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**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Thursday**

**March 21, 2024**

**Sixty-sixth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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

I offer this prayer with the greatest respect for the different religious faiths that exist in this building and in our state, and with a great appreciation for the religious freedoms we possess living in this country:

Dear Lord, we come before you on this beautiful day here in Southeast Alaska. Lord, many of us come before you with fatigue from the work we did up until early this morning. Give us the strength to work cooperatively today and in the days ahead as we try to find consensus on how to take action in the best interests of all Alaskans, not just those whom are our friends, or those that share the same political beliefs as us.

Lord, we – and especially me – come before you as imperfect human beings. Help each of us to remember our own shortcomings first before looking to find perceived shortcomings of those around us. For after all, dear Lord, it was you who said in the Book of Matthew: Judge not, lest

you be judged, and later in the book of Matthew, you remind us always:

*Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye' while the log is in your own eye?*

Thank you, dear Lord, for allowing each of us to have the opportunity to serve our fellow Alaskans, help us always to do it with humility and grace and kindness to those around us. And to this we say, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Carrick.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 65th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Alaska Court System

Travel for Justices, Judges, and Magistrate Judges & Affidavit Information

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(as required by AS 22.20.310)

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **HJR 13**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

#### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13**

Requesting the United States Congress to call a convention of the states to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be

elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United States Senate; and urging the legislatures of the other 49 states to request the United States Congress to call a convention of the states.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Carpenter, Vance

No recommendation (5): C. Johnson, Gray, Groh, Sumner, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 13(STA):

1. Zero, House State Affairs Committee

HJR 13 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **HB 203**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 203  
"An Act relating to wage payments."

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

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

No recommendation (3): Fields, Carrick, Wright

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 203 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 275**

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

"An Act relating to sexual assault examination kits; establishing the sexual assault examination kit tracking system; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 275(HSS)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (1): Prax

No recommendation (4): Fields, Ruffridge, Saddler, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 275(HSS):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 275 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 285**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to mammograms; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Fields, Carrick, Sumner

No recommendation (4): Ruffridge, Wright, Prax, Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 285 was referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

### **HB 290**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 290

"An Act relating to the issuance of certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians; relating to fees for certificates of fitness for plumbers and electricians; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Fields, Prax, Sumner

No recommendation (4): Carrick, Ruffridge, Wright, Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

2. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 290 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **SB 22**

The Finance Committee considered:

#### SENATE BILL NO. 22

"An Act establishing Juneteenth Day as a legal holiday."

The report was signed by Representative Foster, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): Ortiz, Josephson, Hannan, Galvin, Foster

No recommendation (3): Stapp, Cronk, Tomaszewski

Amend (1): Coulombe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

11. Zero, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs
12. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections
13. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
14. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game
15. Fiscal, Dept. of Family & Community Services
16. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
17. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety
18. Fiscal, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

SB 22 was referred to the Rules Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - Rolland Benn-Ingles Curtis  
By Representative Ortiz; Senator Stedman

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

#### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

##### **HB 17**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 20 calendar (page 1887), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 17(HSS) am

"An Act relating to insurance coverage for contraceptives and related services; relating to medical assistance coverage for contraceptives and related services; and providing for an effective date."

Representatives Ruffridge and Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and they were required to vote.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 17(HSS) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 17(HSS) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 29 NAYS: 11 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Eastman, D.Johnson, McCabe, Rauscher, Saddler, Stapp, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance

And so, CSHB 17(HSS) am 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.

Representative Eastman gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 17(HSS) am.

### **HB 97**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 20 calendar (page 1900), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 97(JUD) am

"An Act relating to self-storage facilities for personal property, including vehicles and watercraft; distinguishing self-storage facility liens from another type of storage lien; and excluding self-storage liens from the treatment of certain unclaimed property."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 97(JUD) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 97(JUD) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

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

Yeas: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Foster, Gray, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Rauscher, Schrage

And so, CSHB 97(JUD) am passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**HB 146**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 20 calendar (page 1910), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146(STA)

"An Act relating to fireworks; repealing restrictions on the sale of fireworks; directing the Department of Public Safety to adopt fireworks regulations; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 146(STA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 146(STA)

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, CSHB 146(STA) 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 146(STA) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 158**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 20 calendar (page 1928), would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

#### 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."

### **HB 316**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 20 calendar (page 1928), was read the third time:

#### CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 316(STA) am

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

The question being: "Shall CSHB 316(STA) am pass the House?"  
The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 316(STA) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1**

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

Absent: Edgmon

And so, CSHB 316(STA) am 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 316(STA) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 371**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 20 calendar (page 1913), would be held to tomorrow's calendar:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 371

"An Act relating to medical review organizations; relating to the definitions of 'health care provider' and 'review organization'; and relating to the duties of the chief medical officer in the Department of Health."

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

### **HJR 7**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 20 calendar (page 1929), 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:

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Honoring - Joshua Gill  
By Representative McCormick; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Mother Mabel Gibbons  
By Representative Wright

Honoring - 60th Anniversary of the M/V Tustumena  
By Representatives Stutes, Edgmon; Senators Stevens, Dunbar

Honoring - Trend Alaska  
By Representatives C. Johnson, Cronk

Honoring - Leo Bundridge  
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Gray, Groh

Honoring - Errol Champion  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam - Charles "Chuck" Homan  
By Representatives Wright, Coulombe; Senator Wielechowski

### **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 28 to 10:00 p.m., March 31

Representative Cronk – from:  
8:00 p.m., March 22 to 10:00 p.m., March 24  
8:00 p.m., March 28 to 10:00 p.m., April 1

Representative Allard – from 2:00 p.m., March 28 to 10:00 p.m., March 31

Representative C. Johnson – from 1:00 p.m., March 28 to 10:00 p.m., March 31

Representative Shaw – from 2:00 p.m., March 22 to 10:00 p.m., March 24

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 97**

CSHB 97(JUD) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 146**

CSHB 146(STA) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 316**

CSHB 316(STA) am 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:

Finance Committee

CHANGED TO: 2:00 p.m.

Labor & Commerce Committee

CHANGED TO: 15 min. after Transportation  
Committee

Transportation Committee

CHANGED TO: 15 min. after adjournment

House Special Committee on Fisheries

CHANGED TO: Call of the Chair

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk