

# HOUSE JOURNAL

## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

### THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

#### SECOND SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Friday

February 6, 2026

#### Eighteenth Day

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

Roll call showed 39 members present.

Representative Frier had been excused from a call of the House today.

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. In today's prayer, I yield, as usual, my heart to you, Lord. What you want, I choose to want. I set aside my thoughts, actions, attitudes, wants, and desires for you. What you want is better and higher and greater than what I want. What you want is best. Help me to see clearly, to listen closely, and to walk with you. This I pray for me but also for this representative body.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Moore.

## **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 16th and 17th legislative days and House Journal Supplement No. 10 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

## **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated February 4 was received requesting concurrence from the Legislature to extend the conditions of the 2025 West Coast Storm Disaster emergency in accordance with AS 26.23.020. The letter was copied to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and is on file in the Chief Clerk's office.

## **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated February 4 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., March 31 to hear the annual address by U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Dept. of Administration  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
Annual Report  
January 31, 2026  
(as required by AS 44.64.020)

Alaska Court System  
FY 2025 Annual Report  
FY 2025 Statistical Report  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Alaska Task Force for the Regulation of Psychedelic Medicines  
Final Recommendations Report  
June 2025  
(as required by Chapter No. 60, SLA 2024)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Judiciary Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to the House for ratification:

Deborah Fancher  
Chase Berenson, alternate

as members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The report was signed by Representative Gray, Chair; and Representatives Underwood, Eischeid, Vance, Mina, and Kopp.

**HCR 9**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9**

Honoring the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America.

and recommends it be replaced with:

**CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9(STA)**  
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): St. Clair, Holland, Himschoot, Story, Carrick

No recommendation (2): Vance, McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHCR 9(STA):

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 9 was referred to the Rules Committee.

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**HB 20**

The Judiciary Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

"An Act relating to fees for paper documents; and relating to unfair trade practices."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 20(JUD)

"An Act relating to fees for paper documents; relating to unfair trade practices; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (5): Underwood, Eischeid, Kopp, Mina, Vance

No recommendation (1): Gray

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 20(JUD):

2. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 20 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House ratify the appointment of Deborah Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Deborah Fancher to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics  
Ratify - Deborah Fancher

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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Yea: Allard, Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, 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

Nay: Vance

Excused: Frier

And so, the appointment was ratified.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House ratify the appointment of Chase Berenson, alternate, to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Chase Berenson, alternate, to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics

Ratify - Chase Berenson (alternate)

**YEAS: 38 NAYS: 1 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yea: Allard, Bynum, Carrick, Costello, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Elam, Fields, Foster, 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

Nay: Vance

Excused: Frier

And so, the appointment was ratified.

The Senate ratified the appointments (page 1552).

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

In Memoriam - Johnnie Ticket Sr.  
By Representatives Frier, Foster; Senator Olson

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

Honoring - Legislative Information Offices, 50th Anniversary  
By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representatives Josephson, Galvin

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Johnnie Ticket Sr., 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 citation. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Johnnie Ticket Sr.  
By Representatives Frier, Foster; Senator Olson

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 294**

HOUSE BILL NO. 294 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act relating to health care insurance deductibles."

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

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### **HB 295**

HOUSE BILL NO. 295 by Representatives McCabe and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to allowable absences for eligibility for a permanent fund dividend; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **HB 296**

HOUSE BILL NO. 296 by Representative Mears, entitled:

"An Act relating to leases of state land for agricultural purposes; and providing for an effective date."

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

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

#### **HB 176**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 4 calendar (page 1558), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

"An Act relating to notice of new fees and fee increases from the University of Alaska; relating to billing statements from the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HB 176 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 176

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 36 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nay: Moore, D.Nelson, Ruffridge

Excused: Frier

And so, HB 176 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.

HB 176 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citation on the calendar. There being no objection, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

In Memoriam - Balin Miller  
By Representative Johnson

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the following members be excused from a call of the House. There being no objection, the members were excused as noted:

Representative Bynum – from 6:00 a.m., February 13 to 9:30 p.m., February 15

Representative Vance – from noon, February 6 to 10:00 p.m., February 8

Representative Saddler – from 6:30 p.m., February 11 to 10:30 p.m., February 15

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**HB 47**

Representative Prax 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 124**

Representative Mina added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

"An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 133**

Representatives Frier, Dibert, and Schrage added as cosponsors to:

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 161**

Representative Schwanke added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 161

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

**HB 176**

Representative Galvin added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 176

"An Act relating to notice of new fees and fee increases from the University of Alaska; relating to billing statements from the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

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### **HB 195**

Representative Story added as a cosponsor to:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 195

"An Act relating to the prescription and administration of drugs and devices by pharmacists; relating to reciprocity for pharmacists; and providing for an effective date."

### **HB 202**

Representatives Coulombe, Foster, and Elam added as cosponsors to:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 202

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

### **HB 257**

Representative Costello added as a cosponsor to:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 257

"An Act relating to the regulation of residential solar energy generation and portable solar generation devices."

## **ENGROSSMENT**

### **HB 176**

HB 176 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 9. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk