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Seventy-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:07 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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 Mears – from 12:30 p.m., today to 10:00 p.m., March 31

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:

Jesus, as we close out this week, I want to thank you for your lovingkindness, your wisdom, and your guidance. I thank you for everything that has been accomplished and I know that there is more work to be done. I ask that you would once again anoint every person here to carry out that work and give them the strength, resolve, and clarity to do so.

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 uninterrupted and that this legislative body would be unified like never before.

Lord, I know that each person here has been called to serve for such a time as this, and I am grateful for their willingness to answer that call.

Lord, I consider myself blessed and highly favored to be called to pastor this beautiful city, and to live in the greatest state in our Union. Lord, I pray blessings, peace, and unity upon the State of Alaska and its people. It's in Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Eastman.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 72nd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HB 193

A message dated March 27 was read stating the Governor signed the following bill and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

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

Chapter No. 1, SLA 2024

Effective Date: March 28, 2024

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 227

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 227

"An Act relating to liability of an electric utility for contact between vegetation and the utility's facilities."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 227(JUD)
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): C. Johnson, Carpenter, Sumner, Allard, Vance

No recommendation (2): Gray, Groh

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 227(JUD):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 227 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 251

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

"An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in a person's uninspected home kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 251(L&C)

"An Act exempting certain foods and drinks prepared in an uninspected kitchen from state labeling, licensing, packaging, permitting, and inspection requirements; and permitting a person to acquire meat from a producer by way of an ownership share in an animal if certain conditions are met."

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

Do pass (2): Ruffridge, Sumner

No recommendation (5): Carrick, Fields, Saddler, Prax, Wright

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 251(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 251 was referred to the Resources Committee.

HB 337

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 337

"An Act establishing 4-H Day."

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

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

No recommendation (1): McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 337 was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HB 110**

The House Special Committee on Ways & Means considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 110

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to permanent fund dividends and the dividend fund; transferring the dividend program from the Department of Revenue to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation; relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue; relating to the duties of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 110(W&M)

"An Act relating to the Alaska permanent fund; relating to income of the Alaska permanent fund; relating to the earnings reserve account; relating to the dividend fund; relating to the permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): McCabe, Allard, Carpenter

No recommendation (3): Gray, Groh, McKay

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 110(W&M):

1. Zero, Dept. of Revenue
2. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 110 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 329

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 329

"An Act relating to state tideland leases; and relating to aquatic farming or related hatchery operation site leases."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 329(FSH)

"An Act relating to state tideland leases; relating to geoduck seed transfers; and relating to aquatic farming or related hatchery operation site leases."

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

Do pass (6): C. Johnson, Himschoot, Carpenter, Stutes, McCabe, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 329(FSH):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 329 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
By Representatives Stapp, Dibert; Senator Bishop

Honoring – Arctic Light Elementary School
By Representative Stapp

Honoring – Fairview Inn 100th Anniversary
By Representative McCabe

Honoring – Joseph Hickel
By Senators Giessel, Claman; Representative Armstrong

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 155**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

"An Act establishing the Alaska Military Affairs Commission; and relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Military Affairs Commission."

with the:	Journal Page
MLV RPT CS(MLV) 6DP	966
FN1: (GOV)	966
FIN RPT CS(FIN) 10DP 1NR	1510
FN2: (GOV)	1510

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. 155(FIN)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 2, lines 7 - 12:

Delete all material and insert:

"(4) three members who are mayors, or their designees, from municipalities with installations of the armed forces of the United States within the municipal boundaries, appointed by the governor; the governor shall appoint members under this paragraph so that

(A) the installations, collectively, represent different branches of the armed forces of the United States; and

(B) each member represents a different geographic region, to the extent possible;"

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

Objection was heard and withdrawn.

There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 155(FIN) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 155(FIN) am will advance to third reading on the April 1 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 253

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 27 calendar (page 2000), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 253

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

The question being: "Shall HB 253 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 253

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 253 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS**SB 93**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 27 calendar (page 2003), was read the third 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; relating to the definition of 'occupational disease'; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSSB 93(L&C) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 93(L&C) am

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, CSSB 93(L&C) 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.

CSSB 93(L&C) am was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 7**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the March 27 calendar (page 2005), would be held to the April 1 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 – 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 329

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 329

"An Act relating to state tideland leases; and relating to aquatic farming or related hatchery operation site leases."

HB 329 is in the Resources Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HB 155

Representatives Groh, Saddler, Cronk, Wright, McCabe, and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 155(FIN) am

"An Act establishing the Alaska Military Affairs Commission; and relating to the duties and powers of the Alaska Military Affairs Commission."

HB 347

Representative Carpenter added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

"An Act relating to assessment of property, boards of equalization, and certification of assessors; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 253

HB 253 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.

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ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 1:30 p.m., April 1. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk