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Eighty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 11:01 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Tim Harrison of Chapel by the Lake. Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here,
I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray:

Glorious God, we are in awe of your majesty and power. Every day provides new opportunities to see and know your power and majesty, in both the great and the small. We acknowledge the gift of living in a land with wondrous beauty, tremendous diversity, and a wealth of resources. We thank you for the willingness of these men and women to serve the people of Alaska.

As we look to the day and work before us, we realize the tension between doing what people say they want, and doing what is best for our communities, for even the wisest among us benefit from seasoned and judicious counsel and deliberation. Forgive us when we rely solely on our own intellect and experience.

Give us understanding hearts and minds so we may know and see the needs, hopes, and dreams of those we serve. Make us instruments of justice, mercy, and peace. Guide us as we protect the weak, wounded, and vulnerable; for whatever we do to the least of these we do to you, the Great God, ruler of the universe, author and sustainer of life, the one who knows the secret motives of every heart.

I, your servant, offer this prayer in the name of Jesus, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Galvin.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 81st, 82nd, and 83rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 268

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 268

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 268(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations; making

appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives D. Johnson, Edgmon, and Foster, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): D. Johnson, Edgmon, Foster

No recommendation (2): Tomaszewski, Cronk

Amend (5): Ortiz, Coulombe, Josephson, Hannan, Galvin

HB 268 is on today's calendar.

HB 270

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270(FIN)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives D. Johnson, Edgmon, and Foster, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Josephson, Hannan, Galvin, D. Johnson, Edgmon, Foster

No recommendation (3): Tomaszewski, Cronk, Ortiz

Amend (1): Coulombe

HB 270 is on today's calendar.

HB 358

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

"An Act relating to use of artificial intelligence to create or alter a representation of the voice or likeness of an individual."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 358(JUD)

"An Act relating to defamation claims based on the use of deepfakes; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to child pornography; and relating to the use of deepfakes in electioneering communications."

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

Do pass (6): Gray, Carpenter, Groh, Sumner, Allard, Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 358(JUD):

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 358 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring – Lisa Busch

By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring – Jaime Cabral

By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring – Fred Anderson and The Bristol Bay Historical Society Museum

By Representative Edgmon; Senator Hoffman

Honoring – Roy Getchell
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – David Totemoff Sr.
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam – Dwayne Peeples
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 268

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 268

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making capital appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; making reappropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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FIN RPT CS(FIN) NEW TITLE 3DP 2NR 5AM

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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. 268(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 268(FIN) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 268

Second Reading

Adopt Finance CS

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 268(FIN) was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSHB 268(FIN) would be held in second reading to tomorrow's calendar.

HB 270

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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FIN RPT CS(FIN) 6DP 3NR 1AM

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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. 270(FIN)
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 270(FIN) be adopted in lieu of the original bill?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 270

Second Reading

Adopt Finance CS

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 270(FIN) was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSHB 270(FIN) would be held in second reading to tomorrow's calendar.

THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

SB 45

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 5 calendar (page 2090), was read the third time:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 45(2d L&C)
am H(efd add H)

"An Act relating to insurance; relating to direct health care agreements; relating to the duties of the director of the division of insurance in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H)

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 28 NAYS: 12 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Galvin, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Schrage

And so, HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H) 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 HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H).

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House revert to Reports of Standing Committees. There being no objection, the House reverted to:

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 394

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 394

"An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and regulation of the service of natural gas storage and liquefied natural gas import facilities; relating to records of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; relating to rates established by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Saddler, McCabe, Wright, McKay

Amend (3): Armstrong, Mears, Dibert

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 394 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

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

THIRD READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 7

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held from the April 5 calendar (page 2090), 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:

Honoring – Hannah Shaha
By Representative Saddler

Honoring – Trevor Townsend
By Representative Edgmon

Honoring – Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring – Dian Gurtler
By Senator Bishop

Honoring – Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School, 2024 Boys
Basketball Team, 4A State Champions
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Mears, Mina

Honoring – Chugiak High School Mustangs, 2023 Division 1 Softball
Champions
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

Honoring – Fort Yukon Eagles Girls' Basketball, ASAA 1A
Championship
By Senator Bishop; Representative Cronk

Honoring – Chugiak High School Mustangs, 2023 Girls Track & Field
Champions
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

In Memoriam – Malachy McCourt
By Representatives Gray, Himschoot, Galvin

In Memoriam – M. Susan Condon
By Senators Dunbar, Tobin; Representative Gray

In Memoriam – Jim "Clutch" Lounsbury
By Senators Bishop, Kawasaki; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam – Frederick James "Jim" McConnell
By Senator Merrick

RECONSIDERATION

SB 45

Representative Sumner moved and asked unanimous consent that reconsideration of HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H) (page 2108) be taken up on the same day.

Representative Eastman objected.

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The question being: "Shall reconsideration of HCS CSSB 45 (2d L&C) am H(efd add H) be taken up on the same day?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H (efd add H)

Third Reading

Take Up Reconsideration on the Same Day

YEAS: 26 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Armstrong, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Edgmon, Foster, Galvin, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Stutes, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Carrick, Dibert, Eastman, Fields, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story

And so, lacking the required 27 votes, reconsideration of HCS CSSB 45(2d L&C) am H(efd add H) was not taken up on the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meeting today was changed:

Community & Regional Affairs Committee

CANCELED

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., April 9. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk