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**April 22, 2026**

**Ninety-third Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:39 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives D. Nelson, G. Nelson, and Coulombe be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Father Maxim Gibson of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox 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 deep respect for the religious beliefs of all Alaskans, I offer the following prayer:

Let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, accept our fervent supplication and bless the good intent and work of thy servants, that they may begin favorably, and may complete it unto thy glory without any obstacle. Do thou assist those working and direct the work of their hands, and cause it to be brought speedily to completion by the power of thy most Holy Spirit. For thine it is to be merciful and to save us, O our God, and unto thee do we send up glory, together with thy father who is without beginning, and thy most holy, good and life-giving spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Holland.

### **CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 92nd legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Story introduced Isabella Batty, Guest Page, from Juneau.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE**

A message dated April 21 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

#### **FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE BILLS**

##### **SB 214**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 214(FIN) by the Senate Finance Committee, entitled:

"An Act making appropriations, including capital appropriations, supplemental appropriations, and reappropriations; making appropriations to capitalize funds; amending appropriations; and providing for an effective date."

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

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **HB 162**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

##### HOUSE BILL NO. 162

"An Act relating to the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of products that use digital electronics to operate; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 162(CRA)

"An Act relating to the diagnosis, maintenance, modification, and repair of digital products; adding an unlawful act to the Alaska Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (1): Hall

Do not pass (1): G. Nelson

Amend (5): Holland, Prax, St. Clair, Mears, Himschoot

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 162(CRA):

1. Zero, Dept. of Law

HB 162 was referred to the Labor & Commerce Committee.

**HB 226**

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 226

"An Act increasing the loan amount that is eligible for lower interest rates on certain Alaska Housing Finance Corporation loans."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 226(STA)

(same title)

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

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

No recommendation (2): Vance, McCabe

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 226(STA):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 226 was referred to the Finance Committee.

### INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

In Memoriam - Valerie Jean "Jeannie" Nelson  
By Representatives Vance, Carrick, Schwanke

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

Honoring - Robert "Bob" Woolsey  
By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

Honoring - Aaron Christian Peterson  
By Representatives Saddler, Allard; Senator Merrick

Honoring - Pat Dougherty  
By Representatives Gray, Holland; Senator Giessel

Honoring - The Uqautiluᅇa Iñupiatun Immersion Program  
By Representative Frier; Senator Olson

Honoring - Iᅇisaᅇvik College, 30th Anniversary  
By Representatives Frier, Stapp; Senator Olson

Honoring - Ivan Moore  
By Senators Gray-Jackson, Kawasaki; Representative Galvin

Honoring - Maria and Christopher Crawford  
By Senator Tobin; Representative Fields

Honoring - The City of Valdez, 125th Anniversary  
By Senators Rauscher, Kawasaki; Representative G. Nelson

Honoring - Soldotna High School Lady Stars, 2025 ASAA State Wrestling Champions

By Senator Bjorkman; Representative Ruffridge

In Memoriam - Barbara Ann Rands Hames

By Representative Himschoot; Senator Stedman

In Memoriam - Lillian Kisautaq Nageak

By Representative Frier

In Memoriam - Matt Hammer

By Representative Saddler

In Memoriam - Ralph Franklin Langham Jr.

By Senator Rauscher; Representative G. Nelson

In Memoriam - Wendy Wagner

By Senator Bjorkman

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, In Memoriam - Valerie Jean "Jeannie" Nelson, be taken up as a Special Order of Business. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

In Memoriam - Valerie Jean "Jeannie" Nelson

By Representatives Vance, Carrick, Schwanke

### **CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

#### **SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

##### **HB 52**

The following was read the second time:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 52

"An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

with the:	Journal Page
HSS RPT CS(HSS) 6DP 1NR	955
FN1: ZERO(DFC)	955
FN2: ZERO(DFC)	955
FN3: (DOH)	955
FIN RPT CS(HSS) 9DP 1NR	1949
FN4: ZERO(DFC)	1949
FN5: ZERO(DFC)	1949
FN6: (DOH)	1949

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. 52(HSS)  
(same title)

Representative Ruffridge objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 52(HSS) was adopted.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representative Vance:

Page 2, line 17, following "AS 47.32.110(d)":

Insert ", including a summary of any reports of abuse or neglect made as a result of the required wellness check"

Page 3, line 14, following "safety.":

Insert "The interview must include a standardized age-appropriate wellness check on the minor with questions designed to identify signs of abuse, including physical injury or neglect, mental injury, or sexual abuse or exploitation. When there is reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect has occurred, the designated agent or employee of the

Department of Health shall ensure that the matter is documented and immediately referred to the office in the Department of Family and Community Services with responsibility for child protection, law enforcement, and other investigative authorities with jurisdiction. The Department of Health shall, consistent with applicable confidentiality and safety requirements, provide timely notification to the minor's parent or legal guardian of the interview and any concerns noted in the interview."

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

Representative Kopp objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 52(HSS) am be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 52(HSS) am was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 52(HSS) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 52(HSS) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Coulombe, D.Nelson, G.Nelson

And so, CSHB 52(HSS) 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 52(HSS) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 249**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

"An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company."

with the:	Journal Page
L&C RPT CS(L&C) 6DP	1835
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	1835

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. 249(L&C)  
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 249(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 249(L&C) will advance to third reading on the April 24 calendar.

## **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

### **HB 133**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 21 calendar (page 2247), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 133(FIN) am

"An Act establishing deadlines for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code; establishing deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations; relating to reports from state agencies to the legislature detailing late payments made during 2026; relating to the state financial transactions Internet website; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 133(FIN) am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 133(FIN) am

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 27 NAYS: 10 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Allard, Bynum, Elam, Johnson, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Tomaszewski

Excused: Coulombe, D.Nelson, G.Nelson

And so, CSHB 133(FIN) 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 133(FIN) am was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## **HB 262**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 21 calendar (page 2243), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 262

"An Act increasing the number of superior court judges in the third judicial district; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HB 262 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 262

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 37 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 3 ABSENT: 0**

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

Excused: Coulombe, D.Nelson, G.Nelson

And so, HB 262 passed the House.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call on the passage of the bill be considered the roll call on the effective date clause. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

HB 262 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

## **SENATE RESOLUTIONS IN SECOND READING**

### **SCR 19**

The Speaker stated that, without objection, the following, which was held in second reading from the April 21 calendar (page 2249), would be held in second reading to the April 24 calendar:

#### **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19**

Extending the governor's October 9, 2025, declaration of a disaster emergency in response to the 2025 West Coast Storm.

## **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 - Debra Corbett  
By Representatives Gray, Galvin; Senator Dunbar

Honoring - The Pacific Community of Alaska, 5th Anniversary  
By Representatives Mina, Gray; Senator Tobin

Honoring - Glenda D. Ledford  
By Senators Tilton, Yundt; Representative Underwood

Honoring - Debra Brewer  
By Senator Claman

Honoring - Fairbanks Art Association, 60th Anniversary  
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Amber Dawn Wright  
By Representative Carrick

In Memoriam - Tony Dean Peter  
By Senators Kawasaki, Cronk; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Richard "Dick" Farris  
By Senator Kawasaki

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **HB 52**

Representatives Josephson, Story, Schrage, Mina, and Costello added as cosponsors to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 52(HSS) am  
"An Act relating to the rights of minors undergoing evaluation or inpatient treatment at psychiatric hospitals; relating to the use of seclusion or restraint of minors at psychiatric hospitals; relating to a report published by the Department of Health; relating to inspections by the Department of Health of certain psychiatric hospitals; and providing for an effective date."

### **HB 133**

Representative Stutes added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 133(FIN) am

"An Act establishing deadlines for the payment of contracts under the State Procurement Code; establishing deadlines for the payment of grants, contracts, and reimbursement agreements to nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and Alaska Native organizations; relating to reports from state agencies to the legislature detailing late payments made during 2026; relating to the state financial transactions Internet website; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 249**

Representative Stutes added as a cosponsor to:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 249(L&C)

"An Act relating to the transfer of a vehicle to an insurance company."

**SB 187**

Representatives Josephson and Holland added as cross sponsors to:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 187(EDC)

"An Act prohibiting certain food additives in public school meals; and providing for an effective date."

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 52**

CASHB 52(HSS) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 133**

CASHB 133(FIN) am was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**HB 262**

HB 262 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.

The following meeting today was changed:

Resources Committee

CANCELED

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., April 24. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Crystalline Jones  
Chief Clerk