

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Tuesday**

**May 20, 2025**

**One Hundred Twentieth Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 8:51 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber.

**JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE**

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Edgmon turned the gavel over to President Stevens who called the joint session to order at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to consider the Governor's veto of the following bill:

**HB 57-SCHOOLS: COMM. DEVICES/CLASS SIZE/FUNDING**

Roll call of the Senate showed 20 members present.

Roll call of the House showed 40 members present.

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**HB 57**

Senator Giessel moved that:

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."

become law notwithstanding the Governor's veto.

The question being: "Shall SCS CSHB 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed) become law notwithstanding the Governor's veto?" The roll of the Senate was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed)

Veto Override

SENATE

YEAS: 17 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Bjorkman, Claman, Cronk, Dunbar, Giessel, Gray-Jackson, Hoffman, Kaufman, Kawasaki, Kiehl, Merrick, Olson, Stedman, Stevens, Tobin, Wielechowski, Yundt

Nays: Hughes, Myers, Shower

Olson changed from "NAY" to "YEA"

The roll of the House was taken with the following result:

SCS CSHB 57(FIN) am S(reengrossed)

Veto Override

HOUSE

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

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

Nay: Allard, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, Prax, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

**TOTAL: YEAS: 46 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

And so, the Governor's veto was overridden.

The Chief Clerk notified the Office of the Governor.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 9:04 a.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

### **IN THE HOUSE**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 9:07 a.m.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the Chair; and so, the House recessed at 9:07 a.m.

### **AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

With the deepest respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

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I first want to read a favorite passage of mine that comes from Ephesians 3:14-19:

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

Let us pray:

Father, I ask that you would grant us strength today as we wrap up this legislative session. That your peace would go before us as we make our way back home to the people we serve. I ask that you would continue to give us strategies that bring Alaska into her destiny for the benefit of all Alaskans. I ask that you would bring a spirit of unity among Alaskans even through our differences. Bless this state so that we can be a blessing to this nation and the world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hannan.

## CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 119th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

### HCR 6

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate passed:

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CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6(MLV)  
Commemorating the 250th birthday of the United States Marine  
Corps.

CSHCR 6(MLV) was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

**HJR 25**

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25 am

Supporting and encouraging the continued recruitment and  
retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in the  
state.

HJR 25 am was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

**HB 121**

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 121

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting; and providing for  
an effective date."

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

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(STA)

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting; relating to private  
professional conservators; amending Rule 17(e), Alaska Rules of  
Probate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 6 - title change resolution)

HB 121 is under Unfinished Business.

**SB 132**

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate concurred in the  
House amendment to CSSB 132(FIN), thus adopting:

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 132(FIN) am H  
"An Act relating to insurance; and providing for an effective date."

A message dated May 19 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

### **FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

#### **SCR 6**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by the Senate State Affairs Committee:

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 121, relating to the practice of accounting.

was read the first time and taken up later as a Special Order of Business.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citations on the first special order citation calendar 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 citations on the first special order citation calendar. There being no objection, the following citations were approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Hallie Clark  
By Representative Moore

Honoring - Josiah Samuel Ruse  
By Representatives Schwanke, Tomaszewski; Senator Cronk

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Honoring - Tom Lytle

By Representative Moore; Senator Yundt

Honoring - Julie Husmann

By Senator Shower; Representative McCabe

Honoring - Luke and Rachel Johnson

By Senator Bjorkman

Honoring - Peggy Arness

By Senator Bjorkman

Honoring - Lynnie Einerson

By Senator Bjorkman

In Memoriam - Jeffrey John Overstreet

By Representative Tilton; Senator Hughes

In Memoriam - Edward "Ed" Leach

By Senators Dunbar, Wielechowski; Representative Eischeid

In Memoriam - Wayne Carroll

By Senator Bjorkman

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

### **HB 233**

HOUSE BILL NO. 233 by Representatives Edgmon, Josephson, and Hannan, entitled:

"An Act prohibiting certain mining activities within the watershed of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Resources Committee.

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

In accordance with Rule 30(c) of the Uniform Rules, the Speaker announced that reconsideration was not available today.

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In accordance with Rule 43(b) of the Uniform Rules, the Speaker announced that engrossment may be waived on the bills on today's calendar.

### **SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

#### **SB 64**

The following, which is on today's calendar pending referral, is in the Finance Committee:

#### CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 64(FIN) am

"An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter registration; relating to election administration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to campaign contributions; relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to synthetic media in electioneering communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to voter registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the Redistricting Board; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date."

### **THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS**

#### **SB 39**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 18 calendar (page 1316), was read the third time:

#### CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 39(FIN)

"An Act relating to loans in an amount of \$25,000 or less; relating to financial institutions; relating to the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry; relating to pawnbroker licensing exemptions; relating to deferred deposit advances; relating to computing interest; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSSB 39(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 39(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

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

And so, CSSB 39(FIN) passed the House.

Representative Kopp moved the effective date clause.

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

CSSB 39(FIN)

Third Reading

Effective Date

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

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

Nay: Allard, Coulombe, McCabe, Moore, Prax, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

CSSB 39(FIN) was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

**SB 54**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 19 calendar (page 1317), was read the third time:

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### CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 54(FIN)

"An Act relating to registered interior designers and interior design; relating to project costs for the construction, enlargement, or improvement of airports; 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; establishing requirements for the practice of registered interior design; relating to the practice of architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, and registered interior design; relating to the scope of the certification requirements for architects, engineers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and registered interior designers; relating to immunity for design professionals; relating to the cost of construction for recreation centers; relating to liens for labor or materials furnished; relating to the procurement of landscape architectural and interior design services; relating to the cost of construction of safe water and hygienic sewage disposal facilities in villages; and providing for an effective date."

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.

The question being: "Shall CSSSSB 54(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSSSB 54(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

Nay: Allard, Costello, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Rauscher, Saddler, Schwanke, Tilton, Vance

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And so, CSSSSB 54(FIN) passed the House.

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.

CSSSSB 54(FIN) was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

### **SB 137**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 19 calendar (page 1321), was read the third time:

#### **CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 137(FIN)**

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; extending the termination date of the Board of Nursing; extending the termination date of the Board of Veterinary Examiners; extending the termination date of the Board of Parole; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSSB 137(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSSB 137(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

#### **YEAS: 40 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: 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, CSSB 137(FIN) passed the House.

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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CSSB 137(FIN) was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk and returned to the Senate.

**SB 156**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 19 calendar (page 1322), was read the third time:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(FSH)

"An Act relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; relating to certain loans made by the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; relating to certain commercial fishing loans; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HCS CSSB 156(FSH) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HCS CSSB 156(FSH)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

Yeas: 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, HCS CSSB 156(FSH) passed the House.

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.

HCS CSSB 156(FSH) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**THIRD READING OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS****SJR 17**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the May 19 calendar (page 1326), was read the third time:

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17**

Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of The Energy Council.

The question being: "Shall SJR 17 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SJR 17

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, SJR 17 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

**CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 121**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Senate message (page 1337) on the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 121**

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting; and providing for an effective date."

and

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SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 121(STA)

"An Act relating to the practice of accounting; relating to private professional conservators; amending Rule 17(e), Alaska Rules of Probate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 6 - title change resolution)

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 HB 121(STA)

Concur

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

Yeas: 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, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS HB 121(STA).

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

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.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The bill was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS****SCR 6**

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6**

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 121, relating to the practice of accounting.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SCR 6 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

**SCR 6**

Special Order of Business

**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, SCR 6 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the House would recess to a call of the chair; and so, the House recessed at 11:16 a.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Speaker called the House back to order at 1:14 p.m.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE****HB 35**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate passed:

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### CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(STA)

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

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

### SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 35(JUD)

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

(SCR 8 - title change resolution)

### CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

#### **HB 35**

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 35(JUD)

Concur

#### **YEAS: 28 NAYS: 12 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: Burke, Bynum, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Nelson, Prax, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Story, Stutes, Vance

Nays: Allard, Costello, Coulombe, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, Rauscher, Ruffridge, Stapp, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood

Costello changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS CSHB 35(JUD).

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The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The bill was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **SCR 8**

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

#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8**

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 35, relating to the use and possession of electronic devices by prisoners.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SCR 8 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

SCR 8

Special Order of Business

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

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

Nay: Allard, Costello, Coulombe, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, Rauscher, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood

And so, SCR 8 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

#### **HB 70**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate passed:

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 70(L&C) am

"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 following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 70(HSS)

"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; relating to civil liability of veterinarians; and providing for an effective date."

(SCR 9 - title change resolution)

### **CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

#### **HB 70**

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 70(HSS)

Concur

**YEAS: 34 NAYS: 6 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, Ruffridge, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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Nays: Allard, Prax, Rauscher, Saddler, Schwanke, Tilton

And so, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS CSHB 70(HSS).

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.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The bill was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **SCR 9**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the following by the Senate Health and Social Services Committee be taken up as a Special Order of Business:

#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9**

Suspending Rules 24(c), 35, 41(b), and 42(e), Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, concerning House Bill No. 70, relating to emergency medical services for operational canines; relating to the powers, duties, and liability of emergency medical technicians and mobile intensive care paramedics; and relating to the practice of veterinary medicine.

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall SCR 9 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

#### **SCR 9**

Special Order of Business

#### **YEAS: 36 NAYS: 4 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, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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Nays: Allard, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton

And so, SCR 9 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **HB 53**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report (page 1312) on CSHB 53(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) and SCS CSHB 53(FIN) am S. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved that the House adopt the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report, thus adopting the following:

### CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53

"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 question being: "Shall the House adopt the report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 53

Adopt

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

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

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

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And so, the House adopted CCS HB 53.

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

The question being: "Shall the House adopt the constitutional budget reserve fund appropriations?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 53

Adopt

Constitutional Budget Reserve Appropriations

**YEAS: 22 NAYS: 18 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

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

And so, lacking the required 30 votes, the appropriations were not adopted, and the new title follows:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53(brf sup maj fld H)  
"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."

Representative Kopp moved the effective date clause.

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

CCS HB 53(brf sup maj fld H)

Adopt

Effective Date

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

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

Nays: Allard, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, Nelson, Prax, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Elam changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The Senate adopted the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report (May 20).

CCS HB 53(brf sup maj fld H) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

**HB 55**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House consider the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report (page 1312) on CSHB 55(FIN) and SCS CSHB 55(FIN) am S. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved that the House adopt the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report, thus adopting the following:

CONFERENCE CS FOR 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 question being: "Shall the House adopt the report?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CCS HB 55

Adopt

**YEAS: 33 NAYS: 7 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nay: Allard, McCabe, Moore, Prax, Rauscher, Schwanke, Tilton

And so, the House adopted CCS HB 55.

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.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The Senate adopted the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report (May 20).

CCS HB 55 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment and enrollment.

## MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

### **HB 123**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate passed CSHB 123(FIN) with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

#### **SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 123(FIN)**

"An Act relating to vehicle rental taxes; relating to the issuance of subpoenas related to tax records; and providing for an effective date."

## **CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

### **HB 123**

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

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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 123(FIN)

Concur

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

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

Nays: Rauscher

And so, the House concurred in the Senate amendment, thus adopting SCS CSHB 123(FIN).

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 was objection.

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

SCS CSHB 123(FIN)

Effective Date

Concur

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

Yeas: 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

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And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

The bill was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### **HJR 11**

The following memorandum dated May 19 was received from Lora Brown, Enrolling Secretary, Division of Legal and Research Services:

"In accordance with Rule 43, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am reporting the following manifest errors in CSHJR 11(RES) am S, which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 5, line 9, following "Canada;":

Insert "the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs of Canada;"

Page 5, lines 10 - 11:

Delete "the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, of Canada;""

### **HB 57**

The engrossed and enrolled copies of the following were transmitted to Emily Nauman, Director of Legal Services:

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."

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**HB 105**

Representative Dibert added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 105

"An Act relating to mental health education."

**HB 231**

Representative Hall added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 231

"An Act relating to education; relating to education reports; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to teacher exit interviews conducted by school districts; relating to the teachers' retirement system; relating to the public employee retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

**SJR 17**

Representatives Dibert, Schrage, Allard, and Mears added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Recognizing and honoring the 50th anniversary of The Energy Council.

**SB 39**

Representative Mina added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 39(FIN)

"An Act relating to loans in an amount of \$25,000 or less; relating to financial institutions; relating to the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry; relating to pawnbroker licensing exemptions; relating to deferred deposit advances; relating to computing interest; and providing for an effective date."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**SB 156**

HCS CSSB 156(FIN) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE****HJR 13**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate passed:

**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.

CSHJR 13(MLV) was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

**HB 31**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate passed:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 31**

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial vessels; and relating to the derelict vessel prevention program fund."

HB 31 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

**HB 174**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate passed:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 174**

"An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing."

HB 174 was referred to the Chief Clerk for enrollment.

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**SB 156**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate concurred in the House amendment to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(FIN)

"An Act relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; relating to certain loans made by the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; relating to certain commercial fishing loans; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 4, ch. 25, SLA 2024; and providing for an effective date."

thus adopting:

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 156(FSH)

"An Act relating to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; relating to certain loans made by the Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank; relating to certain commercial fishing loans; and providing for an effective date."

(technical title change)

**HB 53**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate adopted the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report on CSHB 53(FIN) am(brf sup maj fld)(efd fld) and SCS CSHB 53(FIN) am S, thus adopting:

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 53

"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 House adopted CCS HB 53(brf sup maj fld H) (page 1352).

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### **HB 55**

A message dated May 20 was received stating the Senate adopted the Conference Committee with limited powers of free conference report on CSHB 55(FIN) and SCS CSHB 55(FIN) am S, thus adopting:

#### **CONFERENCE CS FOR 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 adopted CCS HB 55 (page 1354).

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

With appointment of the Conference Committee on the operating budget, Uniform Rule 23(d) is in effect as of May 12.

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Eischeid moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 1:00 p.m., January 20, 2026. There being no objection, the House adjourned the First Session of the Thirty-Fourth Legislature at 1:53 p.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk