

HOUSE JOURNAL

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

April 23, 2025

Ninety-third Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:42 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Nathaniel Habeger of Juneau Christian Center. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here, I invite you to join me as we open in prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank you for this gathering of the Alaska House of Representatives. As many have prayed over this legislative session, I, too, pray that you bestow wisdom upon the representatives in this room. I pray for safety and peace and blessings upon them and their families. Give them energy today and this week to accomplish those things which they set their minds and hands to.

And today I pray over this great state of Alaska. As a Christ follower, I pray for divine alignment in this state. As you taught us to pray, *Your Kingdom come, Your will be done.*

HOUSE JOURNAL

856

April 23, 2025

So with that in mind, I pray for your will to be done in our towns, villages, and cities. God, I pray for your will to be done in our schools and educational institutions. I pray for your will to be done in our churches, our businesses, our financial institutions, and our hospitals. I pray for your will to be done with our natural resources and with our commerce. I pray for your will to be done within our judicial, executive, and legislative branches.

And God, I thank you that the establishment of your kingdom results in righteousness, peace, and joy. May these things be evident in this great state of Alaska. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Underwood.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 92nd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Daniel Carothers

as a member of the Alaska Police Standards Council.

Walt Monegan

as a member of the Alaska Public Offices Commission.

The report was signed by Representative Carrick, Chair; and Representatives Vance, Moore, Holland, Himschoot, and Story.

HB 90

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 90

"An Act establishing a financial literacy education program for public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (3): Underwood, Dibert, Eischeid

Do not pass (1): Schwanke

No recommendation (1): Elam

Amend (2): Himschoot, Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development

HB 90 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 104

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 104

"An Act creating and relating to the address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 104(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Vance, Moore, Holland, Himschoot, Story, Carrick

HOUSE JOURNAL

858

April 23, 2025

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 104(STA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration

HB 104 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 139

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 139

"An Act relating to renting the governor's mansion; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (2): Himschoot, Carrick

No recommendation (3): Vance, Moore, Holland

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Indeterminate, Office of the Governor

HB 139 was referred to the Finance Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Kim Mahoney
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

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

Honoring - Lynda Limón
By Representatives Josephson, Kopp, Galvin

HOUSE JOURNAL

April 23, 2025

859

Honoring - Richard (Dick) Burley
By Representatives Stapp, Dibert; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Technical High School, 50th Anniversary
By Representatives Gray, Eischeid; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - Mama Carol's Soulfood Events and Catering
By Representative Eischeid; Senators Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Diane Mohwinkel
By Representatives Josephson, Galvin; Senator Claman

In Memoriam - Robert Cameron Murray
By Representative Josephson; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Karen Francis O'Neill-Ahl
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Charlette Lushin
By Senator Cronk; Representatives Stapp, Tomaszewski

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Kim Mahoney, 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 - Kim Mahoney
By Senator Merrick; Representative Saddler

RECONSIDERATION

HB 55

Representative Costello brought up reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 55(FIN) (page 848).

HOUSE JOURNAL

860

April 23, 2025

The following was before the House in third reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 55(FIN)

"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 question to be reconsidered: "Shall CSHB 55(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 55(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

Reconsideration

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 5 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, Mears, Mina, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood

Nays: Allard, McCabe, Rauscher, Tilton, Vance

And so, CSHB 55(FIN) passed the House on reconsideration.

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

CSHB 55(FIN) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 70

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 70

"An Act relating to emergency medical services for operational

canines; relating to the powers, duties, and liability of emergency medical technicians and mobile intensive care paramedics; relating to the practice of veterinary medicine; and providing for an effective date."

with the: Journal Page

HSS RPT CS(HSS) 2DP 2DNP 2NR	502
FN1: ZERO(DOH)	502
L&C RPT CS(L&C) 5DP 2NR	666
FN1: ZERO(DOH)	666

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. 70(L&C)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Costello:

Page 6, following line 17:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(c) An emergency medical technician or mobile intensive care paramedic may not provide emergency medical services to an operational canine under (a) of this section if a person requires emergency medical services from the emergency medical technician or mobile intensive care paramedic."

Representative Costello 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.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 70(L&C) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

HOUSE JOURNAL

862

April 23, 2025

There was objection.

CSHB 70(L&C) am will advance to third reading on the April 25 calendar.

HB 116

The following was read the second time:

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."

with the:	Journal Page
-----------	--------------

FSH RPT 6DP 1NR	408
FN1: (CED)	408
L&C RPT 5DP 1NR	543
FN2: ZERO(CED)	543

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 116 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 116 will advance to third reading on the April 25 calendar.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 9

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

Urging the United States Congress to extend enhanced tax credits for health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act.

with the:	Journal Page
-----------	--------------

HSS RPT CS(HSS) 4DP 1DNP 2NR	559
FN1: ZERO(LEG)	559

HOUSE JOURNAL

April 23, 2025

863

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

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(HSS)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 9(HSS) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHJR 9(HSS) will advance to third reading on the April 25 calendar.

HJR 15

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

Urging the Governor, the Department of Natural Resources, division of forestry and fire protection, the Department of Public Safety, municipalities of the state and relevant wildfire planning and response agencies, and the Alaska delegation in Congress to prepare for the 2025 wildfire season.

with the:

Journal Page

CRA RPT CS(CRA) 6DP
FN1: ZERO(LEG)

634

634

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

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HOUSE JOURNAL

864

April 23, 2025

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 15(CRA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHJR 15(CRA) will advance to third reading on the April 25 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 - Barbara Norton
By Representatives Galvin, Gray, Hall

Honoring - Darian Lawson
By Representative Eischeid; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

Honoring - The Polynesian Association of Alaska, 20th Anniversary
By Representatives Mina, Eischeid; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - The Midnight Sun Baseball Game, 120th Anniversary
By Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Sergey Marchenko
By Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Sanford "Sam" Allen Beachy
By Representative Vance

In Memoriam - Katherine Beachy
By Representative Vance

In Memoriam - Danny Kelton Presley
By Representative Vance

In Memoriam - Keith Lee Presley
By Representative Vance

In Memoriam - Dorothy B. Isabel
By Representative Foster; Senator Olson

In Memoriam - Floyd Everett Seekins
By Representative Vance

In Memoriam - Douglas Barton "Bart" Eaton
By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Jean Roger Therrien
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Charles Henry "Chick" Wallace
By Senators Kawasaki, Cronk; Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Kaa'yis'taan Marie Olson
By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Story, Hannan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HJR 9

Representatives Josephson and Fields added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9(HSS)
Urging the United States Congress to extend enhanced tax credits
for health insurance premiums under the Affordable Care Act.

HJR 15

Representatives Mears, Josephson, and Story added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15(CRA)
Urging the Governor, the Department of Natural Resources,
division of forestry and fire protection, the Department of Public
Safety, municipalities of the state and relevant wildfire planning
and response agencies, and the Alaska delegation in Congress to
prepare for the 2025 wildfire season.

HOUSE JOURNAL

866

April 23, 2025

HB 53

The following, which was engrossed (page 823), was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and transmitted to the Senate for consideration:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld)
"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; and making supplemental appropriations."

HB 173

Representatives Mina and Josephson added as a cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 173

"An Act relating to occupational therapist licensure; relating to occupational therapy assistant licensure; and relating to an occupational therapist licensure compact."

HB 203

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

"An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT

HB 55

CSHB 55(FIN) 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 25. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk