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Wednesday

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Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Reverend Guy Crockroft of Love in The Name of Christ. 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:

Dear Heavenly Father,
I thank you for this day, for this beautiful state of Alaska, and for each representative.

As the Apostle Paul encouraged Timothy to pray for our leaders, I gladly and humbly ask for your blessings upon each of these leaders in the Alaska House of Representatives.

May you grant them wisdom, discernment, insight, humility, compassion, and integrity as they work together to benefit all Alaskans.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Story.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 28th and 29th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Stapp introduced Mack Gifford, Guest Page, from Fairbanks.

Representative Johnson introduced Dax Kennedy, Guest Page, from Palmer.

Representative Vance introduced Etolin Mill, Guest Page, from Ninilchik.

Representative Tomaszewski introduced Joshua Barney, Guest Page, from Two Rivers.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

Dept. of Health
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
Registration and Review Report
FY 2025
(as required by AS 47.80.130)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Aldean Kilbourn
Jane Mores

as members of the Commission on Judicial Conduct.

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

HB 124

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 124

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 124(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Holland, Himschoot, Carrick

Do not pass (3): Vance, McCabe, St. Clair

Amend (1): Story

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 124(STA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 124 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 195

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

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."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 195(L&C)

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

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

Do pass (3): Carrick, Saddler, Hall

No recommendation (1): Fields

Amend (2): Coulombe, D. Nelson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 195(L&C):

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

HB 195 was referred to the Finance Committee.

HB 289

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations, including supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; 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 report was signed by Representatives Schrage, Foster, and Josephson, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (6): Jimmie, Galvin, Hannan, Schrage, Foster, Josephson

Amend (5): Bynum, Moore, Stapp, Allard, Tomaszewski

HB 289 is on today's calendar.

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The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the House Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 10:51 a.m.

AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:05 a.m.

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 11:06 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Stevens appointed Representative St. Clair and Senator Hoffman to escort the Senator to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

Senator Sullivan was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Stevens and Speaker Edgmon.

Senator Sullivan delivered his address, and it is published in House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 14.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Sullivan received a standing ovation.

Senator Giessel moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Stevens adjourned the joint session at 12:38 p.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 3:34 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Joe Stevens

By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

Honoring - The Manson-Osberg-GHEMM Consortium on the 50th Anniversary of the E.L. Patton Yukon River Bridge

By Representatives Prax, Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

Honoring - King's Christian School

By Senator Tilton

In Memoriam - Shawn Curtis Evans

By Representatives Stapp, Tomaszewski; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Jirdes Winther Baxter
By Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Charlie Kirk
By Representatives Stapp, Allard; Senator Myers

In Memoriam - Ray Tauriainen
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Elam

In Memoriam - Michael Jacob Tauriainen
By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Elam

In Memoriam - Joyce Willene Fischer
By Senator Bjorkman

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 32

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32 by the House Health and Social Services Committee:

Expressing commitment to the rural health transformation program and articulating priorities for the program; acknowledging the critical health care challenges facing rural areas of the state; urging action by the Governor and the Alaska delegation in Congress to continue to advocate for the state's interests and advance the rural health transformation program; and expressing legislative intent to enact comprehensive legislation relating to the rural health transformation program and the state's medical care and critical health care needs.

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

HJR 33

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33 by Representative Bynum:

Encouraging the United States Congress to provide a legal resolution to inequitable aboriginal land claims in the state; and

encouraging the Alaska delegation in Congress to work with affected communities in the state.

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Tribal Affairs.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 312

HOUSE BILL NO. 312 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to a state energy policy; relating to the green energy grant fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 313

HOUSE BILL NO. 313 by Representative Ruffridge by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to professional employee organizations in public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 314

HOUSE BILL NO. 314 by Representative Prax, entitled:

"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."

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

HB 315

HOUSE BILL NO. 315 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to the qualifications and confirmation of appointees to the Board of Trustees of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 316

HOUSE BILL NO. 316 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act adjusting for inflation the limit for damages for losses that may be awarded for a personal injury or wrongful death."

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

HB 317

HOUSE BILL NO. 317 by Representative Holland, entitled:

"An Act relating to maintenance of transportation facilities in wildland urban interface zones."

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

HB 318

HOUSE BILL NO. 318 by Representatives Elam, Ruffridge, and Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to use of social media platforms by minors; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 319

HOUSE BILL NO. 319 by Representative Elam, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal educational service areas; relating to municipal bonds; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 320

HOUSE BILL NO. 320 by Representative Elam, entitled:

"An Act relating to voter registration and application for a permanent fund dividend."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 289

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 289

"An Act making supplemental appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; and providing for an effective date."

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with the:

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Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations, including supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; 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."

Representative Stapp objected.

The question being: "Shall the House adopt CSHB 289(FIN)?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 289

Second Reading

Adopt Finance CS

YEAS: 21 NAYS: 19 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

And so, CSHB 289(FIN) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Costello:

Page 17, following line 28:

Insert a new bill section to read:

"* Sec. 20. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: CAPITAL. The amount of federal receipts received during the fiscal

years ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027, for creating a statewide project permitting dashboard is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources, administration and support services, for that purpose."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 20, lines 30 - 31:

Delete "17 - 20"

Insert "17 - 21"

Page 21, lines 3 - 4:

Delete "20(a), 21, 22, and 24"

Insert "20, 21(a), 22, 23, and 25"

Page 21, line 5:

Delete "20(b)"

Insert "21(b)"

Page 21, line 10:

Delete "20(b)"

Insert "21(b)"

Page 21, line 11:

Delete "sec. 25"

Insert "sec. 26"

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

Representative Josephson objected.

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

CSHB 289(FIN)

Second Reading

Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 2 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 1, lines 1 - 3 (title amendment):

Delete ", **capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund**"

Page 2, line 1, through page 21, line 12:

Delete all material and insert:

“* **Section 1.** The following appropriations are for capital projects and grants from the general fund or other funds as set out in sec. 2 of this Act by funding source to the agencies named for the purposes expressed. They lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise noted.

	Appropriation Allocations	General Items Funds	Other Funds
* * * * *		* * * * *	
* * * * Department of Transportation and Public Facilities * * * *			
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Federal Program Match	13,000,000	13,000,000
Federal-Aid Highway State Match (HD 1-40)	13,000,000	

(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 2.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	13,000,000
*** Total Agency Funding ***	13,000,000
* * * * * Total Budget * * * * *	13,000,000

(SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Unrestricted General	
1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	13,000,000
*** Total Unrestricted General ***	13,000,000

(SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 4.** FUND TRANSFERS. The following amounts are appropriated to the general fund from the sources indicated:

(1) the amount collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, estimated to be \$6,080,000, from the surcharge levied under AS 43.55.300; and

(2) the amount collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, estimated to be \$6,100,000, from the surcharge levied under AS 43.40.005.

* **Sec. 5.** ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY. The sum of \$17,000,000 has been declared available by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority board of directors under AS 44.88.088 for appropriation as the dividend for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. If, after the appropriations made to the general fund in this Act, the unrestricted state revenue available for appropriation in fiscal year 2026 is insufficient to cover the general fund appropriations that take effect in fiscal year 2026 that are made in this Act, as passed by the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature in the Second Regular Session and enacted into law, the amount necessary to balance revenue and general fund appropriations that take effect in fiscal year 2026 that are made in this Act, as passed by the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature in the Second Regular Session and enacted into law, not to exceed the balance of the amount declared available by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority board of directors under AS 44.88.088 for appropriation as the dividend for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, that remains after deductions for appropriations for capital purposes are made from the amount, is appropriated to the general fund from the unrestricted balance in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority revolving fund (AS 44.88.060), the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund (AS 44.88.660), and the Arctic infrastructure development fund (AS 44.88.810).

* **Sec. 6.** LAPSE. The appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act are for capital projects and lapse under AS 37.25.020.

* **Sec. 7.** Sections 4 and 5 of this Act take effect June 30, 2026.

* **Sec. 8.** Except as provided in sec. 7 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 2 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 2 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 2

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 2 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 3 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 1, lines 1 - 3 (title amendment):

Delete **"making appropriations, including supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds;"**

Insert **"making supplemental appropriations;"**

Page 2, line 1, through page 21, line 12:

Delete all material and insert:

**** Section 1.** The following appropriations are for capital projects and

grants from the general fund or other funds as set out in sec. 2 of this Act by funding source to the agencies named for the purposes expressed. They lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise noted.

	Appropriation Allocations	General Items	Other Funds	Funds
*****			*****	
**** Department of Transportation and Public Facilities ****			*****	
*****			*****	

Federal Program Match 13,000,000 13,000,000

Federal-Aid Highway State 13,000,000

Match (HD 1-40)

(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 2.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
1001 Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund	13,000,000
*** Total Agency Funding ***	13,000,000
***** Total Budget *****	13,000,000

(SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Unrestricted General	
1001 Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund	13,000,000
*** Total Unrestricted General ***	13,000,000

(SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 4.** CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND. The appropriations made from the constitutional budget reserve fund in sec. 1 of this Act are made under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska.

* **Sec. 5.** LAPSE. The appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act are for capital projects and lapse under AS 37.25.020.

* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 3 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Amendment No. 3

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 3 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 4 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 1, lines 1 – 2 (title amendment):

Delete ", **capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations**"

Page 2, line 1, through page 21, line 12:

Delete all material and insert:

"* **Section 1.** The following appropriations are for capital projects and grants from the general fund or other funds as set out in sec. 2 of this Act by funding source to the agencies named for the purposes expressed. They lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise noted.

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
* * * * *		* * * * *	
* * * * *	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities		* * * * *
	* * * * *		* * * * *

Federal Program Match	13,000,000	13,000,000
Federal-Aid Highway State Match (HD 1-40)	13,000,000	

(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 2.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	13,000,000
*** Total Agency Funding ***	13,000,000
***** Total Budget *****	13,000,000

(SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Unrestricted General	
1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	13,000,000
*** Total Unrestricted General ***	13,000,000

(SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 4.** ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. (a) The board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation anticipates that \$54,275,000 of the adjusted change in net assets from the second preceding fiscal year will be available for appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

(b) The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation shall retain the amount set out in (a) of this section for the purpose of paying debt service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in the estimated amount of \$2,500,000 for debt service on the bonds authorized under sec. 4, ch. 120, SLA 2004.

(c) After deductions for the item set out in (b) of this section and deductions for appropriations for operating and capital purposes are made, the remaining balance of the amount set out in (a) of this section, not to exceed \$25,820,000, is appropriated to the general fund.

* **Sec. 5.** ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY. The sum of \$17,000,000 has been declared available by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority board of directors under AS 44.88.088 for appropriation as the dividend for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. After deductions for appropriations for capital purposes are made, any remaining balance of the amount set out in this section is appropriated from the unrestricted balance in the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority revolving fund (AS 44.88.060), the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund (AS 44.88.660), and the Arctic infrastructure development fund (AS 44.88.810) to the general fund.

* **Sec. 6.** FUND CAPITALIZATION. (a) The sum of \$40,000,000 is

appropriated from the general fund to the disaster relief fund (AS 26.23.300(a)).

(b) The sum of \$35,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the disaster relief fund (AS 26.23.300(a)).

* **Sec. 7. FUND TRANSFERS.** The following amounts are appropriated to the general fund from the sources indicated:

(1) the amount collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, estimated to be \$6,080,000, from the surcharge levied under AS 43.55.300; and

(2) the amount collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, estimated to be \$6,100,000, from the surcharge levied under AS 43.40.005.

* **Sec. 8. CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND.** (a) If, after the appropriations made to the general fund in this Act, the unrestricted state revenue available for appropriation in fiscal year 2026 is insufficient to cover the general fund appropriations that take effect in fiscal year 2026 that are made in this Act, as passed by the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature in the Second Regular Session and enacted into law, the amount necessary to balance revenue and general fund appropriations that take effect in fiscal year 2026 that are made in this Act, as passed by the Thirty-Fourth Alaska State Legislature in the Second Regular Session and enacted into law, not to exceed \$15,000,000, is appropriated to the general fund from the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska).

(b) The appropriations made from the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska) in (a) of this section are made under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska.

* **Sec. 9. LAPSE.** (a) The appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act are for capital projects and lapse under AS 37.25.020.

(b) The appropriations made in sec. 6 of this Act are for the capitalization of a fund and do not lapse.

* **Sec. 10. CONTINGENCY.** The appropriation made in sec. 6(b) of this Act is contingent on the state's match rate as of June 30, 2026, remaining at 25 percent of the state's costs for disaster relief under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's major disaster declaration for the state because of Typhoon Halong (FEMA-4893-DR).

* **Sec. 11.** Sections 7 and 8 of this Act take effect June 30, 2026.

* **Sec. 12.** Except as provided in sec. 11 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

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Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 4 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 4 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 4

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 4 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 5 was not offered.

Amendment No. 6 was offered by Representative Tomaszewski:

Page 15, line 18, following "LAW.":

Insert "(a)"

Page 15, following line 21:

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(b) The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Law, civil division, for litigation relating to the defense of rights to develop and protect the state's natural resources, to access land, to manage its fish and wildlife resources, and to protect state sovereignty for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026."

Representative Tomaszewski moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 6 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 6 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

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Second Reading

Amendment No. 6

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 6 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 7 was offered by Representative Stapp:

Page 1, lines 1 – 3 (title amendment):

Delete **"making appropriations, including supplemental appropriations, capital appropriations, reappropriations, and other appropriations; amending appropriations; capitalizing funds;"**

Insert **"making supplemental appropriations;"**

Page 2, line 1, through page 21, line 12:

Delete all material and insert:

"* Section 1. The following appropriations are for capital projects and grants from the general fund or other funds as set out in sec. 2 of this Act by funding source to the agencies named for the purposes expressed. They lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise noted.

	Appropriation Allocations	General Items	Other Funds	Funds
* * * * *			* * * * *	
* * * * Department of Transportation and Public Facilities * * * *				
* * * * *			* * * * *	
Federal Program Match			69,695,087	69,695,087

Federal-Aid Highway State 58,276,155
Match (HD 1-40)

Other Federal Program Match 1,611,548
(HD 1-40)

Federal-Aid Aviation State 9,807,384
Match (HD 1-40)

Statewide Federal Programs 459,000 459,000

Federal Transit 400,000
Administration Grants (HD 1-40)
Highway Safety Grants 59,000
Program (HD 1-40)

(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 2.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
1001 Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund	70,154,087
*** Total Agency Funding ***	70,154,087
*** Total Budget ***	70,154,087

(SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act.

Funding Source	Amount
Unrestricted General	
1001 Constitutional Budget Reserve Fund	70,154,087
*** Total Unrestricted General ***	70,154,087

(SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

* **Sec. 4.** CONSTITUTIONAL BUDGET RESERVE FUND. The appropriations made from the constitutional budget reserve fund in sec. 1 of this Act are made under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska.

* **Sec. 5.** LAPSE. The appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act are for capital projects and lapse under AS 37.25.020.

* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c)."

Representative Stapp moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 7 be adopted.

Representative Josephson objected.

Representative Stutes, citing Section 101 of Mason's Manual, rose to points of order regarding confining remarks to the motion before the body.

The Speaker cautioned the members to confine remarks to the motion before the body.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 7 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 289(FIN)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 7

YEAS: 19 NAYS: 21 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Johnson, McCabe, Moore, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

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

And so, Amendment No. 7 was not adopted.

Amendment No. 8 was offered by Representative Tomaszewski:

Page 14, before line 1:

Insert a new bill section to read:

**** Sec. 7. ALASKA PERMANENT FUND.** An amount equal to the amount authorized under AS 37.13.145(b) for transfer by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation on June 30, 2026, estimated to be \$2,429,600,000, is appropriated from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145) to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the payment of permanent fund dividends and for administrative and associated costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027."

Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

Page 20, lines 30 - 31:

Delete "17 - 20"

Insert "18 - 21"

Page 21, line 1:

Delete "secs. 15(b) - (d) and 16"

Insert "secs. 7, 16(b) - (d), and 17"

Page 21, lines 3 - 4:

Delete "Sections 1 - 8, 9(a) - (c) and (e), 10 - 17, 20(a), 21, 22, and 24"

Insert "Sections 1 - 6, 8, 9, 10(a) - (c) and (e), 11 - 18, 21(a), 22, 23, and 25"

Page 21, line 5:

Delete "Sections 9(d), 18, 19, and 20(b)"

Insert "Sections 10(d), 19, 20, and 21(b)"

Page 21, line 6:

Delete "sec. 15(c)"

Insert "sec. 16(c)"

Page 21, line 10:

Delete all material and insert:

"* **Sec. 26.** Sections 10(d), 19, 20, and 21(b) of this Act take effect June 30, 2026.

* **Sec. 27.** Section 7 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2026."

Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

Page 21, line 11:

Delete "sec. 25"

Insert "secs. 26 and 27"

Representative Tomaszewski moved and asked unanimous consent that Amendment No. 8 be adopted.

Representative Kopp objected.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 8 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 289(FIN)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 8

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

Yeas: Allard, Costello, Elam, Foster, McCabe, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, St. Clair, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Bynum, Carrick, Coulombe, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Frier, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Holland, Jimmie, Johnson, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Moore, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, Stapp, Story, Stutes

And so, Amendment No. 8 was not adopted.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 289(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 289(FIN) will advance to third reading on the February 20 calendar.

LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House approve the citations on the calendar.

Representative Allard objected and moved and asked unanimous consent to divide the question to consider separately the citation Honoring - Assemblyman Felix Rivera.

Objection was heard and withdrawn. There being no further objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall the House approve the citation Honoring - Assemblyman Felix Rivera?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Approve Citation(s) on the Calendar
Honoring - Assemblyman Felix Rivera

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

Yeas: Bynum, Carrick, Dibert, Edgmon, Eischeid, Fields, Foster, Frier, Galvin, Gray, Hall, Hannan, Himschoot, Jimmie, Josephson, Kopp, Mears, Mina, Moore, Ruffridge, Schrage, Story, Stutes

Nays: Allard, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Holland, Johnson, McCabe, D.Nelson, G.Nelson, Prax, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

And so, the following citation was approved and sent to enrolling:

Honoring - Assemblyman Felix Rivera

By Senator Gray-Jackson; Representatives Josephson, Galvin

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

Honoring - W. Jeffery Brady

By Senator Kiehl; Representatives Hannan, Story

Honoring - The American Red Cross

By Senators Tobin, Olson; Representative Jimmie

Honoring - Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, 80th Anniversary

By Senators Tobin, Claman; Representative Gray

In Memoriam - Vicki Lee Wallner

By Senators Tilton, Rauscher

In Memoriam - Thomas "Tom" Gordon Porter Jr.

By Senator Tilton; Representative St. Clair

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:

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Representative Elam – from
noon, February 20 to 9:30 p.m., February 22
noon, February 27 to 9:30 p.m., March 1

Representative Moore – from 8:00 a.m., March 6 to 5:00 p.m.,
March 8

HB 195

Representative Eischeid 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

Representative D. Nelson 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."

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 20. There being no
objection, the House adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Crystaline Jones
Chief Clerk