

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**April 12, 2024**

**Eighty-eighth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:43 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

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

Representative Stutes – from today to 2:00 p.m., April 14

Representative Armstrong – from today to 10:00 a.m., April 15

Representative Mina – from noon, today to 10:00 p.m., April 14

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the 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.

Today I am joined by all of the Presbyterian clergy in our denomination who currently serve in Alaska. They serve the communities of Kake, Haines, Skagway, and Juneau. As clergy, we and our congregations are deeply committed to serving each member of our communities.

With great respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, in you one may see perfect unity as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In you one may see in your very nature an endless wellspring of love between your persons, which is why one can say God is love. One may see in your character mercy, grace, justice, righteousness, wisdom, and truth. You are ultimate good, and you are the one who is worthy of all honor.

I ask that all the work done by these servants reflect honesty, integrity, charity, patience, and unity. May their decisions bear good fruit that benefits all who call Alaska home.

Protect us from all who would seek to destroy our freedoms or distort the image of God in which all people are made.

On this, the anniversary of his death, I close this prayer with the final words of prayer that President Franklin D. Roosevelt shared in a national radio address with an anxious nation on June 6th, D-Day, 1944. We pray for:

*a peace that will let all of men live in freedom,  
reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.  
Thy will be done, Almighty God. Amen.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Himschoot.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 87th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative D. Johnson introduced Evan Licht, Guest Page, from Palmer.

Representative C. Johnson introduced his granddaughter Grace Tousignant, Guest Page, from Palmer.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE****SB 45**

A message dated April 11 was read stating the Senate concurred in the House amendment to CSSB 45(L&C) am thus adopting:

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."

A message dated April 11 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 228**

SENATE BILL NO. 228 by the Senate Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Finance Committees.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring – Steven Ratzlaff  
By Representative Carrick

Honoring – Principal Ron Brown  
By Representatives Gray, Mina; Senator Dunbar

Honoring – The 40th Anniversary of the Bread Line  
By Representative Carrick

Honoring – Tanana Valley State Fair, 100th Anniversary  
By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring – UAA Hospitality Administration Program, 25th Anniversary  
By Representatives Coulombe, Gray, Wright

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

**HCR 13**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13  
Recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary in 2025.

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The question being: "Shall HCR 13 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCR 13  
Second Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 31 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Baker, Carrick, Cronk, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, Josephson, McCabe, McCormick, McKay, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Shaw, Story, Sumner, Tilton, Vance, Wright

Nays: Allard, Carpenter, Coulombe, Eastman, Rauscher, Stapp, Tomaszewski

Excused: Armstrong, Stutes

Rauscher changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

Sumner changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

And so, HCR 13 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **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 – Lydia Jacoby, Big 12 Swimming Championship  
By Representatives Stutes, Armstrong; Senator Stevens

Honoring – The Boardroom  
By Representative Armstrong

Honoring – Dave Dershin, 2024 Alaska Principal of the Year  
By Senator Myers; Representatives Carrick, Tomaszewski

Honoring – West High School Cross-Country Ski Teams, 2024  
Division I State Championships  
By Senators Claman, Tobin; Representative Armstrong

In Memoriam – Marian James Johnson  
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam – Joseph "Joe" M. Killion  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Representative Foster – from 9:00 a.m., April 21 to 10:00 p.m.,  
April 24

Representative Coulombe – from 7:00 p.m., April 18 to 10:00 p.m.,  
April 21

**SB 170**

Representative Hannan added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 170(FIN)

"An Act relating to the Alaska longevity bonus program and the Alaska senior benefits payment program; and providing for an effective date."

**HJR 7**

Reconsideration of the following was not taken up on this legislative day, and it was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7(W&M)(fld H)

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.

**HB 268**

The following, which was engrossed and signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk (page 2276), was transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 268(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)

"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; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 270**

The following, which was engrossed and signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk (page 2276), was transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270(FIN)

"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."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HCR 13**

HCR 13 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 11:00 a.m., April 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk