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Seventieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:04 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend David Elmore of Landmark Apostolic Church. 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:

Heavenly Father, I come before you and I thank you for this legislative body today. I thank you for your many blessings and for your wisdom and guidance.

I ask that you would anoint each and every person here as they gather to make decisions for the betterment of this great state and its people. Jesus, I ask that you would give them wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Give them a heart of love for the people that they lead and represent.

Jesus, I pray for a hedge of protection around them, protect them and keep them safe. I pray for this session today, that it would be uninterrupted, that there would be peace not conflict, and that they would be able to be unified and stand ready to make decisions that benefit the citizens of this wonderful state.

Lord, I know that each person here has been called to their position for such a time as this, and I thank you for every single one of them. I pray blessings, peace, and strength upon them. It's in Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Cronk.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 67th, 68th, and 69th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Shaw introduced Brielle and Aria Rice, Guest Pages, from Girdwood.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 22 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 34

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 34(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act reestablishing the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the membership and duties of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; relating to the authority of the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

SB 91

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 91(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to telehealth; relating to multidisciplinary care teams; and relating to the practice of medicine."

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

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:

Rebecca Carrillo

as a member of the State Commission for Human Rights.

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

HB 183

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

"An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Ruffridge and Allard, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (2): McKay, Allard

Do not pass (3): Himschoot, Story, McCormick

No recommendation (1): Prax

Amend (1): Ruffridge

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 183 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 189

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 189

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 189(L&C)
(same title)

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

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

No recommendation (1): Saddler

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 189(L&C):

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

HB 189 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 298

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 298

"An Act relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL
NO. 298(HSS)
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): McCormick , Mina

No recommendation (5): Fields, Sumner, Ruffridge, Saddler, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSSSHB 298(HSS):

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

SSHB 298 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 386

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 386

"An Act relating to the obstruction of airports and runways; relating to the obstruction of highways; establishing the crime of obstruction of free passage in public places; relating to the obstruction of public places; relating to the crime of trespassing; relating to the obstruction of navigable waters; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): McKay, Vance, Sumner, C. Johnson, McCabe

Do not pass (1): Mina

Amend (1): Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 386 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 387

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 387

"An Act relating to a tax credit for certain oil and gas equipment in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 387(RES)

"An Act relating to a tax credit for certain oil and gas equipment in the Cook Inlet sedimentary basin; repealing certain credits against the oil and gas production tax; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): McCabe, Wright, McKay

Amend (2): Mears, Dibert

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 387(RES):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

HB 387 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Commemorating – Law Enforcement Memorial Day, January 9, 2024
By Representative Tilton

Honoring – Alaska Statewide Mentor Project
By Senator Claman

In Memoriam – Timothy Alexander Roy
By Representative Rauscher

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 46

The following, which was held from the March 22 calendar (page 1968), was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 46

"An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month."

with the:

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STA RPT HCS(STA) NEW TITLE 7DP
FN2: ZERO(GOV/COMBINED)

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

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(STA)

"An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date."

(technical title change)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, HCS SB 46(STA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 2, following line 3:

Insert new paragraphs to read:

"(3) acquired brain injuries, which often result from

strokes, anoxia, drug and alcohol abuse, problematic pornography use, and infectious diseases, are largely preventable;

(4) perinatal brain injuries, including intrauterine fetal traumatic brain injuries, often occur while a fetus is still in the womb and may result from intrauterine infections, domestic violence, and alcohol exposure, and are largely preventable;"

Renumber the following paragraphs accordingly.

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

Representative Josephson objected.

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

HCS SB 46(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.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HCS SB 46(STA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HCS SB 46(STA) will advance to third reading on the March 27 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 158**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 22 calendar (page 1968), would be returned to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs:

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 264

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 22 calendar (page 1968), would be held to the March 27 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 264(HSS) am

"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."

HB 371

The following, which was held from the March 22 calendar (page 1968), was read the third time:

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."

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The question being: "Shall HB 371 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 371

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: Armstrong, Baker, 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, Tilton, Wright

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Eastman, McCabe, Sumner, Tomaszewski, Vance

And so, HB 371 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 22 calendar (page 1969), would be held to the March 27 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 - Kodiak High School Shakesbears Drama, Debate, and Forensics Team, Division I State Champions
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Matanuska-Susitna Borough 60th Anniversary
By Senator Wilson; Representative Sumner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

HB 116

Representative Wright added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 116

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

HB 169

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

"An Act relating to certain fish; and establishing a fisheries rehabilitation permit."

HB 233

Representatives Coulombe and Carrick added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

"An Act relating to rates and time allowances for motor vehicle warranty work."

HB 345

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 345

"An Act relating to safety ladders at municipal harbor facilities; relating to the harbor facility grant fund; and providing for an effective date."

SB 46

Representatives Wright and Josephson added as cross sponsors to:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 46(STA)

"An Act establishing the month of March as Brain Injury Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 371

HB 371 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 10:30 a.m., March 27. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk