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Sixty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:34 a.m.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Nancy Campbell of White Fields 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 respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I offer this prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
I come to the throne of your grace with confidence, knowing that you hear my prayer for the House of Representatives today.

I pray that you fill this place with your presence as they meet and consider the work set before them and reason together.

Give them great wisdom and understanding for our state and your divine direction for the days ahead.

Light their paths, be their strength, keep them in your hand as they move forward working together for the good of Alaska.

Bless them now, Lord, and reward them with fruit from their labors.

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Nelson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 63rd and 64th 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 Kaycee Parady, Guest Page, from Juneau.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 24 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 80

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 80(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Big Game Commercial Services Board; extending the termination date of the Board of Massage Therapists; extending the termination date of the Alaska Commission on Aging; extending the termination date of the Marijuana Control Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 3 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 8.

A message dated March 24 was received stating the Speaker has made the following appointment:

State Council for Interstate Adult and Juvenile Offender Supervision

(AS 33.36.140 and 47.15.010)

Representative Hannan

The following was received:

Dept. of Health

Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Registration and Review Report

Fiscal Year 2024

(as required by AS 47.80.130)

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:

Angie Alston

Kathryn Baird

as members of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

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

HB 62

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 62

"An Act relating to sexual assault examination kits; establishing the sexual assault examination kit tracking system; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Underwood, Eischeid, Mina, Costello, Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Public Safety

HB 62 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 105

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to mental health education."

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

Do pass (4): Eischeid, Dibert, Himschoot, Story

Do not pass (2): Underwood, Schwanke

Amend (1): Elam

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Family & Community Services

HB 105 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 116

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 116

"An Act exempting from insurance regulation cooperative agreements entered into by two or more persons engaged in commercial fishing for the purpose of paying claims or losses."

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

Do pass (5): Carrick, Coulombe, Burke, Fields, Hall

No recommendation (1): Nelson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 116 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citations were introduced and taken up as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Albertina Dull

By Representative Jimmie; Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Willie Anderson

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

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

Honoring - Dr. Katie Spellman

By Representatives Dibert, Carrick

Honoring - Stacie Kraly

By Representatives Hannan, Story; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Dr. Diane O'Brien

By Senator Myers; Representatives Tomaszewski, Carrick

Honoring - Theresa Quiner

By Senator Hoffman; Representative Jimmie

Honoring - 2025 Kuskokwim 300, Top Five Finishers

By Senator Hoffman; Representatives Edgmon, Jimmie

Honoring - Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP), 30th Anniversary

By Senators Dunbar, Hoffman; Representative Dibert

Honoring - Bosco's 40th Anniversary

By Senators Dunbar, Tobin; Representative Fields

In Memoriam - Daisy Mae Edwards

By Representative Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Liane Ryan

By Representatives Underwood, Moore

In Memoriam - K9 Lenox

By Senator Myers; Representatives Carrick, Stapp

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations, Honoring - Albertina Dull and In Memoriam - Willie Anderson, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Albertina Dull

By Representative Jimmie; Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Willie Anderson

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

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

HB 155

HOUSE BILL NO. 155 by Representative Foster, entitled:

"An Act relating to alcohol; relating to local option elections; relating to the statewide database of alcohol purchases; relating to alcohol licenses, endorsements, and permits; relating to municipal regulation and taxation of alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 156

HOUSE BILL NO. 156 by Representative Mina, entitled:

"An Act relating to disclosure of information regarding employee compensation by employers, employees, and applicants for employment."

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

HB 157

HOUSE BILL NO. 157 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act relating to the effect of a decree of adoption or termination of parental rights on the legal relationship between a person and the person's siblings; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Judiciary Committees.

HB 158

HOUSE BILL NO. 158 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to professional licensing; relating to temporary licenses for certain professions; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 24 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that consolidates temporary professional licensing requirements and enhances license portability for servicemembers and their spouses.

This bill establishes a single, streamlined temporary license, administered by the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED), replacing the various temporary privileges found across Alaska's professional licensing laws. This improves the existing system, which requires a prospective applicant to navigate a web of differing department and board-issued temporary license types to identify the appropriate process to obtain a temporary license. This new license grants a qualified applicant holding a valid out-of-state license the ability to practice in the state for a specified period (generally 180 days).

In addition to addressing temporary licensure, this bill brings Alaska into compliance with federal professional license portability under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA). It directs DCCED to issue, within 30 days of receiving a completed application, a professional

license to a servicemember or spouse who holds an out-of-state license and relocates to Alaska under military orders.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 159

HOUSE BILL NO. 159 by Representatives Rauscher, Moore, Costello, and Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act relating to the removal of unlawful occupants from residential real property; relating to the crimes of trespass, forgery, and deceptive business practices; and amending Rules 82 and 85(a), Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 36

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:

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FN1: (DFC)

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FN2: ZERO(AJS)

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FN1: (DFC)	500
FN2: ZERO(AJS)	500

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 36 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 36 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall HB 36 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 36
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Excused: Vance

And so, HB 36 passed the House.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the court rule change. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 36 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

SB 43

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 43

"An Act establishing the month of March as Women's History Month."

with the:

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FN1: ZERO(GOV/COMBINED)

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Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 43 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

SB 43 will advance to third reading on the March 28 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 - Emily Robinson

By Representatives Moore, Schwanke; Senator Cronk

In Memoriam - Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" Sharp

By Representative Prax; Senator Myers

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 Tilton – from noon, March 26 to 8:00 p.m., March 28

HB 6

Representative Vance added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

"An Act restricting fiduciary actions by a fiduciary of a state fund, the Alaska Retirement Management Board, and the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Board that have the purpose of furthering social, political, or ideological interests."

HB 11

Representatives Coulombe and Elam added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 11

"An Act relating to contributions and donations from permanent fund dividends."

HB 21

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 21

"An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age; and relating to confidentiality of voter registration and preregistration records of minors at least 16 years of age."

HB 21 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 30

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

"An Act establishing the office of entrepreneurship; relating to new businesses in the state; relating to reports concerning procurements by agencies; and relating to initial business license fees for new businesses in the state."

HB 30 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 36

Representatives Eischeid, Bynum, Galvin, Hannan, Josephson, Stutes, Ruffridge, Schrage, Costello, Mears, and Saddler added as cosponsors 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 93

Representative Saddler added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 93

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

HB 133

Representative Mears added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

"An Act establishing a 30-day deadline for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code; establishing deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations; relating to payment of grants to named recipients that are not municipalities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 138

Representatives Galvin and Hall added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 138

"An Act establishing a behavioral health crisis services surcharge; establishing the behavioral health crisis services fund; and providing for an effective date."

HB 153

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 153

"An Act relating to generation of electricity from renewable energy resources; relating to a renewable portfolio standard; relating to power cost equalization; and providing for an effective date."

HB 153 is in the House Special Committee on Energy.

SB 43

Representatives Josephson and Eischeid added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE BILL NO. 43

"An Act establishing the month of March as Women's History Month."

ENGROSSMENT

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HB 36 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., March 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk