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THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Monday

February 3, 2025

Fourteenth Day

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

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative McCabe was absent.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that Representative Burke be excused from a call of the House from today until 7:00 p.m., February 5. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Gordon Blue of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Representative Story 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 prayers:

Creator of life, redeemer of the afflicted and spirit of grace, in this season, the Epiphany, the Northern infancy of light, we celebrate our homes and ask your blessing upon them. Make this building the home of blessings for all Alaskans.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come into the house. Then the Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. Let us pray.

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Almighty and everlasting one, grant to this Capitol the grace of your presence. Spirit of justice, help this House to make and keep the great State of Alaska a home for all its different peoples. You have made us many peoples, but of one blood. Preserve our many cultures and make us also of one mind so that you may be known to be the inhabitant of this dwelling, Alaska, and the defender of this household, its Capitol.

Visit, O blessed Lord, this House with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who work here with the gift of your love and grant that they may manifest your respect to each other and to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen them, and preserve them in peace now and forever. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Costello.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 11th, 12th, and 13th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter dated January 31 from the Speaker was received stating that Representative Gray had been appointed to the Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission.

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration

Division of Finance

2024 Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions
(as required by AS 37.05.210)

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Dept. of Education & Early Development
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Alaska Performance Scholarship Outcomes Report 2025
(as required by AS 14.43.840)

Dept. of Fish & Game
Board of Game Allocation Report
January 31, 2025
(as required by AS 16.05.050)

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 8

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8 by Representatives Nelson and Prax:

Encouraging the United States Congress to award the Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War the Congressional Gold Medal.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 81

HOUSE BILL NO. 81 by Representatives Nelson, Gray, and Prax, entitled:

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs 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:

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Representative Schwanke – from 11:30 a.m., February 14 to 6:00 p.m., February 17

Representative Elam – from 7:00 a.m., February 7 to 11:00 p.m., February 9

HB 12

Representative Burke added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

"An Act relating to free breakfast and lunch in public schools."

HB 26

Representative Burke added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan."

HB 41

Representative Burke added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 41

"An Act relating to daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date."

HB 43

Representative Burke added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 43

"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to the crime of unlawful interference with voting; and providing for an effective date."

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., February 6. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk