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Pursuant to adjournment the House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 10:33 a.m.

Roll call showed 40 members present.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Most Reverend Roger Schwietz, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

We pray as King Solomon did: "God of my fathers, Lord of mercy, you who have made all things by your word, and in your wisdom have established man to rule the creatures produced by you, to govern the world in holiness and justice, and to render judgment in integrity of heart: give me wisdom, the attendant at your throne, and reject me not from among your children...."

Mindful of these words of Solomon, Lord God, we ask you to help us to find wisdom. Bless the members of this House, and shed light on their thoughts. May their aspirations come true through righteous and good deeds. Give them the strength to concentrate, to think objectively, and to see clearly.

Shed your light on the lawmakers of this state, and in particular those gathered here, that their public service will promote the dignity of all Alaskans and reach out in

generosity to those most in need. We praise you and bless you, Lord God, now and forever. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Nageak.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 56th and 57th legislative days, House Journal Supplement No. 1, and Senate and House Joint Journal Supplement No. 6 be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

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Representative Guttenberg introduced Owen Ackerman, Guest Page, from Fairbanks.

Representative Thompson introduced his grandson, Gavin Gillette, and his son, Max Thompson, Guest Pages, from Fairbanks.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message dated March 16, 2015, was read stating the Senate passed the following, and it is transmitted for consideration:

FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SCR 6

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6 by Senators MEYER, MacKinnon, Stedman, Egan, Giessel, Hoffman, Bishop, Micciche, Stevens, Coghill, Kelly, Dunleavy, McGuire, Costello, Wielechowski, Stoltze, Olson, and Ellis:

Proclaiming April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The following was received:

State Commission for Human Rights
2014 Annual Report
(as required by AS 18.80.150)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Education Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Esther Cox
Dr. Keith Hamilton

as members of the Board of Education and Early Development.

Rebecca Himschoot
Martin Laster
David Legg

as members of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission.

The reports were signed by Representative Keller, Chair; and Representatives Kreiss-Tomkins, Vazquez, Talerico, Drummond, and Seaton.

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

Craig Richards

as Attorney General.

The report was signed by Representative LeDoux, Chair; and Representatives Millett, Lynn, Keller, Gruenberg, Foster, and Claman.

The Resources Committee reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointments be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Sam Cotten

as Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game.

Mark Myers

as Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

The reports were signed by Representatives Nageak and Talerico, Co-chairs; and Representatives Johnson, Josephson, Herron, Olson, Tarr, and Seaton.

HB 26

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 26

"An Act extending the termination date of the Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (4): Guttenberg, Gara, Munoz, Thompson

No recommendation (5): Saddler, Pruitt, Wilson, Gattis, Neuman

Amend (1): Kawasaki

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

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

HB 26 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

HB 106

The State Affairs Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

"An Act relating to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, including jurisdiction by tribunals of the state, registration and proceedings related to support orders from other state tribunals, foreign support orders, foreign tribunals, and certain persons residing in foreign countries; relating to determination of parentage of a child; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 106(STA)
(same title)

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

Do pass (4): Talerico, Stutes, Vazquez, Kreiss-Tomkins

No recommendation (3): Keller, Gruenberg, Lynn

The following fiscal note(s) apply to CSHB 106(STA):

2. Zero, Dept. of Law
3. Zero, Dept. of Revenue

HB 106 was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The House Special Committee on Fisheries reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends the appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

Sam Cotten

as Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game.

The report was signed by Representative Stutes, Chair; and Representatives Herron, Foster, Kreiss-Tomkins, and Ortiz.

SJR 7

The House Special Committee on Military & Veterans' Affairs considered:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Supporting the construction by American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., of an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in the nation's capital.

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

Do pass (7): Tuck, Gruenberg, LeDoux, Colver, Lynn, Hughes, Herron

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Zero, Legislative Agency

SJR 7 was referred to the Rules Committee for placement on the calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF CITATIONS

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

Honoring - Randy Creamer for 22 Years of Service
By Representative Seaton; Senator Stevens

Honoring - Al Tamagni, Sr.
By Representative Millett; Senator Meyer

In Memoriam - Dr. Paul "Kangrilnguq" John
By Representative Herron; Senator Hoffman

In Memoriam - Dorothy Perdue
By Senator Coghill

In Memoriam - Glenn Kenneth Johnson
By Senator Coghill

**INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE
OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

HCR 10

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10 by Representatives
STUTES and Edgmon:

Supporting the Alaska Maritime Workforce Development Industry
Advisory Committee and further efforts to carry out the Alaska
Maritime Workforce Development Plan.

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

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

HB 148

HOUSE BILL NO. 148 by the House Rules Committee by request of
the Governor, entitled:

"An Act relating to medical assistance reform measures; relating
to eligibility for medical assistance coverage; relating to medical
assistance cost containment measures by the Department of Health
and Social Services; and providing for an effective date."

was read the first time and referred to the Health & Social Services
and Finance Committees.

The following fiscal note(s) apply:

1. Fiscal, Dept. of Administration
2. Fiscal, Dept. of Corrections
3. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

4. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
5. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
6. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
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9. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
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13. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
14. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
15. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services
16. Fiscal, Dept. of Health & Social Services

The Governor's transmittal letter dated March 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 eligibility for medical assistance.

The bill would make technical amendments to AS 47.07.020 related to Medicaid eligibility and would authorize Medicaid expansion as permitted under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The bill also would provide express authority for the Department of Health and Social Services to engage in various Medicaid cost containment and reform measures, including expanding the use of waivers, using demonstration projects to engage in innovative practices, and expanding telemedicine capability and reimbursement to incentivize innovative service delivery models.

Finally, the bill would amend a number of existing statutes that are designed to assist the Department of Health and Social Services in its oversight of Medicaid providers.

Medicaid expansion and Medicaid reform are in the best interest of the state, and I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bill Walker

Governor"

HB 149

HOUSE BILL NO. 149 by Representative PRUITT, entitled:

"An Act relating to an amendment of the articles of incorporation of certain Native corporations to establish a lower quorum requirement for shareholder meetings."

was read the first time and referred to the Community & Regional Affairs Committee.

HB 150

HOUSE BILL NO. 150 by Representative JOSEPHSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to the composition of the Board of Game."

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

HB 151

HOUSE BILL NO. 151 by Representative JOSEPHSON, entitled:

"An Act establishing the Gordon Haber Denali Wolf Special Management Area."

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

HB 152

HOUSE BILL NO. 152 by Representative JOSEPHSON, entitled:

"An Act relating to game management and to regulations of the Board of Game."

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS****HB 65**

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 65

"An Act relating to the disclosure of financial information by persons who are subject to the Legislative Ethics Act and by certain public officers, public employees, and candidates for public office."

with the:	Journal Page
STA RPT CS(STA) 6DP	207
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	207
FN2: ZERO(LEG)	207
JUD RPT CS(JUD) 5DP	380
FN1: ZERO(ADM)	380
FN2: ZERO(LEG)	380

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the following committee substitute be adopted in lieu of the original bill:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(JUD)
(same title)

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Amendment No. 1 was offered by Representatives Gara and Kawasaki:

Page 2, line 24:

Delete "**May** [MARCH]"

Insert "March"

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

Representative Hawker objected.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that she be allowed to abstain from voting because of a conflict of interest. Objection was heard, and Representative Millett was required to vote.

The question being: "Shall Amendment No. 1 be adopted?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 65(JUD)
Second Reading
Amendment No. 1

YEAS: 12 NAYS: 28 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Drummond, Gara, Josephson, Kawasaki, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, Lynn, Ortiz, Reinbold, Tarr, Tuck, Vazquez

Nays: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Edgmon, Foster, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, LeDoux, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson, Wool

And so, Amendment No. 1 was not adopted.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 65(JUD) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

CSHB 65(JUD) was read the third time.

The question being: "Shall CSHB 65(JUD) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 65(JUD)
Third Reading
Final Passage

YEAS: 31 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Edgmon, Foster, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Kito,

Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Stutes, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson, Wool

Nays: Drummond, Gara, Josephson, Kawasaki, Reinbold, Tarr, Tuck, Vazquez

Absent: Seaton

And so, CSHB 65(JUD) passed the House.

Representative Olson later gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 65(JUD), and reconsideration was taken up then.

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 - Phi-Alpha of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Alaska Chapter

By Representatives Tilton, 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, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

Honoring - Top 40 under 40 - 2015 Recipients from Kodiak

By Senator Stevens; Representatives Stutes, 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, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tilton, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

In Memoriam - Terry Edward Shaff

By Representatives Edgmon, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, 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, Wool

In Memoriam - Terry Onslow

By Representatives Hawker, Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, 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, Wool

In Memoriam - Jeff Dusenbury

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

In Memoriam - Emily Rose Waste

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

In Memoriam - Eugene Lee Prewitt

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Representative Millett moved that the House ratify the appointment of Dennis "Skip" Cook to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Dennis "Skip" Cook as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Dennis "Skip" Cook

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 4

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

Absent: Edgmon, Kreiss-Tomkins, Munoz, Tilton

And so, the appointment was ratified.

Representative Millett moved that the House ratify the appointment of Herman G. Walker, Jr. to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics.

The question being: "Shall the House ratify the appointment of Herman G. Walker, Jr. as a public member to the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
Ratify - Herman G. Walker, Jr.

YEAS: 36 NAYS: 0 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 4

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Drummond, Foster, Gara, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Josephson, Kawasaki, Keller, Kito, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Reinbold, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Tarr, Thompson, Tuck, Vazquez, Wilson, Wool

Absent: Edgmon, Kreiss-Tomkins, Munoz, Tilton

And so, the appointment was ratified.

The Senate ratified the appointments (page 287).

The Chief Clerk notified the Senate.

RECONSIDERATION**HB 65**

Representative Olson gave notice of reconsideration of the vote on CSHB 65(JUD) (page 513).

Representative Olson moved and asked unanimous consent that reconsideration of CSHB 65(JUD) be taken up on the same day. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The following was before the House in third reading:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 65(JUD)

"An Act relating to the disclosure of financial information by persons who are subject to the Legislative Ethics Act and by certain public officers, public employees, and candidates for public office."

Representative Hawker placed a call of the House.

The call was satisfied.

The question to be reconsidered: "Shall CSHB 65(JUD) pass the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

CSHB 65(JUD)

Third Reading

Final Passage

Reconsideration

YEAS: 32 NAYS: 8 EXCUSED: 0 ABSENT: 0

Yeas: Chenault, Claman, Colver, Edgmon, Foster, Gattis, Gruenberg, Guttenberg, Hawker, Herron, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Kito, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lynn, Millett, Munoz, Nageak, Neuman, Olson, Ortiz, Pruitt, Saddler, Seaton, Stutes, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson, Wool

Nays: Drummond, Gara, Josephson, Kawasaki, Reinbold, Tarr, Tuck, Vazquez

And so, CSHB 65(JUD) passed the House on reconsideration and was referred to the Chief Clerk for engrossment.

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 Chenault – from noon, March 20 to 9:30 p.m., March 22

Representative LeDoux – from noon, March 20 to 2:00 p.m., March 23 (amended from page 435)

Representative Olson – from noon, March 20 to 7:30 p.m., March 22

Representative Kawasaki – from 5:30 p.m., March 19 to 10:30 a.m., March 23

HJR 17

Representative Gattis added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 17

Urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to ensure that federal agencies do not ban certain ammunition; and urging the governor to encourage the manufacture of firearms and ammunition in Alaska.

HB 15

Representative Gattis added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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

HB 95

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 95

"An Act relating to absentee voting, voting, and voter registration; relating to early voting locations at which persons may vote absentee ballots; and providing for an effective date."

HB 140

Representative Wilson added as a cosponsor to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

"An Act authorizing the Alaska Railroad Corporation to issue revenue bonds to finance a positive train control rail transportation safety project that qualifies for federal financial participation; and providing for an effective date."

HB 147

Representatives Munoz, Talerico, and Stutes added as cosponsors to:

HOUSE BILL NO. 147

"An Act relating to the investigation of cruelty to animals complaints; relating to the seizure of animals; relating to the destruction of animals; relating to a bond or security posted for the costs of care for an animal; relating to the inclusion of an animal in a protective order and the crimes and arrests for violating that protective order; and relating to the ownership of an animal upon divorce."

SCR 6

Representative Tuck added as a cross sponsor to:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

Proclaiming April 2015 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

SJR 7

Representatives Tuck, Hughes, LeDoux, Herron, Colver, and Gruenberg added as cross sponsors to:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Supporting the construction by American Indian Veterans Memorial, Inc., of an Alaska Native, American Indian, and Native Hawaiian veterans' monument in the nation's capital.

ENGROSSMENT**HB 65**

CSHB 65(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 Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 10:30 a.m., March 20, 2015. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk