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Forty-fourth Day

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

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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's pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,
Thank you for giving us renewed strength each day and for bringing each Representative and their staff here.

I ask that you would build up and encourage your Representatives and give them strength as they make decisions for Alaska.

Lord, give them wisdom, so that success will come from their efforts.

[Psalm 97:6 ESV] 6 *The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.*

Help us to see you working and experience your goodness today. Work your plans out and let it glorify you.

Give them clarity for the decisions to be made today and give wisdom to those who ask. I ask that you guide them as they lead the people of Alaska.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Stutes.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 42nd and 43rd legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 16 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative McKay introduced Adolina Limani and Sophia Kalenjian, Guest Pages, from Anchorage.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HJR 19

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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.

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

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

No recommendation (1): Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Transportation Committee

HJR 19 was referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs.

HB 264

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 264(HSS)

"An Act requiring the Department of Family and Community Services to develop a shared screening methodology; 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."

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

Do pass (3): McCormick, Saddler, Prax

Amend (1): Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 264(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Family and Community Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Family and Community Services

HB 264 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 286

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (7): Wright, Carpenter, C. Johnson, Allard, Carrick, Story, Shaw

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 286(STA):

1. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 286 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 45

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(2d L&C)

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

(technical title change)

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

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

No recommendation (1): Saddler

Amend (1): Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C):

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

CSSB 45(L&C) am was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HCR 8

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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.

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

Do pass (5): Gray, Rauscher, Groh, Shaw, Wright

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs

HCR 8 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 158

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 158

"An Act relating to the Joint Armed Services Committee; relating to judge advocates; relating to military facility zones; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Rauscher, Groh, Shaw, Wright

No recommendation (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

HB 158 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 232

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

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

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

Do pass (4): Rauscher, Groh, Shaw, Wright

No recommendation (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration

HB 232 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring – Colonel William Campfield, Jr.
By Representatives Groh, Wright, Josephson

In Memoriam – Robert Charles "Bob" Reupke
By Senators Wielechowski, Dunbar; Representative Wright

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

Honoring – Maria Downey
By Senator Giessel; Representatives Shaw, C. Johnson

In Memoriam – Dirk Craft, Sr.
By Senator Hughes

In Memoriam – Howard Bess
By Senators Hughes, Kiehl

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring – Colonel William Campfield, Jr. and In Memoriam – Robert Charles "Bob" Reupke, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring – Colonel William Campfield, Jr.
By Representatives Groh, Wright, Josephson

In Memoriam – Robert Charles "Bob" Reupke
By Senators Wielechowski, Dunbar; Representative Wright

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 89

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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HSS RPT CS(HSS) NEW TITLE 7DP	893
FN1: (DOH)	893
FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 7DP 3NR 1AM	1477
FN2: (DOH)	1477
FN3: (REV)	1477

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. 89(FIN)

"An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; renaming the day care assistance program the child care

assistance program; relating to the child care assistance program and the child care grant program; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 89(FIN) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 89

Second Reading

Adopt Finance CS

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, 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

Nays: Eastman

And so, CSHB 89(FIN) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 7, following "**program**;" (title amendment):

Insert "**establishing an annual child benefit payment**;"

Page 6, following line 13:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 7.** AS 43.23.025 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(c) By October 1 of each year, the commissioner shall determine the value of each child benefit payment for that year by

(1) determining the amount authorized for transfer by the corporation from the earnings reserve account to the dividend fund under AS 37.13.145(b) for the previous year;

(2) subtracting the amount appropriated by the legislature

to the dividend fund for the payment of permanent fund dividends in the previous year from the number determined under (1) of this subsection;

(3) dividing the number obtained under (2) of this subsection by the total number of individuals who received a dividend in the previous year.

(d) The commissioner shall, subject to appropriation by the legislature, distribute the amount determined under (c) of this section, at the same time and in the same manner as the permanent fund dividend is distributed, to each individual under 18 years of age who is receiving a permanent fund dividend in the current year."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 18, line 30, through page 19, line 2:

Delete "the standards must provide that the maximum monthly household income for a family to be eligible for the program is 105 percent of the median monthly household income in the state, adjusted for family size"

Page 20, lines 8 - 9:

Delete "the amount may not exceed seven percent of the family monthly income"

Page 20, lines 16 - 20:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 21, line 24:

Delete "AS 47.25.071(c) and 47.25.095(4) are"

Insert "AS 47.25.095(4) is"

Page 21, line 25, through page 22, line 13:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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Page 22, lines 18 - 20:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 22, line 21:

Delete "Except as provided in sec. 40 of this Act, this"

Insert "This"

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

Representative Coulombe objected.

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

CSHB 89(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 37 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Gray, Ortiz

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 89(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 89(FIN) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 89(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 89(FIN)
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Baker, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Wright

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Eastman, Rauscher, Vance

And so, CSHB 89(FIN) passed the House.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 89(FIN) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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

with the:

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W&M RPT CS(W&M) NEW TITLE 6DP 1NR	1062
FN1: ZERO(GOV)	1062
JUD RPT CS(W&M) NEW TITLE 6DP 1AM	1325
FN2: ZERO(GOV)	1325

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

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the permanent fund, relating to transfers out of the permanent fund, and requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHJR 7(W&M) be adopted in lieu of the original resolution?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HJR 7

Second Reading

Adopt Ways & Means CS

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Foster, 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

Nays: Eastman, Fields, Galvin

And so, CSHJR 7(W&M) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Gray:

Page 2, line 22, following "subsection":

Insert "An individual is not eligible for a dividend under this subsection if the individual earned more than \$150,000 in the calendar year preceding the year the dividend is paid."

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

Representative Stapp objected.

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

CSHJR 7(W&M)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 33 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Himschoot, McCormick

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Groh, Hannan, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House return to Introduction of Guests. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to the Daily Calendar. There being no objection, the House advanced to:

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the permanent fund, relating to transfers out of the permanent fund, and requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to 2:30 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 12:59 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 3:19 p.m.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 7**

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the permanent fund, relating to transfers out of the permanent fund, and requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 1, following the second occurrence of "**to**" (title amendment):

Insert "**dedicated funds, relating to**"

Page 1, line 6:

Delete "The proceeds of any state tax or license"

Insert "**State revenue, from any source**, [THE PROCEEDS OF ANY STATE TAX OR LICENSE]"

Page 1, line 8:

Delete "**out of**"

Insert "**into and within**"

Page 1, line 9, following "**to**":

Insert "**transfers out of the permanent fund and to**"

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative Carpenter objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 1 NAYS: 39 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Gray

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, 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, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, lines 16 - 19:

Delete "Each fiscal year, without appropriation, an amount determined by a formula set out in law shall be transferred from the earnings reserve account in the permanent fund to the general fund. The amount transferred from the earnings reserve account shall not exceed the balance of the earnings reserve account."

Insert "Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, each fiscal year, without appropriation, an amount equal to 50 percent of 21 percent of the net income of the permanent fund for the last five fiscal years, including the fiscal year just ended, shall be transferred from the earnings reserve account in the permanent fund to the general fund. The amount transferred from the earnings reserve account shall not exceed the balance of the earnings reserve account plus the net income of the permanent fund for the fiscal year just ended."

Page 2, line 21:

Delete "from"

Insert "equal to"

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

Representative Groh objected.

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

CSHJR 7(W&M)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 37 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Foster, Tomaszewski

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, 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, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 3 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, lines 14 - 15:

Delete "a new subsection"
Insert "new subsections"

Page 2, line 19:

Delete "Each"
Insert "Except as provided in (c) of this section, each"

Page 2, line 20:

Delete "a formula set out in law"
Insert "the formula set out in law on January 1, 2018"

Page 2, following line 22:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(c) In a calendar year, if, in an act other than an act containing appropriations, a law that sets out the amount or a formula for calculating the amount of the dividend is enacted before the dividend is paid, the dividend shall be paid to eligible residents of the State in that amount or according to that formula during that calendar year."

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Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Carpenter moved the previous question.

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the question be called?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

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Amendment No. 4/Call the question

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

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

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

Absent: McCormick

And so, lacking the required 26 votes in accordance with Uniform Rule 32, the motion failed.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 4

YEAS: 1 NAYS: 39 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, 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, Amendment No. 4 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, lines 2 - 3 (title amendment):

Delete "**requiring payment of a dividend**"

Insert "**relating to a program of required payments of dividends**"

Page 1, line 9:

Delete "**section 15(b)**"

Insert "**Section 18**"

Page 2, line 7:

Delete "**(a)**"

Page 2, lines 12 - 13:

Delete "**an earnings reserve account in the fund**"

Insert "**the dividend fund established in Section 18 of this article**"

Page 2, lines 14 - 22:

Delete all material and insert:

"* **Sec. 4.** Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 18. Dividend Fund; Dividends. There is established as a separate fund in the State treasury the dividend fund. The dividend fund may be used only for the payment of dividends to eligible state residents and for costs related to the dividend payment program. Each fiscal year, without appropriation, the State shall, according to a formula set out in law, pay a dividend to eligible residents of the State from the amount deposited into the dividend fund under this section. Each year, the legislature

may appropriate an amount from the dividend fund sufficient to pay the costs of administering the dividend payment program."

Page 2, lines 26 - 27:

Delete "a dividend for state residents (art. IX, sec. 15) applies to payments and transfers"

Insert "income of the permanent fund, the dividend fund, and dividends for state residents (art. IX, secs. 15 and 18) applies to payments, transfers, and appropriations"

Page 2, lines 28 - 30:

Delete all material and insert:

"(b) On June 30, 2025, the unencumbered balance of the dividend fund established by law shall be deposited in the dividend fund established in Section 18 of Article IX."

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

Representative Stapp objected.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 6 was offered by Representative Hannan:

Page 1, line 2 (title amendment):

Delete "**and**"

Page 1, line 3, following "**residents**":

Insert "**, and relating to the appointment of members of the board of the entity managing the permanent fund**"

Page 1, following line 4:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Section 1.** Article III, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 28. Alaska Permanent Fund Management Appointments. The members of the board of the entity that

manages the Alaska permanent fund, created in Section 15 of Article IX, shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session."

Page 1, line 5:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Representative Hannan moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 be adopted.

Representative Carpenter objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 6 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

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Amendment No. 6

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

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 6 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 7 was offered by Representative Groh:

Page 2, following line 30:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(c) Notwithstanding the requirement in Section 15(b) of Article IX that the State pay a dividend to eligible residents of the State by way of a transfer described in that Section, the State shall

not pay a dividend by way of the transfer described in that Section until a fiscal year after a formula set out in law for determining the amount of the dividend has been adopted. The formula set out in law under this subsection must be adopted after the effective date of this amendment."

Representative Groh moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be adopted.

Representative Carpenter objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 7 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 7

YEAS: 13 NAYS: 27 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Eastman, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Josephson, McCormick, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Mears, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 7 was not adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess; and so, the House recessed at 5:17 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 7:09 p.m.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to the permanent fund, relating to transfers out of the permanent fund, and requiring payment of a dividend to eligible state residents.

Amendment No. 8 was not offered.

Amendment No. 9 was offered by Representative Fields:

Page 2, line 22, following "subsection.":

Insert "A resident is not eligible for a dividend under this subsection if, in the calendar year preceding the year the dividend is paid, the resident's adjusted gross income is more than \$50,000, or, if the resident filed a joint federal income tax return, the combined adjusted gross income is more than \$100,000. The income limits in this subsection do not apply to a resident under 18 years of age."

Representative Fields moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 9 be adopted.

Representative Vance objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 9 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

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Amendment No. 9

YEAS: 8 NAYS: 32 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Fields, Galvin, Gray, Hannan, Himschoot, McCormick, Ortiz, Schrage

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Foster, Groh, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McKay, Mears, Mina, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 9 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 10 was offered by Representative Fields:

Page 2, line 22, following "subsection.":

Insert "A resident is not eligible for a dividend under this subsection unless the resident works, including self-employment or employment as an employee or independent contractor, or engages in subsistence activities. The work or subsistence requirement in this subsection does not apply to a resident under 18 years of age or over 65 years of age."

Representative Fields moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 10 be adopted.

Representative Tomaszewski objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 10 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 10

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 35 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Fields, Ortiz, Schrage, Stapp, Sumner

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Edgmon, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Story, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 10 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 11 was not offered.

Amendment No. 12 was offered by Representative Ortiz:

Page 2, lines 16 - 17:

Delete "an amount determined by a formula set out in law"

Insert "five percent of the average market value of the fund for the first five of the preceding six fiscal years, including the fiscal year just ended,"

Page 2, line 20:

Delete ", according to a formula set out in law,"

Page 2, line 21:

Delete "from"

Insert "using at least five percent but not more than twenty-five percent of"

Representative Ortiz moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 12 be adopted.

Representative Saddler objected.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12 was offered by Representative Gray:

Page 1, line 11 of the amendment:

Delete "twenty-five"

Insert "fifty"

Representative Gray moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 28 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carpenter, Cronk, Eastman, Galvin, Gray, Josephson, McCabe, Ortiz, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Tomaszewski

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carrick, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12 was not adopted.

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Representative C. Johnson moved and asked unanimous consent that the House rescind previous action in failing to adopt Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12.

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12

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

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

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

Shaw changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

And so, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 12 was adopted.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 12 as amended be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 12 as amended

YEAS: 10 NAYS: 30 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Edgmon, Galvin, Gray, Himschoot, Josephson, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Foster, Groh, Hannan, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 12 as amended was not adopted.

Amendment No. 13 was offered by Representative Schrage:

Page 1, line 1, following the second occurrence of "**to**" (title amendment):

Insert "**education funding, relating to**"

Page 1, line 7:

Delete "section **15(a)** [15]"

Insert "**Section 18 of this article, related to education funding, Section 15(a) [SECTION 15]**"

Page 1, line 9:

Delete "**section**"

Insert "**Section**"

Page 1, line 15:

Delete "**section**"

Insert "**Section 18 of this article, related to education funding, and Section**"

Page 2, following line 22:

Insert a new resolution section to read:

"* **Sec. 5.** Article IX, Constitution of the State of Alaska, is amended by adding a new section to read:

Section 18. Education Funding. Each fiscal year, without appropriation, an amount determined by a formula set out in law establishing a minimum amount of education funding shall be transferred from the general fund to a public education fund established by law. Each fiscal year, without appropriation, the State shall pay state aid to each school district in the State from the amount deposited into the public education fund under this section, distributed proportionately to each school district according to a formula set out in law."

Renumber the following resolution sections accordingly.

Page 2, lines 23 - 24:

Delete "a new section"

Insert "new sections"

Page 2, following line 30:

Insert new material to read:

"Section 31. Education Funding Amendment: Transition.

The 2024 amendment relating to education funding (art. IX, sec. 18) applies to transfers made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and thereafter."

Representative Schrage moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 13 be adopted.

Representative McKay objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 13 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 7(W&M)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 13

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 26 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Armstrong, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Hannan, Josephson, McCormick, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story, Stutes

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

And so, Amendment No. 13 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 7(W&M) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHJR 7(W&M) will advance to third reading on the March 1 calendar.

HJR 20

The following was read the second time:

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.

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Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 3, line 15:

Delete "and"

Page 3, lines 16 - 18:

Delete all material.

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

Representative Baker objected.

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

HJR 20

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 34 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Eastman, Galvin, Gray, Josephson, Rauscher, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HJR 20 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HJR 20 will advance to third reading on the March 1 calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative McKay – from 8:00 p.m., March 8 to 8:00 p.m., March 10

Representative Wright – from 1:00 p.m., March 1 to 10:00 p.m., March 3

HJR 19

The Speaker removed the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs referral from the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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.

HJR 19 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 348

The Speaker removed the State Affairs Committee referral from the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 348

"An Act establishing a minimum veto amount for purposes of applying art. II, sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska; relating to an appropriation limit; relating to the statutory budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

HB 348 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 388

The Speaker removed the House Special Committee on Energy referral from the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 388

"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."

HB 388 is in the Resources Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HCR 8

Representative C. Johnson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

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.

HJR 20

Representatives C. Johnson, Schrage, Saddler, Cronk, Allard, Himschoot, D. Johnson, Stapp, and Coulombe added as cosponsors to:

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.

HB 89

Representatives Saddler, Josephson, Ortiz, Mina, Groh, Gray, and Mears added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 89(FIN)

"An Act relating to education tax credits for certain payments and contributions for child care and child care facilities; relating to the insurance tax education credit, the income tax education credit, the oil or gas producer education credit, the property tax education credit, the mining business education credit, the fisheries business education credit, and the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; renaming the day care assistance program the child care assistance program; relating to the child care assistance program and the child care grant program; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of secs. 1, 2, and 21, ch. 61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date."

HB 201

Representative Ortiz added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

"An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date."

HB 286

Representative C. Johnson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

HB 347

Representative Tomaszewski added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

"An Act relating to assessment of property, boards of equalization, and certification of assessors; and providing for an effective date."

SB 170

Representative Ortiz added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(FIN)

"An Act relating to the Alaska longevity bonus program and the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 89

CSHB 89(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENROLLMENT

HCR 4

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 1:15 p.m., February 28:

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.

Legislative Resolve No. 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 1. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk