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One Hundred Fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:46 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was sung by the Chaplain, Pastor Sherry Patterson of Breakthrough Church. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Carrick.

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CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 102nd, 103rd, and 104th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated May 2 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., May 14 to consider confirmation of the Governor's appointments to boards and commissions.

Messages dated May 2 were read stating the Senate passed the following, and they are transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR 4

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4 by Senators Gray-Jackson, Cronk, Dunbar, Kawasaki, Hughes, and Kaufman:

Designating May 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month; and designating May 4 - 10, 2025, as Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week.

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services Committee.

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS

SB 86

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 86(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the business of money transmission; relating to licenses for money transmission, licensure requirements, and registration through a nationwide multistate licensing system;

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relating to the use of virtual currency for money transmission; relating to authorized delegates of a licensee; relating to acquisition of control of a license; relating to record retention and reporting requirements; authorizing the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to cooperate with other states in the regulation of money transmission; relating to permissible investments; relating to violations and enforcement of money transmission laws; relating to exemptions to money transmission licensure requirements; relating to payroll processing services; relating to currency exchange licenses; amending Rules 79 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Finance Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Law
Monetary Terms of Agreement
Between the State and the Alaska State Employees Association
(as required by AS 23.40.215 and AO 356)

The Speaker referred the monetary terms to the Finance Committee.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Thomas Carpenter
Olivia Irwin

as members of the Board of Fisheries.

Allen Barrette
Carrie Ann Mueller

as members of the Board of Game.

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Rick Green

as a member of the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission.

The report was signed by Representatives Burke and Dibert, Co-chairs; and Representatives Fields, Coulombe, Hall, Saddler, Rauscher, and Mears.

HB 183

The Education Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

"An Act relating to district-wide early education programs; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Dibert, Eischeid, Story, Himschoot

No recommendation (2): Elam, Schwanke

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Education & Early Development/Fund Capitalization

HB 183 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 186

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 186

"An Act relating to the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects; and relating to a report on the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 186(TRA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Mina, Carrick, Eischeid

Do not pass (3): McCabe, Moore, Tilton

No recommendation (1): Stutes

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 186(TRA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development
2. Zero, Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

HB 186 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

SB 113

The Finance Committee considered:

SENATE BILL NO. 113

"An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state; relating to highly digitized businesses subject to the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (8): Stapp, Bynum, Hannan, Galvin, Jimmie, Foster, Josephson, Schrage

Do not pass (2): Allard, Tomaszewski

No recommendation (1): Johnson

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

SB 113 is on today's calendar.

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INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Joanna Bizzarro
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

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

Honoring - Bob Jahnke
By Representative Bynum; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Sheri Boehlert
By Representative Bynum

Honoring - Kyan Reeve
By Representative Bynum

Honoring - Metlakatla High School, Boys and Girls Basketball Teams
By Representative Bynum

Honoring - Ketchikan High School Wrestling Team
By Representative Bynum

Honoring - Glenn Massay Theater, 10th Anniversary
By Representatives Tilton, Johnson

Honoring - Wrangell High School Wrestling Team
By Representative Bynum

Honoring - City of Ketchikan, 125th Anniversary
By Representative Bynum; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Ketchikan High School Boys Basketball Team
By Representative Bynum

Honoring - Aubrie Ellis
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

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Honoring - Rita T. Allee
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

Honoring - Nikiski High School Girls Volleyball Team
By Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Charles "Charlie" William White, Saa Du'uts
By Representative Bynum

In Memoriam - Kenneth "Ken" Ketah
By Representative Bynum

In Memoriam - William "Bill" Bruce Tatsuda
By Representative Bynum; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Kaley Burk
By Representative Bynum

In Memoriam - Doctor James W. Elliott
By Senators Wielechowski, Cronk; Representative Mears

In Memoriam - David Bruce Jaeger
By Senators Wielechowski, Dunbar; Representative Mears

In Memoriam - Stephen Brown
By Senator Hughes; Representative Rauscher

In Memoriam - Clare Swan
By Senators Bjorkman, Claman; Representative Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Roger Dee Roberts
By Senators Myers, Cronk; Representative Tomaszewski

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Joanna Bizzarro, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation.

Representative Story objected, offered remarks, and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Joanna Bizzarro

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 24

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24 by Representatives Eischeid and Fields:

Urging the United States Congress to refrain from rescinding earlier approved funds for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 10

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

with the:

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STA RPT 3DP 3NR	223
FN1: (UA)	223
FIN RPT 6DP 2DNP 3NR	663
FN1: (UA)	663

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Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Stutes:

Page 1, line 1, following "Alaska" (title amendment):

Insert "; and providing for an effective date"

Page 1, following line 9:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.120, as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, is amended to read:

Sec. 14.40.120. University governed by Board of Regents.

The University of Alaska shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of 11 [12] regents."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 2, following line 10:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.40.140, as amended by sec. 5 of this Act, is amended to read:

Sec. 14.40.140. Term of office. Except for a student regent as specified in AS 14.40.150(b) [AND A FACULTY MEMBER REGENT AS SPECIFIED IN AS 14.40.150(c)], the term of office of a regent is eight years. The term of office begins on the first Monday in February of the year in which the appointment is made. Each regent serves until a successor is appointed and qualifies."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 2, following line 25:

Insert new bill sections to read:

"* **Sec. 9.** AS 14.40.200, as amended by sec. 8 of this Act, is amended to read:

Sec. 14.40.200. Quorum. Corporate business may not be transacted at any meeting of the Board of Regents unless at least six [SEVEN] regents are present, the majority of the whole board to approve the same.

* **Sec. 10.** AS 14.40.130(f) and 14.40.150(c) are repealed."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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Page 2, line 30:

Delete "sec. 4"

Insert "sec. 7"

Page 2, following line 30:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* **Sec. 12.** Sections 3, 6, 9, and 10 of this Act take effect February 1, 2032."

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

Representative Johnson objected.

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

HB 10

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

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

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

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Ruffridge

And so, Amendment No. 1 was adopted and the new title follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 am(efd add)

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 10 am(efd add) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 10 am(efd add) will advance to third reading on the May 7 calendar.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**SB 60**

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 60

"An Act establishing May 12 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Day of Recognition."

with the:

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HSS RPT 4DP 2NR	505
FN1: ZERO(GOV/COMBINED)	505

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 60 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 60 was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall SB 60 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 60
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

And so, SB 60 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

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SB 113

The following was read the second time:

SENATE BILL NO. 113

"An Act relating to the Multistate Tax Compact; relating to apportionment of income to the state; relating to highly digitized businesses subject to the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date."

with the:

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FIN RPT 8DP 2DNP 1NR	1013
FN1: (REV)	1013

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 113 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

Representative Prax objected and moved and asked unanimous consent that SB 113 be tabled.

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall SB 113 be tabled?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SB 113

Second Reading\Table

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

Yeas: Allard, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Prax, Rauscher, Saddler, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Vance

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

And so, the motion failed.

SB 113 will advance to third reading on the May 7 calendar.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**HJR 14**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14

Supporting the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; encouraging a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a community-minded approach to future rail expansion; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

with the:

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TRA RPT CS(TRA) 3DP 1NR	874
FN1: ZERO(H.TRA)	874

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. 14(TRA)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHJR 14(TRA) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHJR 14(TRA) will advance to third reading on the May 7 calendar.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**HCR 6**

Representative Tomaszewski added as a cosponsor to:

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

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

HJR 14

Representative Allard added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(TRA)

Supporting the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; encouraging a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a community-minded approach to future rail expansion; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

HB 10

Representatives Josephson and Gray added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 10 am(efd add)

"An Act relating to the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

HB 105

Representatives Foster and Story added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to mental health education."

HB 183

Representative Dibert added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 183

"An Act relating to district-wide early education programs; and providing for an effective date."

HB 202

Representative Stapp added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 202

"An Act designating giant cabbage as the official state vegetable; and providing for an effective date."

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HB 203

Representative Tomaszewski 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."

HB 211

Representative Mina moved and asked unanimous consent to be removed as prime sponsor and Representative Jimmie be added as prime sponsor for the following:

HOUSE BILL NO. 211

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

SB 60

Representative Josephson added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE BILL NO. 60

"An Act establishing May 12 as Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Day of Recognition."

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., May 7. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk