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Thirty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

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 Foster – from today to 10:00 p.m., February 25

Representative Dibert – from today to 10:00 p.m., February 26

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Duane J Hanson of the Alaska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

God’s Grace and Peace to you my friends.

I stand before you with deep respect and gratitude for your service. I invite you to pause for reflection as the winds of change swirl in many directions:

Oh Lord, you have set in motion creation and the marvelous diversity of your people. Open our ears and eyes to the joys and needs of all Alaskans, that we may live with respect for

each other, in harmony, and with hope for the future of our land, water, and its people. Grant wisdom, O Lord, to this legislature for the heavy lifting of representing all Alaskans and your creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Gray.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 32nd, 33rd, and 34th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Vance introduced Morgan Carlson-Kelly, Guest Page, from Anchor Point.

Representative Carrick introduced Rosie Wilcher, Guest Page, from Fairbanks.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration
Office of Administrative Hearings
Annual Report
January 31, 2025
(as required by AS 44.64.020)

Alaska Aerospace Corporation
Annual Report
(as required by AS 26.27.100)

Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Spill Prevention and Response Program
FY 2024 Annual Report
(as required by AS 46.08.060)

Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities
Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board
2024 Report
(as required by AS 19.65.180)

University of Alaska
Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Center
FY 2024 Annual Report
(as required by AS 16.52.050)

University of Alaska
Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools 2025
(as required by AS 14.40.190)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

HB 93

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

"An Act changing the residency requirements for hunting, trapping, and sport fishing privileges; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Kopp, Edgmon, Himschoot, Stutes

No recommendation (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 93 was referred to the Resources Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Coach Jeannie Hebert-Truax
By Representatives Underwood, Moore; Senator Yundt

Honoring - Jack Hébert
By Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Carol Chan Christiansen
By Representative Johnson

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 113**

HOUSE BILL NO. 113 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to a tax exemption for qualified small businesses; and providing for an effective date."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Kopp 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 - Brenna Schaake
By Senator Myers; Representatives Carrick, Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Jacob Daniel Wasielewski
By Senators Wielechowski, Kaufman

In Memoriam - Tim Tilsworth

By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Carrick

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 69

Representative Costello, citing Uniform Rule 18, moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be withdrawn from the Rules Committee and placed on the calendar for the next legislative day:

HOUSE BILL NO. 69

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

There was objection.

Representative Stutes, citing Section 101 of Mason's Manual, rose to a point of order regarding confining remarks to the motion before the body.

The Speaker cautioned members to confine remarks to the motion before the House.

Representative Saddler rose to a point of order regarding impugning the motives of members of the body.

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The question being: "Shall HB 69 be withdrawn from the Rules Committee and placed on the calendar for the next legislative day?"
The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 69

Bill to Calendar from Rules

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, Stapp, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Burke, Carrick, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Excused: Dibert, Foster

And so, the motion failed.

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Representatives Underwood, Ruffridge, Elam, Mina, Eischeid, Costello, and Moore added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to reinstate the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 and make the funding mechanism in the Act permanent.

HB 74

Representative Hall added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 74

"An Act establishing the crime of airbag fraud."

HB 77

Representative Eischeid added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 77

"An Act making the theft of mail or an article within mail theft in the second degree."

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 26.

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Representative Stapp objected and moved to amend the motion to 10:35 a.m., February 26.

There was objection.

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw the motion. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further objection, the House adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk