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**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**February 19, 2024**

**Thirty-fifth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:08 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey of Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

God of the covenant you pledged your commitment to us into all your creation. Continue to keep us in your loving care and help us to care for each other as you hear the prayers we make for ourselves and each other to the source of our salvation. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Ruffridge.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 31st, 32nd, 33rd, and 34th legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 14 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk.

Representative Eastman objected and moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 31st day be amended to include additional Senate Messages.

Representative Saddler objected and withdrew the objection.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion to amend.

Representative Eastman withdrew the objection to certification of the journal.

There being no further objection, the journal was approved as certified by the Chief Clerk.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated February 14 was read stating the Senate has transmitted the following for consideration:

#### **FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

##### **SSCR 4**

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 127.

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

##### **SSCR 5**

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 128.

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

##### **SSCR 6**

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 129.

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

**SSCR 7**

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 130.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Dept. of Education & Early Development  
Annual Progress Report on School Performance  
February 15, 2024  
(as required by AS 14.03.078)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Health & Social Services Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Emily Foster

as a member of the Board of Massage Therapists.

The report was signed by Representative Prax, Chair; and Representatives Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Saddler, and Mina.

**HB 242**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 242

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

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

Do pass (1): Saddler

Do not pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (3): Sumner, Ruffridge, Mina

Amend (1): Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

HB 242 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 258**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 258

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 258(HSS)  
(same title)

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

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

Amend (2): Fields, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 258(HSS):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

HB 258 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 260**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 260**

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

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

Do pass (7): Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Mina, Saddler, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

HB 260 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES****HB 190**

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 190**

"An Act establishing a violation for hindering the Alaska Sunset Commission; relating to the duties of the legislature; establishing the Alaska Sunset Commission to review and make recommendations on discontinuation of or changes to state entities; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Sunset Commission; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 190(W&M)**

"An Act establishing a violation for hindering the Alaska Sunset Commission; relating to the duties of the legislature; establishing the Alaska Sunset Commission to review and make recommendations on discontinuation of or changes to state entities; and relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Sunset Commission."

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

Do pass (4): McKay, McCabe, Tilton, Carpenter

No recommendation (2): Gray, Groh

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 190(W&M):

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor

HB 190 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - David Ramseur

By Representatives Gray, Fields; Senator Tobin

Honoring - Kern McGinley

By Representatives Gray, McKay; Senator Claman

In Memoriam - Jadya Evamarie Dennis

By Representative Gray; Senators Dunbar, Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Bob Arnold Havemeister

By Representatives D. Johnson, Rauscher

In Memoriam - Roger Burton Helmer

By Senator Dunbar

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

#### **SB 140**

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

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

with the:

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FIN RPT HCS(FIN) NEW TITLE 6DP 4NR 1AM	1261
FN1: (EED)	1261
FN2: ZERO(EED)	1261
FN3: ZERO(EED)	1261
FN4: (EED/FUND CAP)	1261
RLS RPT HCS(RLS) NEW TITLE 1DP 5AM	1343
FN5: ZERO(EED)	1343
FN6: ZERO(EED)	1343
FN7: (EED)	1343
FN8: (EED)	1343
FN9: (EED)	1343
FN10: (EED)	1343
FN11: (EED)	1343
FN12: (EED/FUND CAP)	1343

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

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

"An Act relating to education; providing for an effective date by repealing the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

(HCR 4 – Title change resolution)

Representative Schrage objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt HCS CSSB 140(RLS)?"  
The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 140(RLS)

Adopt

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

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

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

And so, HCS CSSB 140(RLS) was not adopted.

Representative C. Johnson moved and asked unanimous consent to rescind previous action in failing to adopt HCS CSSB 140(RLS).

There was objection.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess; and so, the House recessed at 12:53 p.m.

### **AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 5:24 p.m.

### **SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

#### **RESCIND**

#### **SB 140**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was before the House with a motion to rescind moved and pending, would be held in second reading to tomorrow's calendar:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

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

The House adjourned.

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

#### **HB 143**

The following, which was held from the February 16 calendar (page 1514), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on tomorrow's calendar:



**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 143(RES)**

"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."

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

**HJR 7**

The following was not taken up this legislative day and will be on tomorrow's calendar:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7**

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

**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

The following citations were not taken up this legislative day and will be on tomorrow's calendar:

Honoring – Allie Ostrander

By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

Honoring – Chad Carpenter

By Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam – Mary "Nich'it Sheegwal" (Johnson) Frank

By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam – Kristopher Gerald Shockley

By Senators Bishop, Kawasaki

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HB 257**

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

**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 259**

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 259

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

**HB 265**

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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

**HB 286**

Representatives Carpenter and Story added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn (page 1536) until 11:00 a.m., February 20.

Objection was heard and withdrawn.

There being no further objection, the House adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk