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Seventy-second Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:33 a.m.

Roll call showed 36 members present. Representatives Edgmon, Fields, Foster, and D. Johnson were absent, and their presence was noted later.

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 pray:

Heavenly Father, I come before you and I thank you for this legislative body today. I thank you for their hard work, their sacrifices, and their willingness to answer the call to serve. I ask that you would continue to anoint each and every person here as they gather to make decisions for the State of Alaska and its people.

Jesus, I ask that you would give them wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. Give them a heart of love and peace for the people that they lead and represent.

Jesus, I pray for a hedge of protection around them, protect them and keep them safe, encamp your angels around them Lord. I pray for this session today, that it would be

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uninterrupted and that they would be able to be unified in their decisions that work for the betterment of the citizens of this wonderful state.

Lord, I know that each person here has been called to serve for such a time as this, and I thank you for their integrity and dedication.

I pray blessings, peace, and strength upon them. It's in Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Dibert.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 70th and 71st legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 193

A message dated March 25 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

HB 193 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

A message dated March 25 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 256

SENATE BILL NO. 256 by the Senate State Affairs Committee by request, entitled:

"An Act establishing May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month; and providing for an effective date."

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 218

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 218

"An Act relating to coverage for disability from diseases for certain firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 218(L&C)

(same title)

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

Do pass (1): Saddler

No recommendation (6): Carrick, Fields, Prax, Wright, Ruffridge, Sumner

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 218(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 218 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 295

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 295(RES)

"An Act authorizing the sale of hatchery-produced salmon to certain persons for the purpose of stocking lakes."

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

Do pass (3): Baker, Rauscher, McKay

No recommendation (6): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert, McCabe, Saddler, Wright

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 295(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 295 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 376

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 376

"An Act relating to transportation network and delivery network companies."

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

Do pass (3): C. Johnson, McKay, McCabe

No recommendation (1): Stutes

Amend (2): Sumner, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 376 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

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INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up as a Special Order of Business:

In Memoriam – Tyrone Thomas
By Senator Myers; Representative Stapp

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

Honoring – Joelene Fortin
By Representatives Gray, Groh; Senator Tobin

Honoring – Megan Eilers
By Representatives Stapp, Carrick; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Shad Eric McCune
By Representative Sumner

In Memoriam – Carl Cogland Behnert
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam – Evelyn "Evie" J. Mielke
By Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam – Maria Greulich
By Representative Stapp; Senators Kawasaki, Bishop

In Memoriam – Donald "Don" Martin
By Representatives Stapp, Prax; Senator Myers

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam – Tyrone Thomas, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam – Tyrone Thomas
By Senator Myers; Representative Stapp

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 253

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 253

"An Act relating to refrigerants designated as acceptable for use under federal law."

with the:	Journal Page
L&C RPT 6DP	1511
FN1: ZERO(DPS)	1511

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 253 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 253 will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 93

The following was read the second time:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 93(L&C) am

"An Act relating to claims for injury, disability, or heart attack payable from the fishermen's fund; relating to claims against protection and indemnity insurance policies of vessel owners;

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relating to the definition of 'occupational disease'; and providing for an effective date."

with the:	Journal Page
L&C RPT 6DP 1AM	991
FN1: ZERO(LWF)	991

The Rules Committee submitted the following fiscal note:

2. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 3 (title amendment):

Delete "**relating to the definition of 'occupational disease';"**

Page 1, line 8:

Delete "**and except as provided in (c) and (d) of this section"**

Page 1, line 14:

Delete "**Except as provided in (c) and (d) of this section, the [THE]"**

Insert "The"

Page 2, lines 2 - 13:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 2, lines 15 - 16:

Delete "**Except as provided in (b) and (c) of this section, if [IF]"**
Insert "If"

Page 2, line 23, through page 3, line 6:

Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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

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Representative Stutes objected.

**The presence of Representative Fields was noted.

Representative Eastman moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Eastman:

Page 1, line 3 (title amendment):

 Delete "**relating to the definition of 'occupational disease';"**

Page 2, line 30, through page 3, line 6:

 Delete all material.

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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

Representative Sumner objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 93(L&C) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 1 NAYS: 36 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 3

Yea: Eastman

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

Absent: Edgmon, Foster, D.Johnson

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

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Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Carpenter:

Page 3, line 1:

Delete "viral infections and"

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

Representative Sumner objected.

Representative Carpenter moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 4 was not offered.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSSB 93(L&C) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSSB 93(L&C) am will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 264

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 25 calendar (page 1987), would be returned to the Rules Committee:

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

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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."

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 46

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 25 calendar (page 1986), was read the third time:

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)

The question being: "Shall HCS SB 46(STA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS SB 46(STA)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 3

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Carrick, Coulombe, Cronk, Dibert, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.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, Foster, D.Johnson

And so, HCS SB 46(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 was objection.

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Representative Carpenter placed a call on the House.

**The presence of Representatives D. Johnson, Edgmon, and Foster was noted.

The call was satisfied.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS SB 46(STA)

Third Reading

Effective Date

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, the effective date clause was adopted.

HCS SB 46(STA) 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 25 calendar (page 1988), 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.

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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:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 147

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act relating to teacher certificates for retired teachers."

HB 147 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 189

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 189

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

HB 189 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HJR 17

Representative Hannan added as a cosponsor to:

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Urging the United States Congress to pass the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act.

HB 169

Representative Tomaszewski added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 169

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

HB 226

Representative Ortiz added as a cosponsor to:

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."

HB 330

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 330

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners."

SB 46

Representative Dibert added as a cross sponsor 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."

SB 67

Representatives Galvin and Hannan added as cross sponsors to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 67(RES)

"An Act relating to firefighting substances; and providing for an effective date."

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SB 46

HCS SB 46(STA) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENROLLMENT

HB 193

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 11:45 a.m., March 26:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

"An Act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts; and providing for an effective date."

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 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk