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Monday

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Forty-second Day

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

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Stapp had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Allard and Dibert be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Guy Crockroft of Love INC Juneau. 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 prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for this new day and the honor and privilege of being here in the House of Representatives.

I'm reminded of the inspired words written by the Apostle Paul in I Timothy, Chapter 2, verses 1 and 2, *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

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In accordance with these words, I thank you for each representative. Lord, I pray that you would bless them and give them wisdom, compassion, and humility as they work together to help all Alaskans.

Help each representative to do justly, and to love mercy; and for those who believe in you and follow you, to walk humbly with you, Lord Jesus, as they perform their duties in this place and across this great state.

As the Prophet Amos said, *Let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.*

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Himschoot.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 39th, 40th, and 41st legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Story introduced Maya Zin, Eddy Roters, and Leon Ward, Guest Pages, from Juneau.

COMMUNICATIONS

A message dated February 28 was received stating the Speaker made the following changes:

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's Legislative Advisory Committee
Representative Story, nominee

Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Management Areas in Alaska
Representative Rauscher (appointment removed)

The following was received:

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council
Annual Report 2024
(as required by AS 44.29.360)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Education Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Heidi Barnes
Kimberley Bergey

as members of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

The report was signed by Representatives Himschoot and Story, Co-chairs; and Representatives Underwood, Eischeid, Schwanke, and Elam.

HB 34

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 34

"An Act establishing the Alaska Innovation Council; and relating to financial disclosures for members of the Alaska Innovation Council."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 34(L&C)
(same title)

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Hall, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (3): Burke, Fields, Hall

Amend (3): Carrick, Coulombe, Saddler

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The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 34(L&C):

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 34 was referred to the Finance Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Tanana Valley League of Women Voters, 60th Anniversary

By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Carrick

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Kopp 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 Rauscher – from 7:00 a.m., June 1 to 9:00 p.m., June 9

HJR 5

Representative Kopp added as a cosponsor 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.

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HB 17

Representative Eischeid added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

"An Act relating to retirement benefits and military service."

HB 36

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 36

"An Act relating to the placement of foster children in psychiatric hospitals; relating to the care of children in state custody placed in residential facilities outside the state; and amending Rule 12.1(b), Alaska Child in Need of Aid Rules of Procedure."

HB 52

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

HB 96

Representative Jimmie added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

"An Act establishing the Home Care Employment Standards Advisory Board; relating to payment for personal care services; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

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ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk