

# HOUSE JOURNAL

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### TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

Juneau, Alaska

Wednesday

February 18, 2015

#### Thirtieth Day

Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:31 a.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representative Kreiss-Tomkins had been excused from a call of the House today.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Nageak and Lynn be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was sung by the Chaplain, the Reverend Bobby Lewis of Central Baptist Church, New York City. Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Hawker.

**CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL**

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Josephson introduced Emma Levy, Guest Page, from Anchorage.

Representative Wilson introduced Leslie McEwen, Guest Page, from North Pole.

Representative Kito introduced Alex Kindred, Guest Page, from Thorne Bay.

Representative Munoz introduced Riley Stadt, Guest Page, from Juneau.

**COMMUNICATIONS****HJR 5**

A memorandum dated February 17, 2015, was received from Kathleen Strasbaugh, Legislative Counsel, Division of Legal and Research Services, submitting the following corrected committee substitute for the House Transportation Committee report (page 206):

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5(TRA)**

Recognizing the Academy of Model Aeronautics for establishing safety guidelines and best practices.

CSHJR 5(TRA) was reprinted today. HJR 5 is in the Rules Committee.

The following was received:

Choose Respect

Alaskans Ending the Epidemic of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

2015 Legislative Report  
February 17, 2015  
(as required by Chapter No. 16, SLA 2014)

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### **HB 49**

The Labor & Commerce Committee considered:

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 49

"An Act relating to corporations, including benefit corporations, and other entities; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 49(L&C)  
(same title)

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

Do pass (6): Colver, Josephson, Kito, Hughes, Tilton, Olson

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 49(L&C):

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

HB 49 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

The Speaker stated that the House would stand at ease to allow members of the Senate to enter the Chamber; and so, the House stood at ease at 10:57 a.m.

### AFTER AT EASE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 11:03 a.m.

**JOINT SESSION IN THE HOUSE**

In accordance with Uniform Rule 51, Speaker Chenault turned the gavel over to President Meyer who called the joint session to order at 11:04 a.m.

The purpose of the joint session was to hear an address by the Honorable Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the Senate be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the roll call of the House be waived and all members be shown as present. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

President Meyer appointed Representative Foster and Senator Stevens to escort the Senator to the joint session.

The Senate Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Senator's entrance into the House Chamber.

Senator Murkowski was escorted to the rostrum and welcomed by President Meyer.

Senator Murkowski delivered her address, and it is published in Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 5.

A question and answer period followed the conclusion of the Senator's speech.

Senator Murkowski received a standing ovation and was escorted from the Chamber by Representative Foster and Senator Stevens.

Senator Coghill moved and asked unanimous consent that the joint session adjourn. There being no objection, President Meyer adjourned the joint session at 12:15 p.m.

The Speaker ordered the House at ease to allow members of the Senate to leave the Chamber.

### IN THE HOUSE

The Speaker called the House back to order at 12:34 p.m.

### INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, 2014 Alaska Chamber of the Year

By Representative Gattis; Senator Stoltze

Honoring - Kodiak High School Boys Cross Country Team, 2014 State Champions

By Senator Stevens; Representative Stutes

In Memoriam - Renn Tolman

By Representative Seaton; Senator Stevens

In Memoriam - Juanita Agnes (Perez) Stanley

By Representative Ortiz

In Memoriam - Patricia Williams

By Senator Giessel

### INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF HOUSE BILLS

#### HB 110

HOUSE BILL NO. 110 by Representative NEUMAN, entitled:

"An Act providing priority to personal use fisheries when fishing restrictions are implemented to achieve a management goal."

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

**HB 111**

HOUSE BILL NO. 111 by Representative DRUMMOND, entitled:

"An Act relating to the policy of the Alaska Legislative Council regarding payment of per diem to legislators."

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

**HB 112**

HOUSE BILL NO. 112 by Representative STUTES, entitled:

"An Act repealing the Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission and transferring its duties to a commercial fisheries entry division established in the Department of Fish and Game and the office of administrative hearings; 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 113**

HOUSE BILL NO. 113 by Representatives JOSEPHSON and Millett, entitled:

"An Act relating to accrual of service in the public employees' retirement system by a peace officer or firefighter while the peace officer or firefighter is unable to work and is receiving workers' compensation benefits; and requiring the state to make certain contributions under the defined contribution plan of the public employees' retirement system for a peace officer or firefighter who is unable to work and is receiving workers' compensation benefits."

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

**HB 114**

HOUSE BILL NO. 114 by Representative JOSEPHSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the calculation and payment of workers' compensation benefits in the case of permanent partial impairment; relating to the calculation and payment of workers' compensation death benefits payable to a child of an employee where there is no surviving spouse; relating to the calculation and payment of workers' compensation death benefits for an employee without a surviving spouse or child; relating to notice of workers' compensation death benefits; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 115**

HOUSE BILL NO. 115 by Representatives CHENAULT, Johnson, Olson, Keller, and Millett, entitled:

"An Act relating to the transfer of public land from the federal government to the state and to the disposal of that land; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 116**

HOUSE BILL NO. 116 by the House Labor and Commerce Committee, entitled:

"An Act extending the termination date of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 117**

HOUSE BILL NO. 117 by Representatives TARR and Gruenberg, entitled:

"An Act requiring a report on untested sexual assault examination kits; and providing for an effective date."

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

**HB 118**

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 by the House Rules Committee by request of the Governor, entitled:

"An Act adopting the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; authorizing municipalities to establish programs to impose assessments for energy improvements in regions designated by municipalities; imposing fees; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the House Special Committee on Energy and the Community & Regional Affairs and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Dept. of Commerce, Community, & Economic Development

The Governor's transmittal letter dated February 17, 2015, follows:

"Dear Speaker Chenault:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to establishing a municipal property assessed clean energy program.

Implementing energy efficiency measures in commercial buildings offers an opportunity for owners to reduce energy consumption. This not only can reduce operating costs to the building owner, but also can reduce energy demand on local utilities and improve the reliability of local energy and electrical systems. Financing energy efficiency measures can be a substantial barrier for building owners.

The bill would empower local governments to establish property assessed clean energy programs. These local programs would enable building owners to more easily borrow money from either the municipality or a private lender to implement energy efficiency

measures by making property tax assessments available to ensure repayment of the debt obligation. Municipalities may issue bonds to fund a municipal lending. Building owners would voluntarily allow the local municipality to impose a tax assessment on their property. The tax assessment would be payable annually with property taxes, with the proceeds used to repay the lender or bond holders over the full life of the loan. Because the lender or bondholder would have a more assured revenue source for loan repayment, the financing costs should be reduced. The net effect of the program is that commercial building owners will be able to more easily implement energy efficiency measures. The owners will reap benefits from reduced energy and financing costs associated with the energy efficiency improvements.

The program would be known as the Municipal Property Assessed Clean Energy Act.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker  
Governor"

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

##### **LEGISLATIVE CITATIONS**

Representative Millett 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 - Joseph "Lito" Cayabyab

By Representatives LeDoux, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool; Senator Costello

In Memoriam - Richard Leroy Jones

By Representatives Wool, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Millett 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 LeDoux – from 11:30 a.m., February 23 to 9:00 a.m., February 24

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

Representative Keller – from 5:30 p.m., February 20 to 8:30 p.m., February 22

Representative Johnson – from noon, February 27 to 10:15 a.m., March 2

Representative Nageak – from 1:00 p.m., today to 11:00 p.m., February 22

Representative Stutes – from 8:00 a.m., February 20 to 2:30 p.m., February 22

Representative Josephson – from 7:55 p.m., February 27 to 9:30 p.m., March 1

Representative Drummond – from 6:45 p.m., February 26 to 9:00 p.m., March 1

### HB 87

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 87**

"An Act relating to the sale of timber on state land; and providing for an effective date."

HB 87 is in the Resources Committee.

**HB 49**

The Speaker added a Finance Committee referral for the following:

**HOUSE BILL NO. 49**

"An Act relating to corporations, including benefit corporations, and other entities; and providing for an effective date."

HB 49 was removed from the Rules Committee and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Speaker made the following appointments:

**Appointed House Members, 2015-2016**

Alaska Aerospace Corporation Board of Directors  
(AS 26.27.020)

Representative Stutes

Representative Gruenberg (Alternate)

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education  
(AS 14.42.015)

Representative Reinbold

Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Board of Directors

Representative Munoz

Representative Olson (Alternate)

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors

Representative LeDoux

Representative Claman

Dept. of Education & Early Development Bond Reimbursement &  
Grant Review Committee  
(AS 14.11.014)

Representative Vazquez

Education Commission of the States  
(AS 14.44.060)

Representative Gattis

Representative Keller (Alternate)

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Public Advisory Council

Representative Josephson

Fishery Industrial Technology Policy Council

Representative Stutes

Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority Board of Directors

(AS 19.75.031)

Representative Neuman

Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force

(Legislative Resolve No. 38, SLA 1986)

Representative Seaton

Representative Edgmon

Representative Stutes (Alternate)

Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)

Representative Herron

Representative Millett

Representative Talerico (Alternate)

Representative Tuck (Alternate)

Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee

(AS 42.45.045)

Representative Edgmon

Representative Colver

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council

(AS 44.29.300)

Representative Nageak

Representative Tarr

Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force  
(Legislative Resolve No. 1, SLA 1978)  
Representative Claman  
Representative Ortiz

**National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)  
Standing Committees**

Budgets and Revenue  
Representative Saddler  
Representative Foster  
Representative Kito

Communications, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce  
Representative Olson  
Representative Guttenberg

Education  
Representative Reinbold  
Representative Colver  
Representative Drummond  
Representative Ortiz

Health and Human Services  
Representative Seaton  
Representative Tarr  
Representative Vazquez

Labor and Economic Development  
Representative Herron  
Representative Hughes  
Representative Tilton  
Representative Thompson  
Representative Tuck

Law, Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
Representative LeDoux  
Representative Claman

Legislative Effectiveness

Representative Reinbold  
Representative Tilton

Natural Resources and Infrastructure

Representative Saddler  
Representative Pruitt  
Representative Kawasaki  
Representative Gattis  
Representative Neuman  
Representative Nageak  
Representative Millett  
Representative Thompson  
Representative Talerico  
Representative Tuck

Redistricting and Elections

Representative Hughes

**The Council of State Governments (CSG)**

Governing Board

Representative Chenault  
Representative Johnson

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Representative Chenault

Interbranch Affairs Committee

Representative Chenault

Suggested State Legislation Committee

Representative Lynn  
Representative Gruenberg  
Representative LeDoux

Education and Workforce Development Public Policy Committee

Representative Reinbold  
Representative Tuck

## Energy and Environmental Public Policy Committee

Representative Pruitt  
Representative Nageak

## Fiscal and Economic Development Public Policy Committee

Representative Hughes  
Representative Tuck

## Health Public Policy Committee

Representative Josephson

## Transportation and Infrastructure Public Policy Committee

Representative Tarr  
Representative Colver

**The Council of State Governments - West (CSG-WEST)**

## Executive Committee

Representative Chenault  
Representative Pruitt  
Representative Johnson  
Representative Tuck

## Agriculture and Water Committee

Vacant

## Canada Relations Committee

Representative Talerico

## Transportation and Economic Development Committee

Representative Herron  
Representative Hughes  
Representative Tilton  
Representative Reinbold

## Education and Workforce Development Committee

Representative Keller  
Representative Kito  
Representative Tuck  
Representative Wool  
Representative Reinbold

Energy and Environment Committee  
Representative Thompson

Finance Committee  
Representative Saddler  
Representative Kawasaki

Public Safety Committee  
Vacant

Health and Human Services Committee  
Representative Seaton  
Representative Tarr

State and Federal Relations  
Representative Pruitt

**Energy Council**

Executive Committee  
Representative Olson  
Representative Millett

Energy Committee Members  
Representative Neuman  
Representative Gattis  
Representative Tuck  
Representative Foster  
Representative Claman (Alternate)  
Representative Talerico (Alternate)  
Representative Edgmon (Alternate)  
Representative Reinbold (Alternate)  
Representative Nageak (Alternate)

**HB 35**

Representatives Ortiz, Saddler, and Tuck added their names as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

"An Act establishing March 27 as Great Alaska Earthquake Remembrance Day."

**HB 90**

Representative Munoz added her name as cosponsor to:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 90

"An Act relating to the Protective Occupation Retirement Council; relating to participation of certain employees in the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the public employees' retirement system; and providing for an effective date."

**HB 91**

Representative Keller added his name as cosponsor to:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 91

"An Act relating to operating a motor vehicle in lanes of traffic."

**HB 107**

Representatives Kito, Keller, and Hughes added their names as cosponsors to:

## HOUSE BILL NO. 107

"An Act relating to the composition of the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."

**HB 15**

The following was reprinted on February 16, 2015, to reflect committee referral changes (page 68):

## HOUSE BILL NO. 15

"An Act relating to credits toward a sentence of imprisonment and to good time deductions."

HB 15 is in the Judiciary Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

The following meetings today were changed:

Judiciary Committee  
CHANGED TO:

1:15 p.m.

Resources Committee  
CHANGED TO:

1:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., February 20, 2015. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Suzi Lowell  
Chief Clerk