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Fifty-ninth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:09 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Sumner had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Father God in Heaven, we come to you with offerings of thanksgiving, prayer, and petition. Hallowed is your name above all and your kingdom has no end.

Thank you for your son, who died on the cross that we may live with you eternally in Heaven. We thank you for our mothers and fathers and close relatives, those living and those that have passed away. We thank you for our children, grandchildren, and our spouses. We give thanks for our homes, our health, our income, and our privilege to serve here as legislators.

Where two or more are gathered, you are in the midst. Father God, we recognize we cannot take a single breath without

you. You are our provider. You forgive our iniquities time and time again. So, we ask for the strength to forgive those around us in the same manner, and work to better each other.

Father God, help us to recognize our calling as an opportunity to be able to make a difference, and we ask that we not take it lightly. Help us to grow in your wisdom and understanding while we are here. We pray for the unborn child in this world. We ask for you to help us be mindful of those in prison, of those that ask for a hand up, of those that ask for a handout, of those that wish to learn and strive to grow in this world. Lord, we ask for the wisdom to portion our resources to their best benefit fostering self-sufficiency.

May the love of God, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. It is in Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Armstrong.

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Representative Ruffridge introduced Lucas Wood, Guest Page, from Soldotna.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 58th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
Annual Report
FFY 2023
March 8, 2024
<https://akoltco.org/>

Dept. of Revenue

Tax Division

Alaska Salmon Price and Production Reports

March 14, 2024

<https://tax.alaska.gov/programs/programs/reports/index.aspx?60624>
(as required by AS 43.80.060)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SB 95

The State Affairs Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 95(STA) am

"An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; relating to special registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 95(STA)

"An Act relating to special request specialty organization registration plates; relating to special registration plates commemorating peace officers killed in the line of duty; relating to special registration plates for vehicles owned by women veterans; relating to special request registration plates for United States Space Force personnel; and providing for an effective date."

(Pending title change resolution)

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

Do pass (3): Wright, Story, Shaw

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply to HCS CSSB 95(STA):

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

CSSB 95(STA) am was referred to the Finance Committee.

SB 103

The State Affairs Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 103

"An Act relating to peer support counseling programs for law enforcement agencies, emergency service providers, and the Department of Corrections."

and recommends it be replaced with:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 103(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 SB 103(STA):

3. Zero, Dept. of Corrections
4. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

SB 103 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 – Spencer Woods
By Representative Baker

In Memoriam – Hans Clark Nicholson
By Representative Sumner

In Memoriam – Julia Dawn Maxwell
By Representative Sumner; Senator Wilson

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

HB 391

HOUSE BILL NO. 391 by the House Education Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to charter schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 126

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act relating to the Board of Professional Counselors; and relating to licensing of associate counselors."

with the:

Journal Page

L&C RPT 4DP 3NR	923
FN1: ZERO(DOH)	923
FN2: ZERO(DOH)	923
FN3: (CED)	923
FIN RPT 6DP 3NR	1725
FN4: ZERO(DOH)	1725
FN5: ZERO(DOH)	1725
FN6: ZERO(DOH)	1725
FN7: (CED)	1725

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 126 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 126 will advance to third reading on the March 18 calendar.

HB 316

The following, which was held from the March 13 calendar (page 1805), was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 316

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

with the:	Journal Page
STA RPT CS(STA) NEW TITLE 7DP	1726
FN1: ZERO(DPS)	1726

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. 316(STA)

"An Act relating to law enforcement requests for wireless device location information in emergencies; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 316(STA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Allard:

Page 1, following line 3:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Kelsey Smith Act."

Page 1, line 4:

Delete "**Section 1**"

Insert "**Sec. 2**"

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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

There was objection.

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

CSHB 316(STA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

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, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: Sumner

And so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Armstrong:

Page 2, line 4, following "information":

Insert "for the wireless carrier"

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

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, line 17, following "of":

Insert "(A)"

Page 2, line 18, following "47 U.S.C. 332;":

Insert "or

(B) a satellite communication service;"

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

Representative C. Johnson objected.

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

CSHB 316(STA) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3

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

Yeas: Armstrong, Carpenter, Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Schrage, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski

Nays: Allard, Baker, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Tilton, Vance, Wright

Excused: Sumner

And so, Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSHB 316(STA) am would be held in second reading to the March 18 calendar.

HB 344

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 344

"An Act relating to medical assistance demonstration projects established by the Department of Health."

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1823

with the:

Journal Page

HSS RPT 7DP

1728

FN1: ZERO(DOH)

1728

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 344 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 344 will advance to third reading on the March 18 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 272

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 13 calendar (page 1803), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 272

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

Representative Eastman 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 HB 272 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 272

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 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, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Eastman

Excused: Sumner

And so, HB 272 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.

HB 272 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

HB 286

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 13 calendar (page 1805), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(STA)

"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 286(STA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 286(STA)

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, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: Sumner

And so, CSHB 286(STA) passed the House 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 13 calendar (page 1808), would be held to the March 18 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 - 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

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 1:00 p.m., April 25 to 9:00 p.m., April 29

Representative Allard – from 6:00 p.m., March 15 to 1:00 p.m., March 17

HJR 18

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor 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 126

Representative Ruffridge added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act relating to the Board of Professional Counselors; and relating to licensing of associate counselors."

HB 249

Representative Rauscher added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

"An Act creating the military and veteran family help desk in the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs; and providing for an effective date."

HB 286

Representatives Armstrong, Cronk, Schrage, and Tilton added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 286(STA)
"An Act relating to victim restitution and compensation."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 272

HB 272 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

HB 286

CSHB 286(STA) 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.

The following meetings today were changed:

House Special Committee on Energy

CHANGED TO: 15 min. after adjournment

Finance Committee

CHANGED TO: 1:45 p.m.

Transportation Committee

CHANGED TO: 15 min. after adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., March 18. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk