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Monday

February 2, 2026

Fourteenth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:34 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Greg White of First Baptist Church. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Having respect for all cultures of Alaskans, I pray according to my faith:

Heavenly Father,

In Jesus' name, I come to you lifting up all members of the Alaskan House of Representatives. I pray you grace them with everything they need to well represent Alaska. Help them to resolve differences and find unity where possible. I ask you fill them with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding that they, setting aside themselves, do those things best for Alaska and the United States of America.

I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative McCabe.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 11th, 12th, and 13th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration

Division of Finance

2025 Compensation and Travel Report of Executive Positions
(as required by AS 37.05.210)

Dept. of Administration

Division of Risk Management

FY 2026 Report

(as required by AS 37.05.287)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Alaska Regional Development Organizations

FY 2025 Annual Report

(as required by AS 44.33.896)

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Division of Investments

State Loan, Reinstatements, and Fisheries Enhancement Term
Extensions

2025 Combined Annual Report

(as required by AS 37.05.035, 16.10.350, and 16.10.510)

Dept. of Corrections

Interstate Compact Commission

2025 Annual Report

(as required by AS 33.36.135)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Dept. of Education & Early Development

Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development

University of Alaska

2026 Alaska Performance Scholarship Outcomes Report

(as required by AS 14.43.840)

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Dept. of Environmental Conservation
Alaska Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds
Annual Loan Fund Report
FY 2025
(as required by AS 37.05.035 and 46.03.032)

Dept. of Fish & Game
Division of Wildlife Conservation
Board of Game Allocation of Big Game Hunting Opportunities
January 31, 2026
(as required by AS 16.05.050)

Dept. of Natural Resources
Carbon Offset Program
2025 Annual Report
(as required by AS 38.95.450)

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil & Gas
5-Year Program of Proposed Oil and Gas Lease Sales &
Gas-Only Lease Sales
February 1, 2026
(as required by AS 38.05.180)

Dept. of Natural Resources
Division of Oil & Gas
Carbon Storage Licensing and Leasing Program
2025 Annual Report
(as required by AS 38.05.735)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 47

The Judiciary 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."

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and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 47(JUD)

"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 Representative Gray, Chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (7): Underwood, Eischeid, Vance, Costello, Mina, Kopp, Gray

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

7. Zero, Dept. of Public Safety
8. Zero, Dept. of Law
9. Zero, Dept. of Family & Community Services
10. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development
11. Zero, Dept. of Administration
12. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System
13. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 47 was referred to the Rules Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

The following citation was introduced and referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar:

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage, 25th Anniversary of the Center for Community Engagement & Learning
By Representatives Mina, Gray, Eischeid

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 288

HOUSE BILL NO. 288 by Representative Fields, entitled:

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"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.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

HOUSE BILLS IN SECOND READING

HB 39

The following, which was read the second time and returned to the Rules Committee (page 1260), was before the House in second reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(EDC)

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

The Rules Committee submitted the following fiscal note(s):

2. Zero, Dept. of Education & Early Development

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 39(EDC) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 39(EDC) was read the third time.

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

CSHB 39(EDC)
Third Reading
Final Passage

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

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Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, Frier, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Johnson, Josephson, Kopp, McCabe, Mears, Mina, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

And so, CSHB 39(EDC) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 - Steve Ribuffo
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Claman

Honoring - Major Anthony April
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Wielechowski; Representative Kopp

Honoring - The 2026 Alaska Business Hall of Fame Laureates
By Senator Claman; Representative Costello

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 McCabe – from 5:00 p.m., February 5 to 9:30 a.m., February 9

HB 25

Representative Carrick added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

"An Act relating to disposable food service ware; and providing for an effective date."

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Representatives Schwanke, Vance, D. Nelson, McCabe, Mina, and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 39(EDC)

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

HB 47

Representative St. Clair added as a cosponsor to:

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."

HB 81

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

"An Act restricting the release of certain records of convictions; and providing for an effective date."

HB 161

Representatives Allard, Costello, Underwood, Vance, Tomaszewski, McCabe, Prax, and St. Clair added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

"An Act relating to minimum paid sick leave requirements; and providing for an effective date."

HB 278

Representative Hall added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 278

"An Act establishing the Alaska-Ireland Trade Commission; and providing for an effective date."

ENGROSSMENT**HB 39**

CSHB 39(EDC) was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 4. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk