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

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was sung by the Chaplain, Ordained Minister Sherry Patterson of Breakthrough Family Church. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Allard.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 56th and 57th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated March 12 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, Constitution of the State of

Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

Board of Education and Early Development

Bob Griffin – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/15/2019 Term Expired: 3/1/2019

Reappointed: 3/1/2019 Term Expired: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/11/2024 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

State Medical Board

Eric Nimmo – Palmer

Appointed: 3/11/2024 Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Board of Public Accountancy

Lance Johnson – Nome

Appointed: 10/21/2020 Term Expired: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/11/2024 Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Pharmacy

Carla Hebert – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2022 Term Expired: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/11/2024 Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Steven Heidemann – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/29/2022 Term Expired: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 3/11/2024 Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Brian Zematis – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/11/2024 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 11 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS**

SB 68

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 68(RES) am by the Senate Resources Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to public notice for certain state actions and public hearings; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute
Annual Report
FY 2023
(as required by AS 16.51.100)

Dept. of Revenue
Treasury Division
Annual Report on the Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund
March 15, 2024
(as required by AS 37.10.430)

Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities
Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board (AMHOB)
2023 Annual Report
(as required by AS 19.05.030)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Bradley Cross

as a member of the Board of Optometry.

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

HJR 18

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18(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 CSHJR 18(STA):

1. Zero, House State Affairs Committee

HJR 18 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 238

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 238

"An Act relating to criminal mischief in the third degree; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 238(JUD)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Gray, Groh, Sumner, Carpenter, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 238(JUD):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 238 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 254

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 254

"An Act relating to liability for publishing or distributing pornography to minors on the Internet."

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

Do pass (1): Saddler

Do not pass (1): Carrick

No recommendation (3): Prax, Wright, Ruffridge

Amend (1): Fields

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 254 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SJR 13

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Encouraging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass and sign legislation amending the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to release certain land held in trust back to affected Alaska Native village corporations.

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

Do pass (5): Mears, Ruffridge, McKay, Himschoot, McCormick

No recommendation (2): Baker, McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee

SJR 13 was referred to the Rules Committee.

SB 12

The State Affairs Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12(JUD)

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Carrick, Story, Shaw

No recommendation (4): Wright, Carpenter, C. Johnson, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 12(STA):

2. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
3. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

CSSB 12(JUD) was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

SB 92

The Resources Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 92(2d RES)

"An Act relating to state ownership of submerged land underlying navigable water within the boundaries of federal areas; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 92(RES)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Baker, Wright, Saddler, McCabe, McKay

No recommendation (1): Rauscher

Amend (3): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 92(RES):

2. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

CSSB 92(2d RES) 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 - Wolfgang Emil Junge
By Senator Wilson; Representative McCabe

Honoring - Dr. Karen Ward
By Senator Wilson

Honoring - Brandon Griff Harbour
By Senator Wilson

Honoring - Robin Ann Minard
By Senator Wilson; Representative Fields

Honoring - Wasilla High School Warriors,
Girls Volleyball 2023 4A State Champions
By Senator Wilson

Honoring - City of Wasilla 50th Anniversary
By Senator Wilson

In Memoriam - Drew Spencer Rotermund
By Representative Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Daphne Gustafson
By Senator Bishop

In Memoriam - Tim Stewart
By Senators Tobin, Olson; Representative Foster

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HCR 15

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 by the House Health and Social Services Committee, entitled:

Designating May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 5 - 11, 2024, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 272

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

"An Act relating to big game hunts for persons with physical disabilities; and providing for an effective date."

with the:	Journal Page
RES RPT 8DP 1NR	1457
FN1: ZERO(DFG)	1457

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 272 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 272 will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

HB 286

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 286

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

with the:	Journal Page
STA RPT CS(STA) 7DP	1652
FN1: ZERO(AJS)	1652

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. 286(STA)
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 286(STA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 13, following "at":
Insert "or participation in"

Page 1, line 14, following "offense":
Insert "or restitution"

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 286(STA)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 1

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. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 13:

Delete "**participation in the investigation or prosecution of the offense or attendance at**"

Insert "**preparation for, or participation in, the investigation or prosecution of the offense or preparation for, or attendance at,**"

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

Representative Coulombe objected.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 2. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 286(STA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 286(STA) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

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

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

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 316

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 316

"An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless telephone location information in emergencies."

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 237**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 11 calendar (page 1767), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

"An Act relating to temporary permits for nurses with lapsed licenses."

The question being: "Shall HB 237 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 237

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 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, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, HB 237 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 265

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 11 calendar (page 1769), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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

The question being: "Shall HB 265 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 265

Third Reading

Final Passage

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, HB 265 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 341

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 11 calendar (page 1770), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 341

"An Act naming the Marvin Thurmond Galena Maintenance and Operation Station."

The question being: "Shall HB 341 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 341

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 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, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

And so, HB 341 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The Speaker stated that the following, which was held from the March 11 calendar (page 1772), would be held to tomorrow's 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.

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 – Colonel Daniel S. Sullivan
By Representatives Saddler, Wright

Honoring – Janet Warner
By Representative Gray; Senators Merrick, Dunbar

Honoring – Luke Jager
By Representatives Mears, Gray; Senator Dunbar

Honoring – Rosa L. Foster
By Representative Coulombe

Honoring – American Heart Association
By Representative Armstrong

Honoring – Charlene Arneson
By Senator Giessel

Honoring – James "Jim" Fergusson
By Senator Giessel

Honoring – Gus Schumacher
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Mears, Coulombe

Honoring – Peter Kaiser
By Senator Hoffman

Honoring – Arctic Comic Con
By Senators Dunbar, Tobin; Representative Fields

Honoring – Neighborworks Alaska
By Senator Tobin

In Memoriam – Marlene Wingren Scanlon
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam – Wayne Eugene Westberg
By Senator Giessel

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 Shaw – from 2:00 p.m., March 28 to 10:00 p.m., April 1

Representative Cronk – from 8:00 p.m., March 14 to 10:00 p.m., March 17

Representative Himschoot – from 12:30 p.m., March 15 to 5:00 p.m., March 17

Representative Baker – from 5:00 a.m., March 22 to 10:00 p.m., March 24

HB 228

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 228

"An Act establishing the Alaska mental health and psychedelic medicine task force; and providing for an effective date."

HB 228 is in the State Affairs Committee.

HB 295

The Speaker added a Resources Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

"An Act relating to salmon hatchery permits; and authorizing the sale of salmon to permitted persons for stocking lakes."

HB 295 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HB 234

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

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 234 was removed from the State Affairs Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HJR 18

Representatives Sumner, Allard, and Story added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset of the Social Security Act.

HB 116

Representatives Hannan and Galvin added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 116

"An Act relating to appropriations from the restorative justice account."

HB 188

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 188

"An Act relating to animal adoption and foster care records."

HB 232

Representatives Groh and Ortiz added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

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

HB 237

Representatives Rauscher, Carpenter, Ortiz, Tomaszewski, Mears, and Tilton added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 237

"An Act relating to temporary permits for nurses with lapsed licenses."

HB 265

Representative Saddler added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 265

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

HB 286

Representatives Rauscher, Saddler, Ruffridge, Josephson, and Vance added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(STA)

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

HB 316

Representatives Allard and Carrick added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 316

"An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless telephone location information in emergencies."

HB 337

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 337

"An Act establishing 4-H Day."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 237

HB 237 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 265

HB 265 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 341

HB 341 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

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 14. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk