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Eighty-fourth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:57 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Fred La Plante of Juneau Church of the Nazarene. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

In my religious tradition, this week is Holy Week. I offer the following prayer for this House of Representatives:

Father, thank you for allowing me to lift these leaders to you today, asking that you grant them the wisdom and grace to lead us, the people of Alaska, into the future. Please help them govern with that wisdom and grace in these challenging days. When they find themselves at an impasse, please help them find ways around seemingly impossible areas.

I also ask that you help them deal with personal issues that may arise in their lives that can hinder seeing things clearly. Where there are health issues, please grant them healing. Where there are relational issues, grant them peace. In every part of their lives, help them grow deeper in their understanding of how to respond. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Stapp.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 81st, 82nd, and 83rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

RECONSIDERATION

HB 79

Representative Fields brought up reconsideration of the vote on HB 79 (page 702).

The following was before the House in third reading:

HOUSE BILL NO. 79

"An Act naming the Vic Fischer Shoup Bay State Marine Park."

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall HB 79 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 79

Third Reading

Final Passage

Reconsideration

YEAS: 37 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: 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, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Allard, Prax, Schwanke

And so, HB 79 passed the House on reconsideration and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Steve Cleary
By Representative Fields; Senators Wielechowski, Merrick

Honoring - Bryce Ward
By Representatives Carrick, Dibert

Honoring - Dan Bross
By Representative Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Erin Morotti
By Representative Carrick

Honoring - Kendall Kramer
By Representative Carrick; Senators Kawasaki, Myers

Honoring - Lael Wilcox
By Representatives Galvin, Fields; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Cathy Ann Griseto
By Representative Carrick

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HJR 20**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20 by Representative Nelson:

Encouraging the United States Congress to establish hiring goals for apprentices and veteran apprentices.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 189**

HOUSE BILL NO. 189 by Representative Mears, entitled:

"An Act relating to a permanent fund dividend for an individual whose conviction has been vacated, reversed, or dismissed; and relating to the calculation of the value of the permanent fund dividend by including payment to individuals eligible for a permanent fund dividend because of a conviction that has been vacated, reversed, or dismissed."

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

HB 190

HOUSE BILL NO. 190 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to the insurance tax education credit; relating to the income tax education credit; relating to the oil or gas producer education credit; relating to the property tax education credit; relating to the mining business education credit; relating to the fisheries business education credit; relating to the fisheries resource landing tax education credit; renaming the day care assistance program the child care assistance program; relating to the child care assistance program and the child care grant program; and providing for an effective date."

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

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Revenue

The Governor's transmittal letter dated April 11 follows:

"Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to education tax credits for child care and the child care assistance program.

This bill would create a tax incentive for employers to support child care expenses for their employees. It adds child care-related expenditures to the list of allowable education tax credits for certain taxpaying entities. Eligible taxes include those on insurers, corporate income, oil and gas production, oil and gas property, mining, and fisheries. The bill also increases the maximum allowable education tax credit from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000 per year.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mike Dunleavy
Governor"

HB 191

HOUSE BILL NO. 191 by Representatives Himschoot, Bynum, Hannan, and Gray, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 192

HOUSE BILL NO. 192 by Representative Eischeid, entitled:

"An Act relating to the payment of unemployment compensation benefits; relating to a penalty for late unemployment benefit payments; relating to inflation adjustments to unemployment benefit amounts; relating to an insured worker's availability for work; 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

HOUSE BILLS IN SECOND READING

HB 53

The following, which was held in second reading from the April 11 calendar (page 674), was before the House:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 were not offered.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Fields:

Page 38, line 13:

Delete "**132,942,500**"

Insert "**134,038,965**"

Delete "**130,901,400**"

Insert "**131,997,865**"

Page 38, line 14:

Delete "**54,888,600**"

Insert "**55,985,065**"

Page 52, line 11:

Delete "**206,097,400**"

Insert "**207,193,865**"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative Fields moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 4

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nay: Allard, McCabe, Rauscher, Vance

And so, Amendment No. 4 was adopted.

Amendment No. 5 was offered by Representative Fields:

Page 38, line 13:

Delete "132,942,500"
Insert "134,038,965"
Delete "130,901,400"
Insert "131,997,865"

Page 38, line 21:

Delete "21,986,800"
Insert "23,083,265"

Page 52, line 11:

Delete "206,097,400"
Insert "207,193,865"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative Fields moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 5 be adopted.

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Representative McCabe objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 5 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 5

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 6 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nay: Allard, McCabe, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Vance

And so, Amendment No. 5 was adopted.

Amendment No. 6 was offered by Representative Fields:

Page 38, line 13:

Delete "132,942,500"
Insert "134,038,965"
Delete "130,901,400"
Insert "131,997,865"

Page 38, line 29:

Delete "41,803,500"
Insert "42,899,965"

Page 52, line 11:

Delete "206,097,400"
Insert "207,193,865"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative Fields moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 be adopted.

Representative McCabe objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 6 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 6

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 5 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nay: Allard, McCabe, Rauscher, Tilton, Vance

And so, Amendment No. 6 was adopted.

Amendment No. 7 was offered by Representative Schrage:

Page 1, line 3, following "**appropriations;**" (title amendment):

Insert "**making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund;**"

Page 86, following line 31:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 35. CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND.** (a) If the unrestricted state revenue available for appropriation in fiscal year 2026 is insufficient to cover the general fund appropriations that take effect in fiscal year 2026, the amount necessary to balance revenue and general fund appropriations that take effect in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated to the general fund from the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska).

(b) The appropriation made from the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska) in (a) of this section is made under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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Page 87, line 10:

Delete "30 - 35, and 37"
Insert "30 - 36, and 38"

Page 87, line 26:

Delete "Section 36"
Insert "Section 37"

Page 87, line 28:

Delete "secs. 38 and 39"
Insert "secs. 39 and 40"

Representative Schrage moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be adopted.

Representative Costello objected.

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be tabled.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 7 be tabled?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 7/Table

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 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, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Schrage, Story, Stutes

And so, the motion failed.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 7 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 7

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, Amendment No. 7 was adopted and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental 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."

Amendment No. 8 was offered by Representative Carrick:

Page 6, line 28:

Delete "26,488,100" in both places
Insert "21,488,100" in both places

Page 6, line 33:

Delete "26,488,100"
Insert "21,488,100"

Page 7, following line 3:

Insert new material to read:

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	"APPROPRIATION ALLOCATIONS	ITEMS	OTHER FUNDS
Tourism Marketing		5,000,000	5,000,000
Tourism Marketing	5,000,000"		

Representative Carrick moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 8 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Carrick moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 8.

Representative Stapp objected and withdrew the objection.

Representative Elam objected and withdrew the objection.

There being no further objection, Amendment No. 8 was withdrawn.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to 1:15 p.m.; and so, the House recessed at 12:46 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 1:31 p.m.

HOUSE BILLS IN SECOND READING

HB 53

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental 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."

Representative Schrage moved that the House rescind previous action in adopting Amendment No. 1 (page 674).

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House rescind previous action in adopting Amendment No. 1?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Rescind Previous Action in Adopting Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, the motion failed.

Amendment No. 9 was offered by Representative Mears:

Page 59, following line 31:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(b) The sum of \$12,500,000 is appropriated from the unrestricted receipts received by or accrued to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to the general fund."

Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

Page 60, line 1:

Delete "All"

Insert "After the appropriation made in (b) of this section, all"

Page 82, line 17:

Delete "\$6,315,507"

Insert "\$14,758,664"

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Representative Mears moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 9 be adopted.

Representative Kopp objected.

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and he was required to vote.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 9 was offered by Representative Bynum:

Page 1, lines 1 through 11 of the amendment:

 Delete all material.

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 9 be adopted.

There was objection.

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 9. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 9 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 9

YEAS: 14 NAYS: 26 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Carrick, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Story

Nays: Allard, Burke, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Elam, Hall, Johnson, Kopp, McCabe, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

And so, Amendment No. 9 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 10 was offered by Representatives Vance, Johnson, Tilton, McCabe, Rauscher, Underwood, Tomaszewski, Schwanke, Allard, Nelson, Elam, Saddler, Ruffridge, Costello, Moore, Stapp, Bynum, and Prax:

Page 24, following line 9:

Insert new material to read:

"No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for the Department of Health may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, unless a U.S. Supreme Court decision provides new precedent, and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 10 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 10 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 10

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 10 was not adopted.

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Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House rescind previous action in failing to adopt Amendment No. 10.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall the House rescind previous action in failing to adopt Amendment No. 10?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Rescind Previous Action in Failing to Adopt Amendment No. 10

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, the motion failed.

Amendment No. 11 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 20, following line 4:

Insert new material to read:

"It is the intent of the legislature that, in preparing the fiscal year 2027 budget, the Office of Management and Budget use zero-based budgeting principles to prepare the budget of at least one but not more than five agencies. The director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit a report not later than December 20, 2025, to the Co-chairs of the Finance committee of each house of the legislature and to the Legislative Finance Division that provides a detailed explanation of each agency that was selected for zero-based budgeting and an analysis and justification for each expense of the agency."

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 11 be adopted.

Representative Holland objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 11 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 11

YEAS: 26 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Allard, Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Coulombe, Dibert, Elam, Galvin, Himschoot, Johnson, Kopp, McCabe, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nay: Burke, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Mears, Mina, Story

And so, Amendment No. 11 was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 2:59 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 4:12 p.m.

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The following was before the House in second reading:

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"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental 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."

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Amendment No. 12 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 26, line 12:

Delete "**29,497,400**"

Insert "**28,844,500**"

Delete "**4,860,600**"

Insert "**4,656,900**"

Delete "**24,636,800**"

Insert "**24,187,600**"

Page 26, line 19:

Delete "**18,811,000**"

Insert "**18,158,100**"

Page 49, line 4:

Delete "**92,620,400**"

Insert "**92,171,200**"

Page 49, line 6:

Delete "**14,318,200**"

Insert "**14,114,500**"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 12 be adopted.

Representative Fields objected.

Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and she was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 12 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 12

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

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 12 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 13 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 11, line 22:

Delete "4,202,000"
Insert "3,299,400"
Delete "913,500"
Insert "10,900"

Page 11, line 23:

Delete "4,202,000"
Insert "3,299,400"

Page 46, line 27:

Delete "1,346,800"
Insert "444,200"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 13 be adopted.

Representative Fields objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 13 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Amendment No. 13

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

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 13 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 14 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 70, line 25:

Delete "(a)"

Page 70, line 30, through page 71, line 4:

Delete all material.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 14 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 14 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 14

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

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Jimmie, McCabe, Prax, Rauscher, Saddler, Tilton, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Burke, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Johnson, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Moore, Nelson, Ruffridge, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski

And so, Amendment No. 14 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 15 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 3, line 19:

Delete "**2,079,500**"

Insert "**879,500**"

Delete "**1,979,500**"

Insert "**779,500**"

Page 3, line 20:

Delete all material.

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 15 be adopted.

Representative Carrick objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 15 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 15

YEAS: 16 NAYS: 24 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Allard, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, McCabe, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Saddler, Schwanke, Stapp, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 15 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 16 was not offered.

Amendment No. 17 was offered by Representative McCabe:

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Page 60, following line 26:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(d) It is the intent of the legislature that if the amount appropriated to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the payment of permanent fund dividends and for administrative and associated costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is less than the amount authorized under AS 37.13.145(b) for transfer by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation on June 30, 2025, the Department of Revenue shall provide to each individual who is eligible to receive a dividend in fiscal year 2026 an itemized statement showing how the legislature appropriated the amount that was authorized under AS 37.13.145(b) for transfer by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation on June 30, 2025, but was not appropriated to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the payment of permanent fund dividends and for administrative and associated costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026."

Reletter the following subsection accordingly.

Page 87, line 2:

Delete "(d)"

Insert "(e)"

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 17 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 17 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

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Amendment No. 17

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

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 17 was not adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, Amendment Nos. 18 and 19 would be moved to the bottom of the amendments.

Amendment No. 20 was offered by Representatives Vance, Allard, Tilton, McCabe, Moore, and Underwood:

Page 24, following line 9:

Insert new material to read:

"No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for a service that may be related to gender dysphoria that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a) or a binding order of the court. The money appropriated for the Department of Health may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, unless a U.S. Supreme Court decision provides new precedent, and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 20 be adopted.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 20 was not offered.

Representative Kopp objected and offered Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 20:

Page 1, line 5 of the amendment, following "a binding order of the court":

Insert "; however, nothing in this section prohibits reimbursement for behavioral health services - such as psychologist services, clinical social worker services, marital and family therapy services, or professional counseling services - when provided to individuals under 18 years of age and determined to be medically necessary under the approved state Medicaid plan."

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 20 be adopted.

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Representatives Stutes and Prax objected and withdrew their objections. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 2 to Amendment No. 20 was adopted.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 20 as amended be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 20 as amended

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

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 20 as amended was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 5:47 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 6:42 p.m.

HOUSE BILLS IN SECOND READING

HB 53

The following was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; making supplemental 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."

The Speaker stated that, without objection, Amendment No. 21 would be moved to the bottom of the amendments.

Amendment No. 22 was offered by Representative Costello:

Page 10, following line 29:

Insert new material to read:

"It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Education and Early Development shall, after reviewing each district's annual audit as required by AS 14.14.050, submit a report to the co-chairs of the finance committee of each house of the legislature and the legislative finance division not later than December 20, 2025, that provides each district's year-end operating fund balance, the amount by which the unreserved portion of that balance exceeds the amount permitted in AS 14.17.505(a), and the amount that the Department of Education and Early Development will be deducting from the state aid that would otherwise be paid to the district as required by AS 14.17.505(b)."

Representative Costello moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 22 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 22 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 22

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 20 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

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

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

Absent: Ruffridge

And so, Amendment No. 22 was not adopted.

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Representative Costello rose to a point of order regarding voiding the roll when a vote is interrupted.

The Speaker advised members to refrain from speaking while the roll was open.

Amendment No. 23 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 31, line 23:

Delete "**216,017,300**"

Insert "**216,332,200**"

Delete "**196,340,300**"

Insert "**196,655,200**"

Page 32, line 4:

Delete "97,617,000"

Insert "97,931,900"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 23 be adopted.

Representative Mears objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 23 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 23

YEAS: 24 NAYS: 16 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Mears, Mina, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Josephson changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

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And so, Amendment No. 23 was adopted.

Amendment No. 24 was not offered.

Amendment No. 25 was offered by Representatives Schwanke and Prax:

Page 21, line 17:

Delete "**321,386,500**"
Insert "**304,673,100**"
Delete "**128,364,700**"
Insert "**111,651,300**"

Page 21, line 18:

Delete "21,866,900"
Insert "19,680,200"

Page 21, line 20:

Delete "63,786,900"
Insert "57,408,200"

Page 21, line 21:

Delete "67,244,900"
Insert "60,520,400"

Page 21, line 26:

Delete "14,234,600"
Insert "12,811,100"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative Schwanke moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 25 be adopted.

Representative Mina objected.

Representative Saddler moved and asked unanimous consent to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and he was required to vote.

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The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 25 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 25

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 23 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 25 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 26 was offered by Representatives Schwanke and Prax:

Page 22, line 9:

Delete "**144,460,800**"
Insert "**137,483,600**"
Delete "**65,428,000**"
Insert "**58,450,800**"

Page 22, line 16:

Delete "**27,908,600**"
Insert "**20,931,400**"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative Schwanke moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 26 be adopted.

Representative Gray objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 26 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 26

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 23 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

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

And so, Amendment No. 26 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 27 was offered by Representative McCabe:

Page 4, lines 7 - 9:
Delete all material.

Page 45, line 7:
Delete "92,369,500"
Insert "91,263,500"

Page 45, line 8:
Delete "34,367,800"
Insert "34,201,300"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative McCabe moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 27 be adopted.

Representative Hannan objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 27 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 27

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YEAS: 11 NAYS: 29 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Coulombe, Elam, McCabe, Prax, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 27 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 28 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 65, following line 28:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(k) The amount calculated under AS 37.14.620(a), estimated to be \$10,000, is appropriated from the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska trust fund (AS 37.14.600) to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.316 to Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska for Arctic Winter Games events for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026."

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 28 be adopted.

Representative Schrage objected and moved and asked unanimous consent to table Amendment No. 28.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 28 be tabled?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am
Second Reading
Amendment No. 28/Table

YEAS: 22 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

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

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

Absent: Eischeid

And so, Amendment No. 28 was tabled.

Amendment No. 29 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 30, line 7:

Delete "**94,090,800**"

Insert "**94,321,000**"

Delete "**71,211,200**"

Insert "**71,416,400**"

Delete "**22,879,600**"

Insert "**22,904,600**"

Page 30, line 27:

Delete "**30,543,500**"

Insert "**30,773,700**"

Page 50, line 15:

Delete "**17,592,900**"

Insert "**17,602,100**"

Page 50, line 17:

Delete "**68,653,100**"

Insert "**68,858,300**"

Page 50, line 19:

Delete "**16,270,200**"

Insert "**16,276,600**"

Page 50, line 23:

Delete "**8,383,900**"

Insert "**8,393,300**"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

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Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 29 be adopted.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 29 was adopted.

Amendment No. 30 was offered by Representative Bynum:

Page 70, line 11:

Delete "\$5,000,000"

Insert "\$10,000,000"

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 30 be adopted.

Representative Stapp objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 30 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 30

YEAS: 26 NAYS: 12 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 2

Yeas: Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Nelson, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Jimmie, Johnson, Moore, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski

Absent: Burke, McCabe

And so, Amendment No. 30 was adopted.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, Amendment No. 31 would be moved to the bottom of the amendments.

Amendment No. 32 was offered by Representative Bynum:

Page 3, line 22:

Delete all material and insert:

	"APPROPRIATION ITEMS	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS
Office of Information Technology	65,335,500	732,700	64,602,800"

Page 3, line 27:

Delete "44,088,300"

Insert "44,821,000"

Adjust fund sources and totals accordingly.

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 32 be adopted.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 32 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 53(FIN) am

Second Reading

Amendment No. 32

YEAS: 10 NAYS: 30 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, Ruffridge, Saddler, Stapp, Underwood, Vance

Nay: Allard, Burke, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, McCabe, Mears, Mina, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Schrage, Schwanke, Story, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski

And so, Amendment No. 32 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 33 was offered by Representative Bynum:

Page 70, following line 13:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(e) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of

Transportation and Public Facilities shall

(1) submit a report to the co-chairs of the finance committee of each house of the legislature and to the legislative finance division by December 20, 2025, with a list of all federal funds received or applied for after the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58) was enacted in 2021 for use to repair or improve a ferry terminal, repair or improve an existing ferry, or build a new ferry;

(2) provide notice to the operator of the state-owned shipyard in Ketchikan of opportunities to perform work or part of the work needed for projects identified in (1) of this subsection, if providing notice to the operator of the shipyard is allowed under AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code); and

(3) ensure that shipyard repair and other work on vessels of the Alaska marine highway system is done at the state-owned shipyard in Ketchikan to the extent allowed under existing contracts and contracts subject to extension and as reasonable and fiscally prudent."

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 33 be adopted.

There was objection.

Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 33 was offered by Representative Stutes:

Page 1, line 10 of the amendment, following "Ketchikan":

Insert "and JAG Alaska's Seward Shipyard"

Page 1, line 15 of the amendment, following "Ketchikan":

Insert "or JAG Alaska's Seward Shipyard"

Representative Stutes moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 33 be adopted.

Representative Costello objected and withdrew her objection.

There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 to Amendment No. 33 was adopted.

Representative Bynum moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 33 as amended be tabled.

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There was objection.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 33 as amended be tabled?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading
Amendment No. 33 as amended/Table

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nay: Jimmie, Ruffridge, Schwanke, Stapp

And so, Amendment No. 33 as amended was tabled.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, CSHB 53(FIN) am would be held in second reading to the April 15 calendar.

HB 55

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held in second reading from the April 11 calendar (page 674), would be held in second reading to the April 15 calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

The House adjourned.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 57

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 11 calendar (page 698), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on the April 15 calendar:

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(EDC) am
"An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

HB 75

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 11 calendar (page 701), was not taken up this legislative day and will be on the April 15 calendar:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 75(STA)

"An Act relating to national criminal history record checks for certain employees of the Department of Revenue; relating to allowable absences for eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; relating to the confidentiality of certain information provided on a permanent fund dividend application; relating to electronic notice of debt collection executed on a permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

The following citations were not taken up this legislative day and will be on the April 15 calendar:

Honoring - Dr. Brian Barnes
By Representative Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

Honoring - Craig Heinselman
By Representative Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

Honoring - Kiann Williams
By Representatives Tomaszewski, Prax; Senator Myers

Honoring - Joseph "Joe" Want
By Representative Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

Honoring - Jenny McAvoy-Anteau
By Representatives Gray, Mears; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Joe Nedland
By Representative Gray; Senator Dunbar

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HB 161**

Representative Kopp added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

"An Act relating to minimum paid sick leave requirements; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT**HB 79**

HB 79 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ENROLLMENT**HB 69**

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 9:05 a.m., April 12:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 69(FIN)

"An Act relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., April 15. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk

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