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**Thursday**

**April 30, 2026**

**One Hundred First Day**

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Edgmon at 10:37 a.m.

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

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Hannan. 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 by Tanner Olson:

Every new day I remind myself that this day, the one right in front of me, is a gift. A beautiful and simple and intricate and loving gift. A gift thought of long before it even arrived and I am invited to open it up and come alive. I am allowed to feel and explore and love and dream and create and cry and try and spread hope and give back and hold on.

I am welcome to rest and write and daydream and forgive and be forgiven and celebrate. I am invited to walk beneath the sun and sit below the stars at night and pray out loud or in my head or with my hands. This day, the one right in front of me, is a gift. And I am not going to let it pass away.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Kopp.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 100th legislative day be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR****HJR 14**

A message dated April 29 was read stating the Governor noted the following resolution and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

## CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14(TRA)

Supporting the completion of the Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and the Northern Rail Extension; supporting the increase in defensive capabilities at Fort Greely, Alaska; encouraging a renewed commitment by the Alaska Railroad to a community-minded approach to future rail expansion; and encouraging the development of critical Arctic infrastructure.

Legislative Resolve No. 26

**HB 33**

A message dated April 29 was read stating the Governor signed the following bill and is transmitting the engrossed and enrolled copies to the Lieutenant Governor's office for permanent filing:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 33

"An Act relating to participation in matters before the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game by the members of the respective boards; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 2, SLA 2026

Effective Date: April 30, 2026

**MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE****HB 26**

A message dated April 29 was read stating the Senate passed CSHB 26(TRA) am with the following amendment, and it is transmitted for consideration:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 26(TRA)

"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; and relating to a statewide public and community transit plan."

CSHB 26(TRA) am is under Unfinished Business.

A message dated April 29 was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

**FIRST READING AND REFERENCE  
OF SENATE BILLS**

**SB 239**

SENATE BILL NO. 239 by Senators Tilton, Myers, Kawasaki, Bjorkman, Cronk, Rauscher, Kaufman, Merrick, and Yundt, entitled:

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

was read the first time and referred to the State Affairs Committee.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following was received:

Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development  
Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Report  
April 2026  
(as required by AS 17.30.200)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Labor & Commerce Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Heather Crivello

as a member of the Board of Nursing.

The report was signed by Representatives Fields and Hall, Co-chairs; and Representatives Coulombe, Carrick, and Saddler.

**HB 210**

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 210

"An Act relating to occupational disability benefits for peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 210(FIN)

"An Act relating to occupational disability benefits and medical benefits available under the public employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

The report was signed by Representatives Schrage, Josephson, and Foster, Co-chairs, with the following individual recommendations:

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

No recommendation (4): Tomaszewski, Moore, Bynum, Allard

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 210(FIN):

1. Indeterminate, Dept. of Administration

HB 210 was referred to the Rules Committee.

**HB 350**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 350

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

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 350(L&C)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (3): Carrick, Hall, Fields

Do not pass (2): Coulombe, Saddler

No recommendation (1): Frier

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 350(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Revenue

HB 350 was referred to the Finance Committee.

**SB 192**

The Community & Regional Affairs Committee considered:

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 192(CRA)

"An Act relating to evacuation designation levels; and relating to the Alaska Disaster Act."

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

Do pass (7): Holland, Prax, G. Nelson, St. Clair, Hall, Himschoot, Mears

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Military & Veterans' Affairs

CSSB 192(CRA) was referred to the Rules Committee.

**INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS**

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

Honoring - Pete Dickinson

By Senators Bjorkman, Yundt; Representative Ruffridge

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

Honoring - Kristin Bartlett

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Dermot Cole

By Representatives Gray, Fields; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - John Rodda

By Representatives Allard, Saddler

Honoring - Aaron Jacobs, Dr. Eran Hood, Dr. Jason Amundson, & Jamie Pierce

By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - 2025 Seattle Mariners

By Representatives Josephson, Hall, Mina

Honoring - Arctic Winter Games 2026 Team Alaska, Eagle River Male Athletes

By Representative Allard

Honoring - Arctic Winter Games 2026 Team Alaska, Eagle River Female Athletes

By Representative Allard

Honoring - Melinda Taylor

By Senators Wielechowski, Gray-Jackson, Tobin

In Memoriam - Tatiana Celia Kennedy Schlossberg

By Representative Josephson

### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the notice and publication requirements be waived and the citation, Honoring - Pete Dickinson, 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:

Honoring - Pete Dickinson  
By Senators Bjorkman, Yundt; Representative Ruffridge

**CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 211**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 211

"An Act relating to insurance regulation of prepaid legal plans."

with the:	Journal Page
JUD RPT CS(JUD) NEW TITLE 5DP 1NR	1834
FN1: ZERO(CED)	1834
L&C RPT CS(L&C) NEW TITLE 4DP 2NR	2303
FN1: ZERO(CED)	2303

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. 211(L&C)

"An Act relating to prepaid legal plans."

