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Monday

January 26, 2026

Seventh Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:38 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Jimmie and Vance be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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.

In deepest respect for the religious beliefs of each person here,
I invite you into a time of prayer and reflection. Let us pray:

Heavenly Father,

We come before you grateful for the opportunity to serve. We ask for wisdom and discernment as we make decisions that will shape the future of Alaska. Your word reminds us in James 1:5 that if any of us lacks wisdom, we should ask you - because you give generously to all without finding fault. Today, we ask for just that. That we would align ourselves with your perfect will for this land.

Help us to see clearly, to listen well, and to act with integrity. Where challenges feel complex, give us creative and practical

solutions. Where there is division, bring humility, understanding, and unity. Remind us that we are here not for ourselves, but to faithfully steward this responsibility for the good of all Alaskans, today and for generations to come.

Guide our words, our votes, and our actions. May they reflect courage, compassion, and a commitment to what is right. I ask that you would cover and protect each of my colleagues and their families while they settle into this session, to do this work.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Johnson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated January 22 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 25 and 26, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the Governor submits the following names for legislative confirmation of appointment to the positions noted.

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Attorney General, Department of Law

Stephen Cox – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/29/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

John Crowther – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/1/2025

The Speaker referred the following to the Education Committee:

Board of Education and Early Development

Pamela Dupras – Anchorage

Appointed: 7/7/2023

Term Expired: 3/1/2025

Reappointed: 9/29/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Michael Robbins – Ketchikan

Appointed: 11/6/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

The Speaker referred the following to the House Special Committee on Fisheries:

Fishermen's Fund Advisory and Appeals Council

Renee Alward – Homer

Appointed: 3/1/2016

Term Expired: 3/1/2021

Reappointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2031

The Speaker referred the following to the Health & Social Services Committee:

State Medical Board

Michael McNamara – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/20/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Norman Walker – Wrangell

Appointed: 12/30/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

The Speaker referred the following to the Judiciary Committee:

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Aldean Kilbourn – Fairbanks

Appointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expired: 7/9/2025

Reappointed: 7/9/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Donald McClintock III – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2017

Term Expired: 3/1/2021

Reappointed: 3/1/2021

Term Expired: 7/9/2025

Reappointed: 7/9/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Jane Mores – Juneau

Appointed: 4/2/2019

Term Expired: 3/1/2020

Reappointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expired: 3/1/2024

Reappointed: 7/9/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Alaska Judicial Council

John Wood – Willow

Appointed: 5/29/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2031

Violent Crimes Compensation Board

Anna Cometa - Anchorage

Appointed: 5/30/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Joel Hard – Palmer

Appointed: 11/12/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

The Speaker referred the following to the Labor & Commerce Committee:

Alaska State Board of Public Accountancy

Elizabeth Stuart – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Dana Walukiewicz – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2020

Term Expired: 3/10/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Board of Barbers and Hairdressers

Danielle Hager – Galena

Appointed: 6/11/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Edward Barrington – Anchorage

Appointed: 6/30/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Walter Campbell – Palmer

Appointed: 3/1/2010 Term Expired: 3/1/2014

Reappointed: 3/1/2014 Term Expired: 3/1/2018

Reappointed: 3/1/2022 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Dental Examiners

Travis Perkins – Soldotna

Appointed: 12/23/2025 Term Expires: 3/1/2027

Alaska Labor Relations Agency

Jennifer McConnel – Girdwood

Appointed: 3/1/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Tammy Schultz – Homer

Appointed: 5/12/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Marijuana Control Board

Daron Cooper – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Ely Cyrus – Kiana

Appointed: 1/4/2022 Term Expired: 3/1/2023

Reappointed: 3/1/2023 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Board of Massage Therapists

Victoria Acree – North Pole

Appointed: 11/12/2025 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Annetta Atwell – North Pole

Appointed: 5/25/2022 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Scherri Hoopes – Fairbanks

Appointed: 10/13/2025 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives

Stacia Miller – Valdez

Appointed: 4/14/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Nursing

Heather Crivello – Kodiak

Appointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Examiners in Optometry

Damien Delzer – Fairbanks

Appointed: 1/12/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Kathleen Rice – Kenai

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Charles Rudstrom – Soldotna

Appointed: 5/22/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Pharmacy

Rebekah Balmes – Anchorage

Appointed: 12/30/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

State Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Board

Eliza Ellsworth – Bethel

Appointed: 6/11/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Michelle Scott-Weber – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Professional Counselors

Crystal Herring – Anchorage

Appointed: 9/19/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners

Chad Scott – Wasilla

Appointed: 6/11/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers

McKenzie LaBuda – Wasilla

Appointed: 11/1/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Social Work Examiners

Ivy Villani – Wasilla

Appointed: 6/11/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Board of Veterinary Examiners

Ciara Vollaro – Wasilla

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Anthony Ladd – Anchorage

Appointed: 11/5/2020

Term Expired: 3/10/2023

Reappointed: 3/10/2023

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Randall McLellan II – Wasilla

Appointed: 10/13/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Brian Zematis – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/11/2024

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

The Speaker referred the following to the Resources Committee:

Big Game Commercial Services Board

Brianna Hauch – North Pole

Appointed: 8/25/2025

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Larry Kunder – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/25/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Robert Mumford – Anchorage

Appointed: 8/25/2025 Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

Tom McKay – Anchorage

Appointed: 1/22/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2027

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs Committee:

State Commission for Human Rights

Mary Salazar – Anchorage

Appointed: 10/13/2025 Term Expires: 3/1/2030

State Board of Parole

Steve Meyer – Kenai

Appointed: 3/1/2021 Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026 Term Expires: 3/1/2031

The Speaker referred the following to the State Affairs and Judiciary Committees:

Alaska Police Standards Council

Veronica Lambertsen – Bird Creek

Appointed: 8/25/2025 Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Resumes for the appointments are on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters of disclosure received from the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics, as required by AS 24.60, were published in House Journal Supplement No. 9 and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 12.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Hmong American Veterans Day

By Representatives Fields, Eischeid; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - The Alaska Permanent Fund, 50th Anniversary
By Senator Stevens; Representative Edgmon

Honoring - The League of Women Voters of Anchorage, 75th Anniversary
By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representatives Eischeid, Hall

In Memoriam - Raymond "Ray" Lee
By Representatives Fields, Galvin; Senator Merrick

In Memoriam - Marilyn Delores Fly
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski; Representative Mears

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 281

HOUSE BILL NO. 281 by Representative Saddler, entitled:

"An Act relating to rounding cash transactions to the nearest five cents."

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

HB 282

HOUSE BILL NO. 282 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal regulation of automated traffic safety cameras."

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

HB 283

HOUSE BILL NO. 283 by the House Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act 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."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

HJR 22

Representative Holland added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

Requesting the United States Congress to propose an 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; 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.

HB 202

Representative Carrick 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."

HB 270

Representative Underwood added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 270

"An Act relating to the prescription of opioid overdose drugs."

SB 6

Representative Carrick added as a cross sponsor to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 6(EDC)

"An Act requiring education in the history and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders."

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., January 28. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk