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Thirty-fifth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:33 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Charles Ensminger of K̄unéix̄ Hídi Northern Light United Church. Representative Story moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

With respect to the religious beliefs of those gathered here this morning, I invite you to be in a time of prayer and reflection:

Creator God, as we gather here this morning, we gather in your grace.

I pray that those gathered here will be true representatives and emboldened by the zeal of justice on behalf of those for whom they speak. In thanksgiving for their work, I would ask for clarity of vision and purpose to guide them as they work for the people of Alaska.

Grant them the wisdom that guides and the grace of compassion. May this body be one of fidelity and sincerity, emboldened by a sense of the calling and purpose of their position here within this great state.

As I pray, I pray for these gathered here. I pray for those working throughout this building. I pray for the staff, the pages, the security, the custodians, and those who have gathered in the galleries.

Grace be with them and may grace uphold us all. I pray for the state of Alaska, for our Nation, and for our world.

Hear our prayers, Creator God, for this we pray. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Schrage.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, and 34th legislative days and House and Senate Joint Journal Supplement No. 14 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Story introduced Yvon Guyard, Guest Page, from France.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

A letter dated February 18 was read stating that, in accordance with AS 39.05.080 and art. III, secs. 26 and 27, 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 Labor & Commerce Committee:

Board of Dental Examiners

Michael Sanders – Eagle River

Appointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Nursing

Ashley Scholle – Fairbanks

Appointed: 2/6/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2028

Board of Pharmacy

Lillian Okpaleke – Bethel

Appointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Alaska Police Standards Council

Michael Craig – Anchorage

Appointed: 5/26/2017

Term Expired: 3/1/2018

Reappointed: 3/1/2018

Term Expired: 3/1/2022

Reappointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expires: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

Board of Professional Counselors

Jillanne Garrity – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2029

Alaska Workers' Compensation Board

Randy Kimpton – Anchorage

Appointed: 2/6/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2027

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

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated February 18 was read stating the Senate accepted the invitation to meet in joint session in the House Chamber at 11:00 a.m., March 10 to hear the annual address by U.S. Representative Nick Begich III.

A message dated February 18 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE
OF SENATE BILLS****SB 146**

SENATE BILL NO. 146 by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"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."

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

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Jeff Regnart
By Representative Stutes; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Nathan Howard
By Representatives Frier, Carrick, Hannan

Honoring - Judge Pamela S. Washington
By Senators Giessel, Claman

Honoring - Peter Kaiser
By Senator Hoffman; Representative Jimmie

Honoring - Pete McCall
By Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - The Alaska State Fair, 90th Anniversary
By Senator Tilton; Representative Johnson

In Memoriam - Donald Leroy Edwards
By Representative Allard

In Memoriam - Laurence "Larry" N. Graham
By Senator Wielechowski; Representative Mears

In Memoriam - George Heywood
By Senator Giessel

In Memoriam - Dr. John Michael James
By Senator Giessel

In Memoriam - Margaret "Peggy" Theresa Bjorgan
By Senator Tilton; Representative Gray

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HJR 34

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34 by Representative McCabe:

Urging the United States Congress and federal fisheries managers to make changes to the federal Prohibited Species Donation program to reduce the waste of edible bycatch, increase vessel participation, and improve food security in the state.

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

HJR 35

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 35 by Representative Ruffridge:

Urging federal fisheries managers to reduce trawl bycatch, maintain existing bycatch limits, and strengthen enforcement; and supporting federal efforts aimed at reducing bycatch and benthic habitat contact.

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

HJR 36

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36 by Representative Tomaszewski:

Proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to terms of legislators.

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

HJR 37

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37 by Representative Bynum:

Supporting federal, state, and local efforts to clean up and remove marine debris from the state; urging the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency to provide additional funding for those efforts and to remove barriers faced by tribes and rural communities in accessing those funds; and urging the Alaska Congressional delegation to advocate for increased federal funding and support for marine debris prevention, clean up, removal, backhaul, and education.

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

HJR 38

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38 by Representative Hall:

Urging the United States Congress to recognize public safety telecommunicators as first responders; and urging the United States Congress to pass the Enhancing First Response Act.

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

HJR 39

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39 by Representatives Galvin, Hannan, and Edgmon:

Urging the federal government to waive the new H-1B Visa fees for teachers in the state.

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

HJR 40

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 40 by Representative Schwanke:

Supporting the Alaska Statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2022 - 2027; supporting public and private sector investment, economic opportunities, and development in the state; supporting the prioritization of healthy and sustainable wild food and renewable resources; encouraging the private and

public sectors to collaborate on educating students about the state's economic reliance on sustainable resource development; and supporting payment of an annual dividend.

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

HJR 41

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 41 by Representative Schrage:

Rescinding all previous requests by the Alaska State Legislature to call for a constitutional convention under art. V of the Constitution of the United States.

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

HJR 42

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42 by Representative G. Nelson:

Supporting the Northern Continental Corridor concept; and urging the United States Department of Defense to fund further analysis for the Northern Continental Corridor.

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

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 220**

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 220 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to easements and rights-of-way in state parks."

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

HB 234

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 234 by Representative Hall, entitled:

"An Act relating to emergency medical dispatchers; classifying dispatchers in police or fire departments and in state trooper offices as peace officers under the public employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 321

HOUSE BILL NO. 321 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to state refuges, sanctuaries, and fish and game critical habitat areas; relating to the hunting of brown bear; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 322

HOUSE BILL NO. 322 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act establishing the office of the public whistleblower advocate; relating to whistleblower protections; establishing the public whistleblower award fund; and relating to the jurisdiction of the superior court over whistleblower actions."

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

HB 323

HOUSE BILL NO. 323 by Representative Moore, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal assessments of farm or agricultural land; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 324

HOUSE BILL NO. 324 by Representative Moore, entitled:

"An Act relating to virtual currency kiosks; relating to transactions involving virtual currency; and relating to unfair trade or deceptive acts or practices."

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

HB 325

HOUSE BILL NO. 325 by Representatives McCabe and Tomaszewski, entitled:

"An Act relating to industrial hemp; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 326

HOUSE BILL NO. 326 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to abortion-inducing drugs."

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

HB 327

HOUSE BILL NO. 327 by Representative Schwanke, entitled:

"An Act relating to dividends for state residents; relating to the dividend fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 328

HOUSE BILL NO. 328 by Representative Kopp, entitled:

"An Act relating to surcharges for strategic investments by public utilities."

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

HB 329

HOUSE BILL NO. 329 by the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to certificates of fitness for employees of an electric utility."

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

HB 330

HOUSE BILL NO. 330 by Representative Ruffridge, entitled:

"An Act relating to access to electronic health records."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services and Labor & Commerce Committees.

HB 331

HOUSE BILL NO. 331 by Representative Moore, entitled:

"An Act relating to the Alaska Grown program; and relating to the duties of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development."

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

HB 332

HOUSE BILL NO. 332 by Representative Mina, entitled:

"An Act relating to microplastic testing; and relating to a microplastic strategy plan."

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

HB 333

HOUSE BILL NO. 333 by Representative Bynum, entitled:

"An Act relating to technical readiness and career training education in public schools."

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

HB 334

HOUSE BILL NO. 334 by Representative Mina, entitled:

"An Act relating to the issuance of certified copies of birth certificates to unhoused young adults; and relating to the issuance of identification cards to unhoused young adults."

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

HB 335

HOUSE BILL NO. 335 by Representative Eischeid, entitled:

"An Act relating to veterinarians and veterinarian technicians; establishing a pet and service animal disaster emergency plan; relating to the Alaska State Emergency Response Commission; and relating to local emergency planning committees."

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

HB 336

HOUSE BILL NO. 336 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act relating to use of campaign funds; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 337

HOUSE BILL NO. 337 by Representative Ruffridge, entitled:

"An Act extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 338

HOUSE BILL NO. 338 by Representative Costello, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Alaska Work and Save Program for employees who do not have access to a qualified retirement savings plan at work; relating to the duties of the commissioner of labor and workforce development; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 339

HOUSE BILL NO. 339 by Representative Costello, entitled:

"An Act establishing a personal finance education program for public schools; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 340

HOUSE BILL NO. 340 by Representative Underwood, entitled:

"An Act relating to the dietitian licensure compact; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 341

HOUSE BILL NO. 341 by Representative Allard, entitled:

"An Act establishing World War II Victory Day."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the State Affairs Committee.

HB 342

HOUSE BILL NO. 342 by Representative Allard, entitled:

"An Act relating to physician liability for sex-reassignment treatments or procedures performed on minors; relating to standardized informed consent forms for sex-reassignment treatments or procedures; relating to the duties of the State Medical Board; relating to informed consent for sex-reassignment treatments or procedures performed on minors; establishing the crime of criminal sex-reassignment treatment or procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 343

HOUSE BILL NO. 343 by Representative Allard, entitled:

"An Act relating to earning secondary school course credit through assessment; and relating to a child's right to attend a public school."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Education Committee.

HB 344

HOUSE BILL NO. 344 by Representative Coulombe, entitled:

"An Act establishing the opioid litigation settlement fund."

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

HB 345

HOUSE BILL NO. 345 by Representative Moore, entitled:

"An Act exempting members of an agricultural cooperative from the Alaska Workers' Compensation Act."

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

HB 346

HOUSE BILL NO. 346 by Representative Holland, entitled:

"An Act relating to municipal zoning around airports; and relating to buffers between airports and nonindustrial property."

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

HB 347

HOUSE BILL NO. 347 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants; relating to the practice of physical therapy; and relating to the practice of occupational therapy."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Health & Social Services Committees.

HB 348

HOUSE BILL NO. 348 by Representative Schrage, entitled:

"An Act relating to feral cats."

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

HB 349

HOUSE BILL NO. 349 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to civil liability for depriving a person of a right, privilege, or immunity secured by the United States Constitution."

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

HB 350

HOUSE BILL NO. 350 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act establishing an income tax on certain entities in the state; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 351

HOUSE BILL NO. 351 by Representative Fields, entitled:

"An Act relating to the licensure of nursing professionals; relating to a multistate nurse licensure compact; relating to employment of nurses holding a multistate licensure privilege; relating to nurse staffing committees; relating to the ratio of nurses to patients in hospitals; relating to entities regulated by the Department of Health; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 352

HOUSE BILL NO. 352 by Representatives Fields and Gray, entitled:

"An Act relating to the interstate medical licensure compact; relating to the PA licensure compact; relating to the psychology interjurisdictional compact; and relating to the recognition of EMS personnel licensure interstate compact."

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

HB 353

HOUSE BILL NO. 353 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale and lease of agricultural land; defining 'agricultural purposes' under the Alaska Land Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 354

HOUSE BILL NO. 354 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to virtual currency kiosks; relating to transactions involving virtual currency; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 355

HOUSE BILL NO. 355 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to agricultural loans; relating to agricultural cooperatives; relating to workers' compensation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 356

HOUSE BILL NO. 356 by Representative Vance, entitled:

"An Act relating to health and sanitary requirements and certain permits for commercial fishing vessels; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 357

HOUSE BILL NO. 357 by Representatives Vance, McCabe, Tomaszewski, Underwood, St. Clair, G. Nelson, Moore, Elam, and Allard, entitled:

"An Act relating to abortion; relating to who may perform an abortion; relating to civil enforcement of abortion laws; relating to abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat; amending Rules 3 and 82, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 508, Alaska Rules of Appellate Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 358

HOUSE BILL NO. 358 by Representative Elam, entitled:

"An Act establishing the career and technical education mobility grant program; relating to pre-apprenticeship and work-based learning opportunities for secondary school students; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 359

HOUSE BILL NO. 359 by Representative Elam by request, entitled:

"An Act reserving to the state the authority to regulate pesticides; restricting the authority of local governments to regulate pesticides; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 360

HOUSE BILL NO. 360 by Representative Costello, entitled:

"An Act relating to apprenticeship programs; establishing a state apprenticeship office; and establishing the Alaska Apprenticeship Advisory Council."

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

HB 361

HOUSE BILL NO. 361 by Representative Ruffridge, entitled:

"An Act relating to sport fishing guides."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Fisheries and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 362

HOUSE BILL NO. 362 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the practice of respiratory care; relating to the duties of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; relating to telehealth provided by respiratory care practitioners; relating to medical malpractice liability of respiratory care practitioners; relating to immunity from civil liability for a respiratory care practitioner providing free health care services; relating to respiratory care practitioners providing documentation and treatment plans for public school students with asthma or anaphylaxis; prohibiting unfair discrimination under group health insurance against respiratory care practitioners; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Labor & Commerce and Health & Social Services Committees.

HB 363

HOUSE BILL NO. 363 by Representative Stutes, entitled:

"An Act relating to the sale of alcohol; relating to the sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages by patriotic organizations; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs and the Labor & Commerce Committee.

HB 364

HOUSE BILL NO. 364 by Representative Josephson, entitled:

"An Act relating to intensive management of big game prey populations; relating to same-day airborne hunting; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 365

HOUSE BILL NO. 365 by Representative Bynum, entitled:

"An Act relating to the duty of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to identify scholarship granting organizations and participate in the federal tax credit program for qualified contributions to a scholarship granting organization."

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

HB 366

HOUSE BILL NO. 366 by Representative Hannan, entitled:

"An Act relating to the use of heavy petroleum fuel oil as a marine fuel; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 367

HOUSE BILL NO. 367 by Representative Story, entitled:

"An Act relating to the privacy of consumer personal information; establishing the Consumer Personal Information Privacy Act;

establishing data broker registration requirements; relating to social security numbers; making certain violations unfair or deceptive trade practices; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 368

HOUSE BILL NO. 368 by Representative Foster, entitled:

"An Act relating to meetings of the Board of Fisheries; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 369

HOUSE BILL NO. 369 by the House Special Committee on Energy, entitled:

"An Act relating to energy; relating to regulation of residential solar energy generation and portable solar generation devices; relating to generation of electricity from diversified energy resources; relating to a diversified portfolio standard; relating to costs incurred by certain electric utilities for renewable energy and battery energy storage; relating to preapproval for large energy facilities; relating to the renewable energy grant fund; relating to the duties of the Department of Environmental Conservation; relating to the state energy policy; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 370

HOUSE BILL NO. 370 by Representative Allard, entitled:

"An Act relating to employment security contributions for certain sports officials."

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

HB 371

HOUSE BILL NO. 371 by Representative McCabe, entitled:

"An Act requiring a group supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot proposition in a state or local election to maintain an address in the state; amending campaign contribution disclosure requirements; requiring the disclosure of certain persons who coordinate and aggregate individual campaign contributions; limiting contributions to groups or nongroup entities that make only independent expenditures; requiring certain groups and nongroup entities to register with the Alaska Public Offices Commission as majority-nonresident-funded entities; requiring certain disclosures in communications funded by independent expenditures; relating to disbursement of campaign assets after an election; and providing for an effective date."

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

HB 372

HOUSE BILL NO. 372 by Representative Gray, entitled:

"An Act relating to financial relationships between referring health care providers and providers of health care services."

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

HB 373

HOUSE BILL NO. 373 by Representative Costello, entitled:

"An Act relating to investments of the permanent fund; relating to investments made by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation; relating to regulations adopted by 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.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 48**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

"An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."

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FN1: ZERO(AJS)	154
FN2: (CED)	154
FIN RPT 6DP 2DNP 2NR	636
FN1: ZERO(AJS)	636
FN2: (CED)	636

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

3. Zero, Alaska Judiciary System
4. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 48 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 48 will advance to third reading on the February 25 calendar.

HB 184

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following would be held to the February 25 calendar:

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

"An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and relating to workforce housing development projects."

THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**HB 289**

The following, which could not be considered in a technical session (page 1667), was read the third time:

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."

Representatives Saddler and Schrage, citing Section 111 of Mason's Manual, rose to points of order regarding making references to the office of the executive.

The Speaker ruled debate could proceed.

Representative Tomaszewski 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 CSHB 289(FIN) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 289(FIN)

Third Reading

Final Passage

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

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

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

And so, CSHB 289(FIN) passed the House.

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Representative Kopp moved that 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 appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 289(FIN)

Third Reading

Constitutional Budget Reserve Appropriations

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

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

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

Coulombe changed from "YEA" to "NAY"

And so, lacking the required 30 votes, the appropriations from the constitutional budget reserve fund were not adopted, and the new title follows:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 289(FIN)(brf sup maj fld)

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

CSHB 289(FIN)(brf sup maj fld)

Third Reading

Effective Date

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 9 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

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

Nays: Allard, Coulombe, Elam, Moore, Prax, Ruffridge, Schwanke, Underwood, Vance

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

Representative Costello gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 289(FIN)(brf sup maj fld).

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 - 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 Representatives Stapp, Moore; Senator Kiehl

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

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 D. Nelson – from:
1:00 p.m., March 6 to 6:00 p.m., March 8
8:00 a.m., August 20 to 9:00 p.m., August 27

Representative Allard – from 6:30 p.m., February 23 to 9:30 p.m., February 24

HJR 22

Representative St. Clair 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.

HJR 23

Representative St. Clair added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska requiring the governor to submit a balanced budget to the legislature.

HB 47

Representative Vance moved and asked unanimous consent that the following be removed from the Rules Committee and placed on the calendar:

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."

There was objection.

The question being: "Shall HB 47 be removed from the Rules Committee?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 47

Discharge Bill from Rules Committee

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, the motion failed.

HB 48

Representatives Galvin, Gray, and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

"An Act relating to appropriations to the civil legal services fund."

HB 184

Representative Josephson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

"An Act relating to the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; and relating to workforce housing development projects."

HB 193

Representative Himschoot added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 193

"An Act establishing a paid parental leave program; relating to unemployment benefits; relating to the collection of child support obligations; and relating to the duties of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

Judiciary Committee

CHANGED TO: 15 min. after adjournment

Resources Committee

CHANGED TO: 15 min. after adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 25. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Crystalline Jones
Chief Clerk