Representative Johnson objected and withdrew the objection. There being no further objection, CSHB 211(L&C) was adopted.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 211(L&C) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 211(L&C) will advance to third reading on the May 1 calendar.

**HB 298**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

"An Act relating to the Legislative Ethics Act; relating to legislative subpoenas; relating to the jurisdiction of the office of the ombudsman; and providing for an effective date."

with the:	Journal Page
JUD RPT 4DP 3NR	1989
FN1: ZERO(LEG)	1989

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that HB 298 be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

HB 298 will advance to third reading on the May 1 calendar.

### **THIRD READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

**HB 217**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 29 calendar (page 2336), was read the third time:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 217(CRA) am

"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicle licensing examinations; regulating autonomous vehicles; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall CSHB 217(CRA) am pass the House?"  
The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 217(CRA) am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 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, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Excused: D.Nelson

And so, CSHB 217(CRA) 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.

Representative Johnson gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 217(CRA) am.

### **HB 244**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 29 calendar (page 2337), was read the third time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

"An Act relating to certified nurse aide training; and providing for an effective date."

The question being: "Shall HB 244 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 244

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 39 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 1 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, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Saddler, Schrage, Schwanke, St. Clair, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Excused: D.Nelson

And so, HB 244 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 244 was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

### **HB 314**

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 29 calendar (page 2339), was read the third time:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 314 am

"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."

The question being: "Shall HB 314 am pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

HB 314 am  
Third Reading  
Final Passage

**YEAS: 35 NAYS: 4 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

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

Nays: Allard, Costello, Johnson, Saddler

Excused: D.Nelson

And so, HB 314 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.

Representative Johnson gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on HB 314 am.

### THIRD READING OF SENATE BILLS

#### SB 40

The following, which was advanced to third reading from the April 29 calendar (page 2340), was read the third time:

#### SENATE BILL NO. 40

"An Act establishing the period between September 15 and October 15 of each year as Hispanic Heritage Month."

The question being: "Shall SB 40 pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

#### SB 40

Third Reading

Final Passage

**YEAS: 36 NAYS: 3 EXCUSED: 1 ABSENT: 0**

Yeas: 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, G.Nelson, Prax, Ruffridge, Schrage, St. Clair, Stapp, Story, Stutes, Tomaszewski, Underwood, Vance

Nays: Allard, Saddler, Schwanke

Excused: D.Nelson

And so, SB 40 passed the House, was signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and returned to the Senate.

### 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 - Eric Elliot  
By Representative Fields; Senator Tobin

Honoring - Theresa Quiner  
By Representative Jimmie

Honoring - James E. Cockrell  
By Representatives Jimmie, Frier, Ruffridge

Honoring - Linda Janes  
By Representative Holland

Honoring - Andy Holleman  
By Representatives Holland, Frier, Galvin

Honoring - Dr. Jennifer "Jen" Schmidt  
By Representative Holland

Honoring - Chris Rose  
By Representatives Holland, Mears

Honoring - Paxson Woelber  
By Representatives Holland, Fields; Senator Giessel

Honoring - Jaime Bricker  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Kristin Garot  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Kaakal.aa Florence Marks Sheakley  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Miley "Amisiimaq" Kakaruk  
By Representatives Dibert, Frier, Jimmie

Honoring - Reverend Doctor Anna Marie Frank  
By Representative Dibert; Senators Cronk, Kawasaki

Honoring - Heather Johnson, Alaska Association of Secondary School  
Principals 2026 Principal of the Year  
By Representatives Dibert, Stapp; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - University of Alaska Anchorage & Idaho State University  
Doctor of Pharmacy Program, 10th Anniversary  
By Representatives Mina, Ruffridge; Senator Giessel

Honoring - The 2026 House Floor Staff  
By Representatives Stutes, Hall

Honoring - South Anchorage High School Wolverines Hockey Team  
By Representative Holland

Honoring - Resurrection Lutheran Church, 100th Anniversary  
By Representatives Story, Hannan; Senator Kiehl

Honoring - Fairbanks Golden Heart Rotary Club, 20th Anniversary  
By Representatives Dibert, Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Alaska Nanooks Women's Volleyball Team  
By Representatives Dibert, Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board  
By Representatives Dibert, Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center, 25th Anniversary  
By Representatives Dibert, Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

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Honoring - World Eskimo-Indian Olympics, 65th Anniversary  
By Representatives Dibert, Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

Honoring - Obeidi's Fine Art Gallery Alaska Art & Frame, 50th Anniversary  
By Representative Galvin; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Arctic Office Products, 80th Anniversary  
By Representatives Galvin, Dibert; Senator Gray-Jackson

Honoring - Elsie Vent  
By Senator Cronk; Representative Schwanke

Honoring - Joy Barrows-Thompson  
By Senator Merrick

Honoring - Christina Koch  
By Senators Dunbar, Tobin; Representative Frier

Honoring - Chugiak High School Mustangs Girls Cross Country Team  
By Senator Merrick

Honoring - Team USA's Women's Olympic Hockey Team  
By Senator Merrick; Representative Eischeid

Honoring - Eagle River High School Baseball Team  
By Senator Merrick

Honoring - Senate Floor Staff of 2026  
By Senator Wielechowski

In Memoriam - Elstun Lauesen  
By Representatives Galvin, Gray; Senator Gray-Jackson

In Memoriam - Joseph "Joe" William Brost  
By Representative Underwood

In Memoriam - Carl S. Benson  
By Representatives Dibert, Carrick; Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Sandra "Sandie" Lynn Taylor  
By Senator Cronk

In Memoriam - Christian Gordon Anderson  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Frier

In Memoriam - Edgar Husted  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Stapp

In Memoriam - Alden Roy "Shorty" Wilbur  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam - Judith Karen and Andrew Jay Kleinfeld  
By Senators Kawasaki, Myers; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Neville Abbott Jacobs  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Pamela Jean Burlingame  
By Senator Kawasaki

In Memoriam - Robert "Rob" Booth Boswell  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Prax, Dibert

In Memoriam - Mary Shields  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam - Gwendolyn "Gwen" Marie Blackburn  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Hannah J. Solomon  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Carrick

In Memoriam - Robert Charles Kinnard Jr.  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Carrick

In Memoriam - Ronald Johnson  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Kenneth "Ken" Assyd  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Dibert, Stapp

In Memoriam - Hannah Nina "Babe" Adams  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representative Dibert

In Memoriam - Judy Diana Romans  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

In Memoriam - Linden Staciokas  
By Senator Kawasaki; Representatives Stapp, Dibert

### **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 Tomaszewski – from 7:00 p.m., May 1 to 10:00 a.m., May 4

#### **HB 210**

Representative Bynum added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 210

"An Act relating to occupational disability benefits for peace officers and firefighters; and providing for an effective date."

#### **HB 244**

Representatives Mina, Josephson, Story, and McCabe added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

"An Act relating to certified nurse aide training; and providing for an effective date."

#### **HB 299**

Representative Underwood added as a cosponsor 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."

**SB 40**

Representative Galvin added as a cross sponsor to:

**SENATE BILL NO. 40**

"An Act establishing the period between September 15 and October 15 of each year as Hispanic Heritage Month."

**SB 187**

Representative Eischeid added as a cross sponsor to:

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 187(EDC)**

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

**SB 239**

Representatives Fields and St. Clair added as cross sponsors to:

**SENATE BILL NO. 239**

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

**ENGROSSMENT**

**HB 244**

HB 244 was engrossed, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, and transmitted to the Senate for consideration.

**ENROLLMENT**

**HB 78**

The following was enrolled, signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk, President and Secretary of the Senate, and the engrossed and enrolled copies were transmitted to the Office of the Governor at 4:30 p.m., April 30:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 78(FIN) am S(efd fld H)

"An Act relating to the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system; and providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system."

The following memorandum dated April 30 was received from Lora Brown, Enrolling Secretary, Division of Legal and Research Services:

"In accordance with Rule 43, Uniform Rules of the Alaska State Legislature, I am reporting the following manifest errors in SCS CSHB 78(FIN) am S(efd fld H), which have been corrected in enrolling:

Page 16, line 20:

Delete "when"

Insert "the date"

Page 17, line 7:

Delete "percentage"

Insert "percentages"

Page 34, line 24:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 34, line 25:

Delete "2026"

Insert "2027"

Page 44, line 10:

Delete ", 39.35.370(a)(2)(B), (C), or (D),"

Insert "or (a)(2)(B), (C), or (D)"

Page 49, line 13:

Delete "when"

Insert "the date"

Page 49, line 31:

Delete "percentage"

Insert "percentages"

Page 56, line 22, following "AS 14.25.044":

Insert ", enacted by sec. 4 of this Act,"

Page 57, line 5, following "AS 39.35.159":

Insert ", enacted by sec. 64 of this Act,"

Page 57, line 15, following "Board":

Insert "established under AS 37.10.210""

### **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., May 1. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Crystaline Jones  
Chief Clerk