

# HOUSE JOURNAL

## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

### THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Thursday

April 3, 2025

#### Seventy-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:50 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present. Representative Foster was absent and his presence was noted later.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative McCabe. 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 all faiths in Alaska I offer the following prayer:

Loving Father,

You are holy and good; your presence surrounds us. May your guidance and peace fill our hearts, and may your purpose be fulfilled in our efforts, just as it is in heaven. Provide us today with the strength and wisdom we need, and meet our needs, both physical and spiritual. Forgive us for mistakes, doubts, and failures, just as we strive to forgive others who may hurt

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us. Help us walk a path free of temptation and guide us away from anything that separates us from you. You are our protector, our light, and our hope. Everything - all glory, power, and love - is yours forever. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Saddler.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 72nd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Dr. Lewis Pagel  
By Representative Burke; Senator Olson

Honoring - South Anchorage Civic Leadership Program  
By Representatives Holland, Coulombe; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Gene Stone  
By Senator Olson; Representative Foster

Honoring - The New York Café, 100th Anniversary  
By Senator Stedman; Representative Bynum

In Memoriam - Sean Griffin  
By Senator Stedman; Representative Bynum

In Memoriam - Richard "Dick" Olson  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Prax

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

#### **HB 172**

HOUSE BILL NO. 172 by Representative Fields, entitled:

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"An Act relating to correctional facilities; relating to the authority of the commissioner of corrections to designate the placement of prisoners; and requiring the Department of Corrections to estimate and report certain cost savings."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs and Finance Committees.

\*\*The presence of Representative Foster was noted.

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

##### **HB 56**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

"An Act making supplemental appropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 56(FIN)

"An Act making supplemental appropriations and capital appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Josephson:

Page 9, line 14:

Delete "1,875,567" in both places

Insert "1,875,604" in both places

Page 11, line 7:

Delete "1,875,567"

Insert "1,875,604"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Page 14, line 27:

Delete "the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024"

Insert "federal fiscal year 2023"

Page 19, lines 2 - 7:

Delete all material and insert:

"\* **Sec. 20. CONTINGENCY.** The appropriation made in sec. 11(c) of this Act is contingent on the Department of Health receiving notice from the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service that a liability amount is again established for federal fiscal year 2024, requiring the state to make a payment to satisfy the state's liability for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program penalty assessed for federal fiscal year 2023."

Representative Josephson moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 be adopted.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Burke:

Page 4, following line 21:

Insert new material to read:

"\* \* \* \* \*

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\* \* \* \* \* **Department of Public Safety** \* \* \* \* \*

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APPROPRIATION  
ITEMS

GENERAL  
FUND      OTHER  
FUND

**Village Public Safety Officer Program**

**1,660,500**

**1,660,500**

**0**

Village Public Safety  
Officer Program"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

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

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 2 was adopted.

\*\*The presence of Representative Prax, who was excused (page 603) was noted.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 56(FIN) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 56(FIN) am was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 56(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 56(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

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

And so, CSHB 56(FIN) am passed the House.

Representative Kopp moved that the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund (Article IX, Section 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska) be adopted.

The question being: "Shall the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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CSHB 56(FIN) am  
Third Reading  
Constitutional Budget Reserve Appropriations

**YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

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

And so, lacking the required 30 votes, the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund were not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 56(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)  
"An Act making supplemental appropriations and capital appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Kopp moved the effective date clause.

The question being: "Shall the effective date clause be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 56(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)  
Third Reading  
Effective Date

**YEAS: 27 NAYS: 13 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yea: Burke, Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Johnson, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Nelson, Prax, Saddler, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nay: Allard, Coulombe, Elam, McCabe, Moore, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Schwanke, Stapp, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

CSHB 56(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **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 - Mike "Stedy" Stedman  
By Senators Stedman, Kiehl; Representative Story

Honoring - Terry Holliday  
By Senators Stedman, Merrick; Representative Saddler

Honoring - Jerry Clemens Ball  
By Senators Stedman, Hoffman; Representative Edgmon

Honoring - Toolik Field Station, 50th Anniversary  
By Senators Myers, Olson; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Skye Rench  
By Representatives Tilton, Moore

In Memoriam - Sean Kendall  
By Representatives Tilton, Fields

In Memoriam - James "Scooter" Lyman Welch  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Ellen Ayotte  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - David Alan Colwell  
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Gerald "Jerry" Duane Haugeberg  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

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In Memoriam - Kimberly Kay Fisher  
By Senator Myers; Representatives Carrick, Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Glenn Shaw  
By Senator Myers; Representatives Carrick, Tomaszewski

In Memoriam - Mother Emma Randolph Avery  
By Senators Myers, Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Gerald "Jerry" Alan McBeath  
By Senators Kawasaki, Myers; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Richard Tilly  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Anne Dolores Shinkwin  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

## **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:

Representative Himschoot – from 6:00 a.m., April 25 to noon, April 26

Representative Johnson – from 8:00 a.m., July 10 to 8:00 p.m., July 30

## **ENGROSSMENT**

### **HB 56**

CSHB 56(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld) 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., April 7. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk