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One Hundredth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:43 a.m.

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Nelson 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 pray you fill this chamber with your presence today and be here with the representatives as they labor together to find consensus to meet the needs of our state.

In James 1:5 of the Bible it says: *If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.*

So, dear Lord, I'm asking for a breakthrough here today and great wisdom for the House. Breakthrough where there may seem to be no way, make a way, Lord, as only you can. Bring refreshing to them, Lord, as they near the end of this session.

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And now, I pray this blessing over you:

May the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Burke.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 98th and 99th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 10:56 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker called the House back to order at 2:10 p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

HB 57

A message dated April 30 was read stating the Senate passed:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(EDC) am

"An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(FIN)
am S(reengrossed)

"An Act relating to maximum classroom sizes in public schools; relating to education reports; relating to charter schools; relating to student transportation funding; relating to secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding; relating to the base

student allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; relating to the use of tax revenue from highly digitized businesses; relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 5 - title change resolution)

CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 57

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Senate message. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment and recommended that the members vote yes.

The question being: "Shall the House concur in the Senate amendment?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed)

Concur

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nay: Allard, Johnson, McCabe, Prax, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski

Excused: Nelson

And so, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS CSHB 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed).

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.

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The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

SCS CSHB 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed) was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SCR 5

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be taken up as a Special Order of Business:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 57, relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SCR 5 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 5

Second Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 1 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, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Allard, McCabe, Tilton

Excused: Nelson

And so, SCR 5 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HCR 2

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to voting and abstention from voting.

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

Do pass (4): Holland, Himschoot, Story, Carrick

No recommendation (3): Vance, McCabe, Moore

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 2 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HCR 4

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Proclaiming May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month.

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

Do pass (7): Fields, Prax, Gray, Schwanke, Ruffridge, Mears, Mina

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 4 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 14

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 14

"An Act repealing programs for catastrophic illness assistance and medical assistance for chronic and acute medical conditions."

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The report was signed by Representatives Foster, Josephson, and Schrage, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (9): Bynum, Johnson, Allard, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Galvin, Jimmie, Foster, Schrage

No recommendation (2): Hannan, Josephson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Health

HB 14 was referred to the Rules Committee.

HB 47

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 47

"An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; relating to teaching certificates; and relating to licensing of school bus drivers."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 47(CRA)

"An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to teaching certificates; and relating to licensing of school bus drivers."

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

Do pass (3): Prax, Hall, Ruffridge

No recommendation (3): Holland, Himschoot, Mears

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 47(CRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Administration

3. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
4. Zero, Dept. of Law
5. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
6. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System

HB 47 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

HB 52

The Health & Social Services Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 52(HSS)
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Fields, Gray, Schwanke, Ruffridge, Mears, Mina

No recommendation (1): Prax

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 52(HSS):

1. Zero, Dept. of Family & Community Services
2. Zero, Dept. of Family & Community Services
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Health

HB 52 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 133

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

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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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 133(CRA)

"An Act establishing a 30-day deadline for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code; relating to the calculation of interest owed to a prime contractor; establishing deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Holland, Hall, Himschoot, Mears

No recommendation (2): Prax, Ruffridge

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 133(CRA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Fish & Game
3. Zero, Dept. of Natural Resources
4. Zero, Dept. of Administration
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
7. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
8. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
9. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
10. Fiscal, Dept. of Health
11. Zero, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

12. Zero, Dept. of Law
13. Fiscal, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

HB 133 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

SJR 12

The Transportation Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12(TRA)

Urging the United States Congress and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to address outages of National Data Buoy Center stations.

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

Do pass (3): Stutes, Eischeid, Carrick

No recommendation (1): Mina

Amend (2): McCabe, Moore

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

CSSJR 12(TRA) was referred to the Rules Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**HJR 13**

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Urging the President of the United States to expand evacuation efforts for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas, including resumption of evacuation flights organized by the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts; urging the United States Department of State to secure legal protections and

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humanitarian assistance for Special Immigrant Visa applicants; and requesting that the United States Secretary of State provide a report to Congress regarding efforts to reinstate evacuation flights for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas.

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13(MLV)

Urging the President of the United States to expand evacuation efforts for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas, including resumption of evacuation flights organized by the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts; urging the United States Department of State to secure legal protections and humanitarian assistance for Special Immigrant Visa applicants; urging the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in the United States Department of Homeland Security to expedite the review of applications for Special Immigrant Visas; and requesting that the United States Secretary of State provide a report to Congress regarding efforts to reinstate evacuation flights for applicants with approved Special Immigrant Visas.

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

Do pass (4): Hall, Gray, Fields, Eischeid

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHJR 13(MLV):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HJR 13 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Jayden Lampe

By Representatives Burke, Mina; Senator Olson

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Honoring - Kristen Faulkner

By Representatives Vance, Fields; Senator Stevens

Honoring - AJ Hull

By Representative Ruffridge

Honoring - Clara Baldwin

By Representatives Eischeid, Allard; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Carl Sterrett

By Representatives Eischeid, Mears; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Michelle Virden

By Representatives Gray, Holland; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Lisa Aquino

By Representatives Gray, Schrage; Senator Kaufman

Honoring - Anne Raup

By Representatives Hall, Mina; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - 70th Engineer Battalion "Kodiaks"

By Representative Stapp

Honoring - 1-52D Aviation Regiment

By Representative Stapp

Honoring - 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment "Automatic Eighth"

By Representative Stapp

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Seawolves Women's Basketball Team

By Representatives Gray, Hannan; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, 50th Anniversary

By Representatives Gray, Galvin; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Area Health Education Center, 20th Anniversary

By Representatives Hall, Mina, Fields

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Honoring - Associated Builders and Contractors
By Representatives Tilton, Tomaszewski

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage Alumni Association
Scholarship Program, 40th Anniversary
By Representatives Mina, Hall

Honoring - Shannon Titzel and Jordan Iverson
By Senator Dunbar; Representative Gray

Honoring - Joseph Paul "Joe" Josephson
By Senator Dunbar; Representatives Josephson, Fields

Honoring - Brian Hanson
By Senator Stedman; Representative Himschoot

Honoring - Compeau's 80th Anniversary
By Senators Kawasaki, Cronk, Myers

Honoring - Eagle River High School, 20th Anniversary
By Senator Merrick

In Memoriam - Neal Duperron
By Representative Ruffridge; Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Martha "Luan" Madole
By Representatives Underwood, Himschoot; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Quincy John McHenry
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Nicole Ver Kuilen
By Senator Dunbar

In Memoriam - Oliver "Bud" Burris
By Senators Kawasaki, Cronk, Myers

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS****HCR 6**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by Representatives Underwood and Stapp:

Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 29**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 29 by Representatives Vance, Underwood, Costello, and Schwanke, entitled:

"An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 210

HOUSE BILL NO. 210 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to occupational disability benefits for peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 211

HOUSE BILL NO. 211 by Representative Mina, entitled:

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"An Act relating to insurance regulation of prepaid legal plans."

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

HB 212

HOUSE BILL NO. 212 by Representatives Story and Hannan, entitled:

"An Act relating to the local contribution made by a city or borough school district; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 213

HOUSE BILL NO. 213 by Representative Johnson, entitled:

"An Act relating to data sharing by the Department of Administration for driver's license data verification purposes; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 214

HOUSE BILL NO. 214 by Representative Galvin, entitled:

"An Act relating to proof of financial responsibility for suspension for nonpayment of judgments."

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

HB 215

HOUSE BILL NO. 215 by Representative Saddler, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors; relating to the practice of

architecture, engineering, land surveyors, and landscape architecture; relating to scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural services; 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

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 26

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan."

with the:

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CRA RPT CS(CRA) 4DP 1DNP 1AM	498
FN1: ZERO(DOT)	498
TRA RPT CS(TRA) 5DP 2DNP	664
FN1: ZERO(DOT)	664

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. 26(TRA)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative McCabe:

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Page 2, line 7, following "operators":

Insert "and the Alaska Railroad Corporation"

Page 3, line 12, following "operators":

Insert "and the Alaska Railroad Corporation"

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

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 26(TRA) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 26(TRA) am will advance to third reading on the May 2 calendar.

HB 35

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners."

with the:

Journal Page

CRA RPT CS(CRA) 3DP 3AM	461
FN1: ZERO(COR)	461
STA RPT CS(STA) 5DP 1DNP 1NR	635
FN1: ZERO(COR)	635

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. 35(STA)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Ruffridge:

Page 3, line 20:

Delete ","

Insert ":"

Page 3, lines 21 - 26:

Delete all material.

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

Representative Himschoot objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 35(STA)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, 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

Excused: Nelson

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Ruffridge:

Page 2, lines 8 - 13:

Delete all material and insert:

"(A) possess in the prisoner's cell a cassette tape player or recorder, [A] video cassette recorder (VCR), telephone, or computer or electronic tablet [OR A COMPUTER OR MODEM OF ANY KIND];"

Page 3, lines 10 - 19:

Delete all material and insert:

"(I) use a computer or electronic tablet other than those approved by the correctional facility; the use of a computer or electronic tablet under this subparagraph may be approved for purposes identified by the commissioner in regulation [ONLY AS PART OF THE PRISONER'S EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING] and may not be used as a substitution for in-person visitation, receiving mail, receiving medical services, or other in-person communication [FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE];"

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

Representative Himschoot objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 35(STA)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 18 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, 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

Excused: Nelson

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Vance:

Page 1, line 1, following "**prisoners**" (title amendment):

Insert "**; and relating to service of sentence by electronic monitoring**"

Page 3, following line 22:

Insert new bill sections to read:

/* **Sec. 2.** AS 33.30.065(d) is amended to read:

(d) **Other than a prisoner for whom payment is required under (e) of this section, the** [THE] commissioner may require a prisoner designated to serve a term of imprisonment or a period of temporary confinement by electronic monitoring to pay all or a portion of the costs of the electronic monitoring. **The commissioner may require payment under this subsection** [, BUT] only if the prisoner has sufficient financial resources to pay the costs or a portion of the costs.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 33.30.065 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The commissioner shall designate a prisoner to serve the prisoner's term of imprisonment or period of temporary commitment, or a part of the term or period, by electronic monitoring provided by a private contractor if

(1) the prisoner resides outside of an area where electronic monitoring is provided by the department;

(2) after considering the criteria listed in (b) of this section, the commissioner determines the prisoner is eligible for electronic monitoring; and

(3) the prisoner pays all costs associated with the electronic monitoring."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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

There was objection.

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 3. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 3, line 20:

Delete all material.

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

Representative Hannan objected.

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

CSHB 35(STA)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 4

YEAS: 11 NAYS: 28 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

Yea: Coulombe, Elam, McCabe, Moore, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Stapp, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood

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

Excused: Nelson

And so, Amendment No. 4 was not adopted.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 35(STA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 35(STA) will advance to third reading on the May 2 calendar.

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 58

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 28 calendar (page 938), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

"An Act relating to the office of public advocacy; and relating to the public advocate."

The question being: "Shall HB 58 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 58

Third Reading

Final Passage

YEAS: 27 NAYS: 12 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0

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

Nay: Allard, Costello, Coulombe, Johnson, Moore, Rauscher, Saddler, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Excused: Nelson

And so, HB 58 passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

THIRD READING OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SJR 10

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 28 calendar (page 941), was read the third time:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 am H

Encouraging the United States Congress to award Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War the Congressional Gold Medal.

The question being: "Shall SJR 10 am H pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 10 am H

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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Yea: 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, Prax, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Excused: Nelson

And so, SJR 10 am H passed the House and was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk.

Representative Costello gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on SJR 10 am H.

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 - Scott McMurren
By Representatives Galvin, Mina, Fields

Honoring - Rose Pak
By Representative Galvin

Honoring - David Hulen
By Representatives Hall, Galvin; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Debbie Sis
By Representatives Hall, Costello; Senator Claman

Honoring - Tim Davis
By Representatives Hall, Costello; Senator Claman

Honoring - John Tracy
By Representative Hall

Honoring - Stan Eliason
By Representative Himschoot

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Honoring - The Alaska Rock Gym
By Representative Galvin

Honoring - Off the Chain Bicycle Collective
By Representatives Galvin, Mina, Fields

Honoring - Thomas Sterling Sparks
By Senators Tobin, Olson; Representative Foster

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 Rauscher – from 4:00 p.m., today

HCR 4

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4
Proclaiming May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month.

HJR 18

Representatives Coulombe and Saddler added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18

Supporting the continued development of the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project; recognizing the importance of the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project to the economy of the state, energy independence, and national security; and urging the United States Congress, President Donald J. Trump, Secretary of the Interior Douglas Burgum, and relevant federal agencies to take all necessary actions to expedite the success of the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Project.

HJR 22

Representative Kopp added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Requesting the United States Congress to propose an amendment

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to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United States Senate; and requesting the United States Congress to call for a constitutional convention of the states to propose a single amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and as a member of the United States Senate.

HJR 23

Representative Eischeid added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring the governor to submit a balanced budget to the legislature.

HB 1

Representatives Stapp, Tilton, Allard, Tomaszewski, Prax, Coulombe, and Ruffridge added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1

"An Act relating to specie as legal tender in the state; and relating to borough and city sales and use taxes on specie."

HB 26

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

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRA) am

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan."

HB 35

Representative Josephson added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(STA)

"An Act relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners."

HB 39

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 39

"An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing."

HB 52

The Speaker removed the Labor & Commerce Committee referral and added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

HB 52 was removed from the Labor & Commerce Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 57

Representatives Galvin and Mina added as cosponsors to:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 57(FIN)
am S(reengrossed)

"An Act relating to maximum classroom sizes in public schools; relating to education reports; relating to charter schools; relating to student transportation funding; relating to secondary school vocational and technical instruction funding; relating to the base student allocation; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; relating to the use of tax revenue from highly digitized businesses; relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; establishing the Task Force on Education Funding; and providing for an effective date."

HB 58

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 58

"An Act relating to the office of public advocacy; and relating to the public advocate."

HB 125

Representative Dibert added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

"An Act relating to membership of the Board of Fisheries."

HB 126

Representative Dibert added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 126

"An Act relating to the reinstatement of Native corporations; and providing for an effective date."

HB 133

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

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 133 is in the State Affairs Committee with further referral to the Finance Committee.

HB 182

Representative Saddler added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

"An Act relating to live music and entertainment at breweries, wineries, and distilleries."

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Representatives Gray, Kopp, Story, and Mina added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10 am H

Encouraging the United States Congress to award Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War the Congressional Gold Medal.

ENGROSSMENT

HB 58

HB 58 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.

The following meeting today was changed:

Labor & Commerce Committee

CHANGED TO:

15 min. after adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., May 2. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk