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Seventieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:40 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Prax and Saddler had been excused from a call of the House today.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Major Petr Janousek of the Salvation Army. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray:

Almighty God, you are holy and yet gracious. You are just and yet loving. And you are not only telling us how we should be, but you are also giving us the ability and strength to be as such. Through prophet Micah you say, *He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

So, I pray now for all of us here to show us, teach us and empower us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly

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with you Lord the path which you have prepared for us even before the creation of the world. In the mighty name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Rauscher.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 67th, 68th, and 69th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

A message dated March 28 was received stating that the Speaker has made the following appointment:

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
(AS 16.45.030)
Senator Giessel

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Samuel Laffey

as a member of the State Assessment Review Board.

Aaron Bloomquist
Martin Boniek
Keegan McCarthy

as members of the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

Jessie Chmielowski

as a member of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Steven Devries
Mark Johnston
John Springsteen

as members of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

The report was signed by Representative Burke, Chair; and Representatives Coulombe, Hall, Mears, Rauscher, and Saddler.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and taken up later as a Special Order of Business:

Honoring - Alaska State Ombudsman, 50th Anniversary
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

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

Honoring - Governor Sean Parnell
By Representatives Johnson, Coulombe

Honoring - Jeff Cook
By Representative Prax; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Roger Grummett
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

In Memoriam - John K. Sliwinski
By Representatives Kopp, Costello, Johnson

In Memoriam - George & Judith Moerlein
By Senator Giessel

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 165

HOUSE BILL NO. 165 by Representative Coulombe, entitled:

"An Act relating to maximum classroom sizes in public schools; relating to the duties of school districts; and providing for an effective date."

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was read the first time and referred to the Education and Finance Committees.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Alaska State Ombudsman, 50th Anniversary, 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 citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Alaska State Ombudsman, 50th Anniversary
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS IN SECOND READING

SB 15

The following, which was held in second reading from the March 28 calendar (page 566), was before the House:

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 15(L&C)

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the posting of warning signs for alcoholic beverages; and providing for an effective date."

Amendment No. 1 was not offered.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Vance:

Page 1, line 2, following "**beverages;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**relating to businesses that offer adult entertainment;**"

Page 4, following line 31:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Sec. 10.** AS 04.16.049(c) is amended to read:

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a person 16 or 17 years of age may enter and remain within the licensed premises of a hotel or motel, large resort, golf course, general wholesaler, limited brewed beverage and wine wholesaler, common carrier dispensary, outdoor recreation lodge, or restaurant in the course of employment if

(1) the employment does not involve the serving, mixing, delivering, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the person has the written consent of a parent or guardian; and

(3) an exemption from the prohibition of **AS 23.10.355(a)** [AS 23.10.355] is granted by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 6, line 5:

Delete "AS 23.10.350(f)"

Insert "AS 23.10.355(b)"

Page 7, following line 6:

Insert new bill sections to read:

**** Sec. 16.** AS 05.15.690(49) is amended to read:

(49) "vendor" means a business whose primary activity is not regulated by this chapter but that

(A) is engaged in the sale of pull-tabs on behalf of a permittee;

(B) holds a business license under AS 43.70; and

(C) is an establishment holding a

(i) beverage dispensary license under AS 04.09.200 or beverage dispensary tourism license under AS 04.09.350 that has not been exempted by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development under AS 04.16.049(c) and **AS 23.10.355(a)** [AS 23.10.355], does not allow the sale of pull-tabs in portions of the establishment designated as a bona fide restaurant under AS 04.09.450, and, if the establishment is a hotel, motel, resort, or similar business that caters to the traveling public as a substantial part of its business, does not allow

the sale of pull-tabs in a dining room, banquet room, guest room, or other public areas other than a room in which there is regularly maintained a fixed counter or service bar that has plumbing connections to permanent plumbing at which alcoholic beverages are sold or served to members of the public for consumption;

(ii) package store license under AS 04.09.230;

* **Sec. 17.** AS 11.41.360(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) "adult entertainment" means the conduct described in AS 23.10.355(b)(1) - (3) [AS 23.10.350(f)(1) - (3)];

* **Sec. 18.** AS 11.66.300(a) is amended to read:

(a) The owner or an agent or employee of the owner of a business that offers adult entertainment may not with criminal negligence allow a person under the age of 21 [18] years to enter and remain within premises where adult entertainment is offered.

* **Sec. 19.** AS 11.66.300(b) is amended to read:

(b) In this section, "business that offers adult entertainment" has the meaning given in AS 23.10.355(b) [AS 23.10.350(f)].

* **Sec. 20.** AS 18.56.230(d)(1) is amended to read:

(1) "business that offers adult entertainment" has the meaning given in AS 23.10.355(b) [AS 23.10.350(f)];

* **Sec. 21.** AS 23.10.330(b) is amended to read:

(b) Notwithstanding AS 23.10.335 - 23.10.350, a minor of any age may be employed as a performer in the entertainment industry. The provisions of AS 23.10.335 - 23.10.350 and AS 23.10.360(a) and (c) [23.10.360(c)] concerning times, hours, or days of work do not apply to the employment of a minor as a performer in the entertainment industry. The department may adopt regulations to implement this subsection. In this subsection, a "performer in the entertainment industry" means a performer in advertisements and television, film, radio, and theater productions but does not include employment on the premises of a business offering any form of adult entertainment under AS 23.10.355(b) [AS 23.10.350(f)] regardless of the nature of the work performed by the minor.

* **Sec. 22.** AS 23.10.355 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) A person under 21 years of age may not be employed or allowed to work in any capacity on the premises of a business that offers adult entertainment. In this subsection, "business that offers

"adult entertainment" means a business in which one or more individuals are employed or contracted to, wholly or in part, or permitted to entertain others by

(1) removing clothes or other items that clothe or hide the person's body;

(2) dancing or in any other manner exhibiting the individual's body in a completely or almost completely unclothed state;

(3) participating in an actual or simulated illegal, indecent, or lewd exhibition, act, or practice including

(A) sexual penetration;

(B) the lewd exhibition or touching of a person's genitals, anus, or breast; or

(C) bestiality.

* **Sec. 23.** AS 23.10.370(b) is amended to read:

(b) A person who employs a minor in violation of AS 23.10.355(b) [AS 23.10.350(f)] is guilty of a class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a class C felony for the second and each subsequent offense."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 7:

Delete "is"

Insert "and AS 23.10.350(f) are"

Page 7, following line 7:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 25.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 11.66.300(a), as amended by sec. 18 of this Act, applies to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this Act."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 7, line 8:

Delete "Section 14"

Insert "Section 15"

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Page 7, line 9:

Delete "sec. 16"

Insert "sec. 26"

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 2. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Rauscher:

Page 2, lines 13-16:

Delete "**an employee who is 16 or 17 years of age**"

Representative Rauscher moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 be adopted.

There was objection.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Vance:

Page 1 of the amendment:

Insert "Insert "the person" before "does not obtain alcoholic beverages""

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 3 be adopted. There being no objection, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 3 was adopted.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 as amended be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS SB 15(L&C)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 3 as amended

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 25 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 1

Yea: Allard, Costello, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nay: Burke, Bynum, Carrick, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Ruffridge, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Stutes

Excused: Jimmie, Prax, Saddler

Absent: Nelson

And so, Amendment No. 3 as amended was not adopted.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that HCS SB 15(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HCS SB 15(L&C) will advance to third reading on the April 2 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 - Rita Christianson
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring - The Whittier Police Department
By Representatives Holland, Kopp; Senator Giessel

Honoring - The University of Alaska Fairbanks Nanooks Women's Swimming Team
By Representatives Carrick, Hannan

In Memoriam - Dora Ann Fulmer
By Representative Carrick

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In Memoriam - Roberta "Bobbi" Leichty
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HB 77

Representatives Stapp, Johnson, Schwanke, Rauscher, Bynum, Underwood, and Ruffridge added as cosponsors 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., April 2. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk