

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Monday**

**March 4, 2024**

**Forty-ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:10 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representatives Baker and McCabe had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Major Halverson of the Salvation Army. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Gracious God,

What a privilege we have to live in such a great state. We are amazed by the beauty that surrounds us and the plentiful resources that exist in Alaska, from the mountains to the waters filled with abundant land and sea life.

Grant your wisdom and guidance to these faithful leaders as they navigate the important issues of Alaska. May they have clear vision to care for our resources responsibly, so that Alaskans can experience prosperity for generations to come.

We lift up our financial needs before you, recognizing the challenges we face in balancing budgets and meeting the needs of our citizens. May we find innovative solutions and wise investments that promote growth and stability.

We're thankful for our teachers and students. Be with them as they work for excellence in learning and teaching. Give our youth the tools they need to become the leaders who will shape the future of our state.

Even though we are surrounded by so much beauty, we know there are those in all of our communities who find themselves in need. We pray for the marginalized and those who are suffering, may ways be found to support them, and may pathways be provided for them to move forward into a brighter future.

Bring a spirit of unity to this House as they work together for the common good of all Alaskans. May your hand of blessing be upon them as they guide us all to a prosperous future. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Tomaszewski.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 46th, 47th, and 48th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Division of Community and Regional Affairs  
Designated Legislative Lapsing Grant Report  
Fiscal Year 2024

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Terrence Haas

as Public Defender.

The report was signed by Representative Vance, Chair; and Representatives C. Johnson, Gray, Carpenter, Sumner, Groh, and Allard.

**HB 222**

The Resources Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 222

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund and the income and investments of the fund; relating to the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): McCabe, Baker, McKay

Do not pass (1): Mears

No recommendation (3): Armstrong, Rauscher, Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 222 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 226**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 226

"An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to insurance; relating to pharmacies; relating to pharmacists; relating to pharmacy benefits managers; relating to patient choice of pharmacy; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 226(HSS)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Sumner, Ruffridge, McCormick, Saddler, Mina, Prax

No recommendation (1): Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 226(HSS):

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

HB 226 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Samuel Hart Trivette

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Price E. Qaiyaan Brower

By Representative Baker

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring - Samuel Hart Trivette and In Memoriam - Price E. Qaiyaan Brower, 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:

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Honoring - Samuel Hart Trivette

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - Price E. Qaiyaan Brower

By Representative Baker

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 81**

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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TRA RPT 6DP 1NR	343
FN1: INDETERMINATE(H.TRA/ADM)	343
STA RPT 7DP	713
FN1: INDETERMINATE(H.TRA/ADM)	713
FIN RPT 10DP 1NR	1491
FN2: (ADM)	1491

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that  
HB 81 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed  
on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 81 will advance to third reading on the March 6 calendar.

**HB 273**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 273

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

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with the:

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L&C RPT CS(L&C) NEW TITLE 6DP  
FN1: ZERO(REV)

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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. 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."

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt CSHB 273(L&C)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 273

Second Reading

Adopt Labor & Commerce CS

**YEAS: 37 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Baker, McCabe

And so, CSHB 273(L&C) was adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 273(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 273(L&C) will advance to third reading on the March 6 calendar.

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **HJR 7**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 1 calendar (page 1698), would be held to the March 6 calendar:

#### **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.

#### **HJR 19**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 1 calendar (page 1698), would be held to the March 6 calendar:

#### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 19 am**

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.

### **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 - Amy Gallaway

By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - John N. Davies

By Representative Carrick

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Honoring - Scott Raygor  
By Representative Carrick

Honoring - Aaron Harkley  
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Mina, Gray

Honoring - Robert "Bobby" Hill II  
By Senator Merrick; Representative Allard

Honoring - Ramsey Bodeen  
By Senator Merrick; Representative Allard

Honoring - Tasha Kahele  
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Groh, Cronk

Honoring - Gretchen Winter  
By Senator Hughes; Representative D. Johnson

Honoring - Coby Marvin  
By Senator Hughes; Representative D. Johnson

Honoring - Colony Knights Boys' Soccer Team  
By Senators Hughes, Wilson

Honoring - Colony Knights Boys' Track and Field  
By Senators Hughes, Wilson

Honoring - Alaska Trappers Association 50th Anniversary  
By Senators Kawasaki, Wilson, Bishop

Honoring - Polaris Building  
By Senator Myers; Representatives Stapp, Carrick

In Memoriam - Jackie William Gallion  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Sergeant William Francis Murphy  
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Patrick M. Rodey  
By Senators Dunbar, Tobin; Representative Gray



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In Memoriam - Michelle V. Minor  
By Senator Bishop; Representative Josephson

In Memoriam - Barbara "Tamie" Miller  
By Senator Hughes; Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam - Paul Rodriguez Jr.  
By Senators Hughes, Kiehl

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **EO 131**

Representative Vance, Vice Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent to waive Uniform Rule 23(a), so the Transportation Committee may hear the following on Thursday, March 7:

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 131

Reorganizing the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board.

#### **SSCR 8**

Representative Vance, Vice Chair, moved and asked unanimous consent to waive Uniform Rule 23(a), so the Transportation Committee may hear the following on Thursday, March 7:

#### SENATE SPECIAL CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

Disapproving Executive Order No. 131.

#### **HB 81**

Representatives Hannan, Stapp, and Cronk added as cosponsors 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 347**

Representative Prax 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."

**SJR 14**

Representative Stutes added as a cross sponsor to:

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14**

Calling on the United States Congress and all federal agencies to adopt policies and engage in certain efforts to improve the competitiveness and resiliency of the state's seafood industry.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., March 6. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk