycled products":

Insert ", and that does not rely on government subsidies to continue in operation"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 be adopted.

Representative McKay objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 143(RES)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 15 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 3 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 143(RES) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 143(RES) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's 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:

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Honoring – Andrew Slagle

By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Dolores Marie Gard

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam – John Norman Wilson

By Representative Rauscher; Senator Shower

In Memoriam – Erma Sookiayak

By Representatives Prax, Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Frederick Craig McCurdy

By Representatives Prax, Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam – Michael Martin Silva

By Representatives Prax, Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Jared Dye

By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Wayne Anderson Gregory

By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Ann Elizabeth Carrington Nickerson

By Representatives Prax, Stapp; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Arthur Mannix

By Senator Claman; Representatives Shaw, Fields

In Memoriam – Allen Menaker

By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 285

The Speaker changed the order of referrals for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

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

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

HB 257

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

"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."

HB 257 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HJR 17

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Urging the United States Congress to pass the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

HB 81

Representative Wright added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

"An Act relating to the transfer of a title on the death of the owner; and providing for an effective date."

HB 89

Representative Wright added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 89

"An Act relating to the day care assistance program and the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date."

HB 161

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

"An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."

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HB 196

Representatives Foster and Wright added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 196

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

HB 234

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

"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."

HB 235

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

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

HB 284

Representative Schrage added as a cosponsor to:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 284

"An Act relating to daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

HB 286

Representative Carrick added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

SB 129

Representative Mina added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 129

"An Act naming the Matt Glover Bike Path."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 9:30 a.m., February 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk