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Seventy-seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 1:32 p.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Dibert was absent.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Ortiz and Story be excused from the call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Guy Crockroft of Love In The Name of Christ. 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:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank you for this day and for this beautiful state of Alaska. Thank you for this body, the Alaska House of Representatives. Please bless each Representative and their staff members as they serve and grant them the ability to love each other even when they have differences of opinions.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of love. As we read in 1 Corinthians 13 *Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks*

no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Edgmon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 73rd, 74th, 75th, and 76th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated April 1 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Kevin McKinley – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/31/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Board of Fisheries

Marit Carlson-Van Dort – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2021

Term Expires: 7/1/2024

Reappointed: 7/1/2024

Term Expires: 7/1/2027

Curtis Chamberlain – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2024

Term Expires: 7/1/2027

Board of Game

James Baichtal – Thorne Bay

Appointed: 7/1/2024

Term Expires: 7/1/2027

Jake Garner – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2024

Term Expires: 7/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the Transportation Committee:

Board of Marine Pilots

Andrew Mew – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/31/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency dated March 28 (Amendment to the February 14 Declaration) and accompanying letter, regarding the Kotzebue freeze up, were received. The declaration and letter were copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Revenue

Alaska Retirement Management Board

Investment Performance Report

(as required by AS 37.10.220)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 200

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 200

"An Act relating to pull-tabs; relating to persons prohibited from involvement in gaming; and relating to the duties of the Department of Revenue."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 200(L&C)

"An Act relating to charitable gaming; and relating to pull-tabs and electronic pull-tab systems."

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

Do pass (1): Prax

Do not pass (2): Fields, Carrick

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 200(L&C):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 200 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 283

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 283

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Fields, Ruffridge, McCormick, Mina, Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

HB 283 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 309

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 309

"An Act relating to the practice of optometry; and relating to the delegation of routine services of optometry."

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

Do pass (3): Ruffridge, McCormick, Prax

No recommendation (2): Fields, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 309 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam – James "Jim" Bradley Tweto

By Representatives Foster, D. Johnson; Senator Olson

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Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Messages from the Governor. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker added a House Special Committee on Fisheries referral for the following:

Board of Fisheries

Marit Carlson-Van Dort – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2021

Term Expires: 7/1/2024

Reappointed: 7/1/2024

Term Expires: 7/1/2027

Curtis Chamberlain – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/1/2024

Term Expires: 7/1/2027

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House advance to Consideration of the Daily Calendar. There being no objection, the House advanced to:

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

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the March 28 calendar (page 2018), was read the third time:

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."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 155(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 155(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

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

Excused: Ortiz, Story

Absent: Dibert

And so, CSHB 155(FIN) am 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 28 calendar (page 2020), would be held to the April 3 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 – 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 283

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 283

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; and providing for an effective date."

HB 283 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 201

Representative McCormick added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 201

"An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 155

CASHB 155(FIN) 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:

Call of the Chair

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

Labor & Commerce Committee

CHANGED TO:

15 min. after adjournment of
Resources Committee or 3:15 p.m.

Resources Committee

CHANGED TO:

Call of the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., April 3. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk