

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
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**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Friday**

**February 27, 2026**

**Thirty-ninth Day**

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

Roll call showed 39 members present. Representative Foster had been excused from a call of the House today.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Pastor Charles Ensminger of Kunéix 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.

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

Creator God, I pray for your guidance for these lawmakers during these challenging times. Strengthen their resolve so that, in the face of that which seems overwhelming, they will not be discouraged in their work.

I pray that you will guide them through their deliberations, their conversations, and in the tasks that are ever before them. May they face difficulties with fortitude, their duties with fidelity, and in all things gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

I pray you will shield them from harm. I pray also for the staff, the pages, and all in this building. Watch over them, enliven their work, and uphold them in your mercy. I pray for

the state of Alaska, for our nation, and for our world. This I pray to you, Creator God. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative St. Clair.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 37th and 38th 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 Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Division of Corporations, Business, and Professional Licensing  
2026 Military Courtesy Licensing Biennial Report  
(as required by AS 08.01.063)

Dept. of Education & Early Development  
School Capital Project Funding  
(as required by AS 14.11.035)

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **HJR 23**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

#### **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.

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

Do pass (4): McCabe, St. Clair, Himschoot, Carrick

No recommendation (1): Holland

Amend (1): Vance

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Office of the Governor

HJR 23 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**HB 303**

The Transportation Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 303

"An Act relating to the registration and titling of legally imported motor vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representative Carrick, Co-chair, with the following individual recommendations:

Do pass (5): G. Nelson, Stutes, St. Clair, McCabe, Carrick

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 303 was referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**HB 304**

The House Special Committee on Fisheries considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 304

"An Act relating to the duties of the commissioner of fish and game; establishing the sport fishing angler access account; establishing the sport fishing angler access surcharge; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 304(FSH)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (5): Vance, Himschoot, Elam, McCabe, Stutes

No recommendation (1): Edgmon

Amend (1): Kopp

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 304(FSH):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Fish & Game

HB 304 was 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 - Interior Grappling Academy & Student Wrestler Development Program  
By Representatives Tomaszewski, Prax; Senator Myers

Honoring - Tyler Aklestad & Nick Olstad (Team 7), 2026 Iron Dog Champions  
By Senators Tilton, Rauscher

In Memoriam - Melissa & Mark Hortman  
By Senators Tobin, Dunbar; Representative Josephson

### CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

#### THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS

##### **HB 47**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 25 calendar (page 1736), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 47(JUD) am

"An Act relating to distribution of a forged digital likeness;

relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to distribution of a generated sexual depiction; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to teaching certificates; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; relating to civil penalties for an organization that facilitates the generation of child sexual abuse material; relating to social media and minors; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 47(JUD) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 47(JUD) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Foster

And so, CSHB 47(JUD) am 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.

CSHB 47(JUD) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 184**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the February 25 calendar (page 1720), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 184(CRA)

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

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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 Tomaszewski – from today to 10:00 a.m., March 10

The question being: "Shall CSHB 184(CRA) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 184(CRA)

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 23 NAYS: 15 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 0**

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

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

Excused: Foster, Tomaszewski

And so, CSHB 184(CRA) passed the House and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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Representative Kopp requested that members stand for a moment of silence to honor the life of Representative Craig Johnson.

**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 Saddler – from:

11:15 a.m., March 13 to 10:30 p.m., March 15

7:30 a.m., April 2 to 10:30 p.m., April 6

**HB 47**

Representatives Galvin and Josephson added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 47(JUD) am

"An Act relating to distribution of a forged digital likeness; relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to distribution of a generated sexual depiction; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to teaching certificates; relating to licensing of school bus drivers; relating to civil penalties for an organization that facilitates the generation of child sexual abuse material; relating to social media and minors; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 157**

Representative Frier added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 157

"An Act relating to the effect of a decree of adoption or termination of parental rights on the legal relationship between a person and the person's siblings; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 161**

Representative Moore 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 299**

Representatives Allard and Gray added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 299

"An Act creating a veteran sentencing program; relating to release procedures; amending Rules 35 and 43, Alaska Rules of Criminal Procedure; and providing for an effective date."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 47**

CSHB 47(JUD) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 184**

CSHB 184(CRA) 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., March 2. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk