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**Thursday**

**April 18, 2024**

**Ninety-fourth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Tilton at 10:46 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Stutes had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Ruffridge. 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:

Kind Heavenly Father,

Thank you for welcoming us into your throne room. Thank you for the invitation to ask for all the wisdom we need. Help us to move forward with compassion and kindness for each other, speaking and acting with humility and patience as we seek to serve and make sacrifices for those we are here to represent.

Please turn our minds to think of others as more important than ourselves, serving and willing to sacrifice our own agendas, our own positions, and personal gain so that we can rightly serve. Give us wisdom so that we can better proceed with honor for those in this state who need a true and right voice to represent them. Let us strive to show proper respect

to both ourselves and to others in this process, offering and accepting grace. We cannot do it in our own strength, so we humbly ask for your help. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Josephson.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 93rd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Armstrong introduced Habibah and Poeziah Bostani, Guest Pages, from Afghanistan.

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Labor & Commerce Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Cathy Munoz

as Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The report was signed by Representative Sumner, Chair; and Representatives Ruffridge, Fields, Prax, Saddler, Wright, and Carrick.

#### **HB 173**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 173

"An Act relating to public construction contracts; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Allard, Wright, Carpenter, C. Johnson, Shaw

Do not pass (1): Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

HB 173 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 190**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 190

"An Act establishing a violation for hindering the Alaska Sunset Commission; relating to the duties of the legislature; establishing the Alaska Sunset Commission to review and make recommendations on discontinuation of or changes to state entities; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Sunset Commission; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 190(STA)

"An Act establishing a violation for hindering the Alaska Sunset Commission; relating to the duties of the legislature; establishing the Alaska Sunset Commission to review and make recommendations on discontinuation of or changes to state entities; and relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska Sunset Commission."

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

Do pass (3): Carpenter, Wright, Shaw

No recommendation (3): C. Johnson, Story, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 190(STA):

1. Fiscal, Office of the Governor

HB 190 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**HB 251**

The Resources 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 McKay, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (9): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert, McCabe, Saddler, Wright, Baker, Rauscher, McKay

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

1. Zero, Dept. of Environmental Conservation

HB 251 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 329**

The Resources Committee 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 McKay, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (4): McCabe, Baker, Rauscher, McKay

No recommendation (4): Mears, Dibert, Saddler, Wright

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

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 329 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 330**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 330

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

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

Do pass (4): Story, Wright, Carpenter, Shaw

Do not pass (1): Allard

No recommendation (1): C. Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Corrections

HB 330 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 338**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

"An Act relating to physician liability for gender transition procedures performed on minors; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): C. Johnson, Carpenter, Sumner, Allard

Do not pass (2): Gray, Groh

Amend (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor/Combined

HB 338 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 349**

The Resources Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 349

"An Act relating to leases of public land for renewable energy projects; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 349(RES)

"An Act relating to feasibility licenses for and leases of state land for renewable energy projects; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Mears, Armstrong, Dibert

No recommendation (5): McCabe, Saddler, Wright, Baker, McKay

Amend (1): Rauscher

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 349(RES):

1. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources

HB 349 was referred to the House Special Committee on Energy.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

In Memoriam – Cayman Jardell  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

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

Honoring – John Riek  
By Representatives Mina, Gray; Senator Dunbar

Honoring – Coach Rod Christiansen  
By Representative D. Johnson

Honoring – Ron Evans  
By Representative D. Johnson

Honoring – Alaska Public Interest Research Group 50th Anniversary  
By Representative Mina; Senators Wielechowski, Kawasaki

Honoring – Cynthia Aiken  
By Senators Tobin, Wielechowski

Honoring – Allen Kemplen  
By Senator Tobin; Representative Fields

Honoring – District 1 Top 40 Under 40 Awardees  
By Senator Tobin

In Memoriam – David Homer Hendrickson  
By Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam – Pastor Pedro "Peter" Gallardo  
By Representative D. Johnson

In Memoriam – Jerry Dean Anderson  
By Senators Kawasaki, Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam – Ron Davis  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Carrick

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

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 – Cayman Jardell  
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

### **INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **HCR 16**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 by the House Rules Committee:

Designating April 21 - 27, 2024, as Crime Victims' Rights Week.

was read the first time and referred to the Rules Committee.



**HJR 28**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28 by the House Judiciary Committee:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to using public funds for education.

was read the first time and referred to the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR****SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 347**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 347

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

with the:

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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. 347(CRA)  
(same title)

Representative Eastman objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 347(CRA) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Coulombe:

Page 2, line 23:

Delete "**The**"

Insert "**A**"

Page 2, line 24, following "**equalization**":

Insert "**if the population of the municipality is less than 10,000**"

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

Representative Eastman objected.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSHB 347(CRA) would be held in second reading to the April 22 calendar.

### THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

#### HB 95

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 17 calendar (page 2326), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 95 am

"An Act relating to designation of state water as outstanding national resource water; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HB 95 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 95 am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 21 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Allard, Baker, Carpenter, Coulombe, Cronk, Eastman, C.Johnson, D.Johnson, McCabe, McKay, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Shaw, Stapp, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Nays: Armstrong, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Groh, Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Mina, Ortiz, Schrage, Story

Excused: Stutes

And so, HB 95 am passed the House.

Representative Saddler moved the effective date clause.

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

HB 95 am  
Third Reading  
Effective Date

**YEAS: 32 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Hannan, Himschoot, Josephson, McCormick, Mears, Ortiz, Story

Excused: Stutes

Hannan changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

Ortiz changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

Story changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

HB 95 am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 219**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 17 calendar (page 2327), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

"An Act repealing the assistive technology loan guarantee and interest subsidy program; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HB 219 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 219  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 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, Sumner, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance, Wright

Excused: Stutes

And so, HB 219 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.

HB 219 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 – Frederick Voss  
By Representative Coulombe; Senator Kaufman

Honoring – Chief Steve Ginnis  
By Representative Carrick

Honoring – Kerry Boyd  
By Representative Cronk

Honoring – UAF Nanooks Mens Hockey Team, 2024 Alaska Airlines Governor's Cup Champions  
By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring – John Shively  
By Senators Giessel, Bishop

Honoring – Ray and Michelle Troll and the Soho Coho  
By Senators Stedman, Kawasaki; Representative Ortiz

Honoring – Juneau-Douglas High School: Yadaa.at Kalé Crimson Bears Girls Swim Team

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

Honoring – Wasilla High School Girls Basketball Team

By Senator Wilson

In Memoriam – Lincoln "LT" Trigg, Sr.

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Benjamin S. Labinski

By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam – Justin Todd Germann

By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam – Grace Frances Pedersen

By Representative Carrick; Senator Myers

In Memoriam – Mary Helen Stephens

By Representatives Carrick, Rauscher

In Memoriam – Captain Stephen Cornell Orr and Donna Durham Orr

By Representative Shaw

In Memoriam – Richard Siangco

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

In Memoriam – Chris Coronell

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – Timothy Michael Armstrong

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

In Memoriam – George Wooliver

By Senator Giessel

In Memoriam – Herman "John" Martin

By Senators Myers, Bishop; Representative Prax

In Memoriam – Lyda Nell Green  
By Senator Wilson; Representative D. Johnson

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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 Wright – from 7:00 a.m., April 19 to 10:00 p.m., April 21

**HB 114**

The Speaker removed the Community & Regional Affairs Committee referral and added a Resources Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 114

"An Act relating to the definition of 'village' in the Village Safe Water Act."

HB 114 was referred to the Resources Committee.

**HB 233**

The Speaker removed the Judiciary Committee referral and added a Transportation Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

"An Act relating to rates and time allowances for motor vehicle warranty work."

HB 233 is in the Labor & Commerce Committee with further referral to the Transportation Committee.

**HB 202**

The Speaker removed the Health & Social Services Committee referral and added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

"An Act relating to the availability and administration of opioid overdose drugs in public schools."

HB 202 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 161**

The Speaker added a Resources Committee referral for the following:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 161(CRA) am

"An Act relating to municipal taxation of farm land and farm structures; and providing for an effective date."

CSSB 161(CRA) am is in the Community & Regional Affairs Committee with further referral to the Resources Committee.

**HB 349**

The Speaker removed the Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 349

"An Act relating to leases of public land for renewable energy projects; and providing for an effective date."

HB 349 is in the House Special Committee on Energy.

**HB 134**

Representative C. Johnson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 134

"An Act prohibiting municipalities from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; prohibiting the state from levying a tax on the transfer of real property; and relating to municipal taxation of mobile telecommunications services."

**HB 219**

Representative Tilton added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 219

"An Act repealing the assistive technology loan guarantee and interest subsidy program; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 347**

Representatives Josephson and Wright added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 347(CRA)

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

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 95**

HB 95 am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 219**

HB 219 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 meeting today was changed:

House Special Committee on Energy

CHANGED TO:

3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., April 22. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk