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Forty-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present.

Representative Rauscher, Acting Majority Leader, moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Saddler be excused from the call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

Let us pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for this new day and for calling each Representative and their staff here, to accomplish your will today.

I ask that you refresh and bless your Representatives and give them energy as they make decisions for Alaska.

Lord, give them wisdom, knowledge, and discernment so that success will come from their effort.

[1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 ESV] *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

It is your will that we are here today and if wisdom is needed, you say to ask you and you will give it to those who ask.

As decisions that need to be made pass through their hands, I pray that you would give them wise counsel to make just decisions for our state.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Story.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 39th, 40th, and 41st legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 11:08 a.m.

JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Tilton turned the gavel over to President Stevens who called the joint session to order at 11:16 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Mary Sattler Peltola, U.S. Representative.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative Stapp and Senator Hoffman to escort the Representative to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Representative's entrance into the House Chamber.

Representative Peltola was escorted to the rostrum.

Representative Peltola delivered her address, and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 16.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Representative's speech.

Representative Peltola received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Stapp and Senator Hoffman.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 11:58 a.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:02 p.m.

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Representative Story introduced Maria Gouveia, Guest Page, from Brazil.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated February 23 was read stating the Senate transmitted the following for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

SSCR 8

SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by the Senate Rules Committee:

Disapproving Executive Order No. 131.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 20

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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.

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

Do pass (8): Mears, Dibert, Saddler, Wright, Baker, Rauscher, McCabe, McKay

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Resources Committee

HJR 20 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 177

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 177

"An Act relating to critical and essential minerals and the global energy transition."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 177(RES)

"An Act relating to critical and essential minerals."

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

Do pass (8): Dibert, Mears, Saddler, Wright, Baker, McCabe, Rauscher, McKay

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 177(RES):

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

HB 177 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 192

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 192

"An Act relating to curbside pickup of alcoholic beverages sold by a package store; relating to consumer delivery licenses; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 192(L&C)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Carrick, Prax, Wright, Ruffridge, Sumner

No recommendation (1): Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 192(L&C):

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

HB 192 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 265

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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

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

Do pass (6): C. Johnson, Carpenter, Allard, Groh, Sumner, Vance

Amend (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Administration
3. Zero, Dept. of Law
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 265 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 37

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 37

"An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 37(L&C)
(same title)

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

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

No recommendation (1): Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS SB 37(L&C):

6. Zero, Dept. of Administration
7. Zero, Dept. of Administration
8. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
9. Zero, Dept. of Law
10. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

SB 37 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 387

HOUSE BILL NO. 387 by the House Resources Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to a tax credit for certain oil and gas equipment in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 388

HOUSE BILL NO. 388 by the House Resources Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to state loans for oil and gas projects in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin; relating to the Alaska Energy Authority; relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 89

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to the February 28 calendar:

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."

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 148

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 23 calendar (page 1626), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 148(FIN)

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

Representative Tomaszewski moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and he was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 148(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 148(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 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, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: Saddler

And so, CSHB 148(FIN) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the February 23 calendar (page 1628), would be held to the February 28 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

Representative Rauscher 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:

In Memoriam - Sara Lynn Cebulski
By Senators Kawasaki, Myers

In Memoriam - Betty Ruth "Bruth" George
By Senators Bishop, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Bryce Clinton Ray
By Senator Hughes; Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam - David Elbert Austin
By Senators Hughes, Stedman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 264**

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral from the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 264

"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."

HB 264 is in the Health & Social Services Committee.

HB 174

Representative McKay added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 174

"An Act restricting fiduciary actions by a fiduciary of a state fund, the Alaska Retirement Management Board, and the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board that have the purpose of furthering social, political, or ideological interests."

HB 196

Representative Sumner added as a cosponsor 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.

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Messages from the Senate. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HCR 4

A message dated February 26 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

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.

HCR 4 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

SB 140

A message dated February 26 was read stating the Senate concurred in the House amendment to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN)

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

thus adopting:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 140(FIN) am H

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; relating to charter schools; relating to transportation of public school students; relating to correspondence study funding; relating to the base student allocation; relating to funding for reading improvement plans; and providing for an effective date."

(HCR 4 - title change resolution)

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Special Orders. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

ENGROSSMENT

HB 148

CSHB 148(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk