

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**January 29, 2025**

**Ninth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:32 a.m.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Father Patrick Casey of Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Today we gather to ask God our creator to instill in us today concerns for our brothers and sisters in this community in Juneau who are in need, and to find ways to help them get employment so that they can be independent and live in their own home and not on our streets. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Carrick.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the seventh and eighth legislative days and House Journal Supplement No. 1, House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 1, and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 2 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated January 28 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., February 12 to hear the State of the Judiciary address by Chief Justice Susan Carney.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Alaska Court System  
Statistical Report  
FY 2024

<https://courts.alaska.gov/admin/docs/fy24-statistics.pdf>  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 6**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the Labor and Commerce Committee:

Urging the United States Congress to safeguard the Universal Service Fund to ensure continued funding for essential programs that support critical broadband and telecommunication infrastructure and services for low-income rural residents of the state.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 74**

HOUSE BILL NO. 74 by Representative Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Kopp 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 Eischeid – from 7:00 p.m., January 31 to 10:00 p.m., February 2

Representative Kopp – from 8:00 p.m., January 31 to 10:00 p.m., February 2

Representative Holland – from 8:45 p.m., February 7 to 9:20 p.m., February 9

**HJR 4**

Representatives Kopp and Carrick added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RLS)

Urging the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Board on Geographic Names, and the members of the state's delegation in Congress to maintain Denali as the official name for the tallest mountain in North America.

**HB 69**

Representatives Carrick, Story, and Hannan added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

"An Act relating to education funding; and providing for an effective date."

**RECONSIDERATION****HJR 4**

Representative McCabe brought up reconsideration of the vote on CSHJR 4(RLS) (page 90).

The following was before the House in third reading:

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4(RLS)**

Urging the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the United States Board on Geographic Names, and the members of the state's delegation in Congress to maintain Denali as the official name for the tallest mountain in North America.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall CSHJR 4(RLS) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHJR 4(RLS)

Third Reading

Final Passage

Reconsideration

**YEAS: 31 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Burke, Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Johnson, Josephson, Kopp, McCabe, Mears, Mina, Nelson, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Moore, Prax, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Excused: Stapp

And so, CSHJR 4(RLS) passed the House on reconsideration and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HJR 4**

CSHJR 4(RLS) 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 Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 31. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk