

**HOUSE JOURNAL**  
**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND SESSION**

**Juneau, Alaska**

**Wednesday**

**March 4, 2026**

**Forty-fourth Day**

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

Roll call showed 40 members present.

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

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for this new day! Father I ask, and seek you this morning for the needs of our leaders, and I thank you that your name is a banner of protection.

*Psalm 28: 6-7: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.*

Please give wisdom to those who ask and bless their efforts. Please be their strength and guard them. Let this day be pleasing to you.

I ask that you bless every representative, their staff, and families as they make decisions for the needs of the State of Alaska. Let your will be done. In Jesus' name 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 42nd and 43rd legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

A letter dated March 2 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:

#### **State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors**

Sterling Strait – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2022

Term Expired: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

#### **Board of Nursing**

Michael Collins – Wasilla

Appointed: 6/22/2023

Term Expired: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

#### **Board of Pharmacy**

Sara Rasmussen – Anchorage

Appointed: 3/1/2023

Term Expired: 3/1/2026

Reappointed: 3/1/2026

Term Expires: 3/1/2030

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The following were received:

Alaska Court System

Travel for Justices, Judges, Magistrate Judges & Affidavit Information  
FY 2025

(as required by AS 22.20.310)

Alaska Court System  
Appellate & Trial Courts  
2025 Time to Disposition Report  
(as required by AS 22.20.310)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**HCR 10**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

Proposing an amendment to the Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature relating to resolutions.

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

Do pass (3): Holland, Himschoot, Story

Do not pass (1): St. Clair

No recommendation (2): Vance, Carrick

Amend (1): McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HCR 10 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 130**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 130

"An Act relating to flexible time credit for classified employees in the executive branch who are not eligible for overtime compensation."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 130(STA)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (2): Story, Carrick

Do not pass (2): McCabe, St. Clair

No recommendation (3): Vance, Holland, Himschoot

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 130(STA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Administration
2. Zero, Dept. of Administration

HB 130 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### **HB 290**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 290

"An Act relating to delivery of resolutions by the governor."

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

Do pass (4): Holland, Himschoot, Story, Carrick

Do not pass (1): St. Clair

No recommendation (1): Vance

Amend (1): McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

HB 290 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Mary McQuilkin

By Representatives Eischeid, Mears; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Ken Varee

By Representatives Eischeid, Galvin; Senator Wielechowski

Honoring - Brittany Hanson

By Representative Eischeid; Senators Wielechowski, Tobin

Honoring - Mt. McKinley Bank, 60th Anniversary

By Representative Stapp

Honoring - Lieutenant Ryan Browning

By Senator Stevens; Representative Vance

Honoring - Jeremy Swayman

By Senators Claman, Merrick; Representative Hall

Honoring - Tony and Amber White

By Senator Cronk; Representative Schwanke

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE  
OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 374**

HOUSE BILL NO. 374 by the House Education Committee, entitled:

"An Act relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 375**

HOUSE BILL NO. 375 by the House Rules Committee by request, entitled:

"An Act relating to minimum paid sick leave requirements for individuals employed in seasonal seafood processing."

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

## CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

### SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

#### HB 20

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

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

with the:

Journal Page

L&C RPT 3DP 3NR	1279
FN1: ZERO(CED)	1279
JUD RPT CS(JUD) NEW TITLE 5DP 1NR	1568
FN2: ZERO(CED)	1568

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. 20(JUD)

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

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 20(JUD) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 20(JUD) was read the third time.

HOUSE JOURNAL

March 4, 2026

1777

The question being: "Shall CSHB 20(JUD) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 20(JUD)  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 26 NAYS: 14 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Allard, Bynum, Costello, Coulombe, Elam, Hannan, McCabe, Moore, Prax, Ruffridge, Schwanke, Stapp, Tomaszewski, Underwood

And so, CSHB 20(JUD) passed the House.

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 20(JUD)  
Third Reading  
Effective Date

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

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

And so, the effective date clause was adopted.

CSHB 20(JUD) was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Barbara Riley, MD  
By Representative Edgmon; Senator Hoffman

Honoring - Evelyn Ooten  
By Representatives Gray, Allard; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Denali Elementary School, 75th Anniversary  
By Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Mary Louise Seemel  
By Representative Gray; Senator Dunbar

In Memoriam - Dr. Connie Jo Sanders  
By Senator Claman; Representative Hall

**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., March 6 to 10:00 p.m., March 8

Representative Schwanke – from:  
8:50 p.m., March 13 to 9:20 p.m., March 15  
8:30 p.m., March 20 to 5:20 p.m., March 22  
8:30 p.m., April 2 to 9:30 p.m., April 6

Representative Elam – from noon, March 5 to 9:30 p.m., March 8

Representative Edgmon – from 1:00 p.m., March 5 to 9:30 p.m., March 6

Representative Stutes – from 1:00 p.m., March 5 to 9:30 p.m., March 6

Representative Carrick – from:

8:30 p.m., April 2 to 9:00 a.m., April 7

9:30 a.m., April 17 to 5:20 p.m., April 19

**HB 20**

Representative Josephson added as a cosponsor to:

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."

**HB 25**

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 25

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

**HB 203**

Representative Schwanke added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 203

"An Act relating to the use of certain trawl or dredge fishing gear in state water; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 233**

Representative Hall added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 233

"An Act prohibiting certain mining activities within the watershed of the Bristol Bay Fisheries Reserve."

**HB 235**

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

"An Act relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances; relating to thermal remediation of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 253**

Representative Jimmie added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 253

"An Act relating to the fisheries enhancement loan program; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 332**

Representative Foster added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 332

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

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 20**

CSSH 20(JUD) 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 5. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk