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May 27, 2015

Seventh Day

The House was called to order by Speaker Chenault at 7:39 p.m.

Roll call showed 37 members present. Representatives Claman and Ortiz had been excused from a call of the House today. Representative Tarr was absent.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, Representative Munoz. Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

I have in my possession a little Bible that was given to me following the death of a close friend. My friend, Olaf Thorgaard, served in the United States Army in WWII in the construction division of the military. During that time, each member of the military was presented a Bible as a gift from the Commander-in-Chief, President Franklin Roosevelt.

The dedication reads, "As Commander-in-Chief I take pleasure in commending the reading of the Bible to all who serve in the armed forces of the United States. Throughout the centuries men of many faiths and diverse origins have found in the Sacred Book words of wisdom, counsel and inspiration. It is a foundation of strength and now, as always, an aid in attaining the highest aspirations of the human soul."

At the back of the Bible there is a series of prayers. Since many of us are separated from our families during these days of session, I offer the following prayer with greatest respect for the beliefs of all who are gathered here today.

A prayer for Loved Ones: O God, the Protector and Helper of all thy children, the Comfort and the Stay of the solitary and those who are separated from those they love, we commit unto thee and thy fatherly keeping our loved ones, beseeching thee to grant unto them every good gift for the body and the soul and to unite us all, present and absent, in true faith and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative Olson.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the sixth legislative day of the second special session be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

HB 153

A message dated May 19, 2015, 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:

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 153(RES)
"An Act expanding the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge."

Chapter No. 25, SLA 2015
Effective Date: August 17, 2015

HB 161

A message dated May 19, 2015, 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:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 161(HSS)

"An Act relating to the purchase of durable medical equipment under Medicaid; and providing for an effective date."

Chapter No. 26, SLA 2015

Effective Date: May 20, 2015

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

HB 2001

The Finance Committee considered:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2001

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs and capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends it be replaced with:

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2001(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; making appropriations for the operating expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; capitalizing funds and repealing appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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

Do pass (6): Saddler, Edgmon, Gattis, Munoz, Neuman, Thompson

No recommendation (2): Pruitt, Wilson

Amend (3): Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Gara

HB 2001 is on today's calendar.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY CALENDAR

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

HB 2001

The following was read the second time:

HOUSE BILL NO. 2001

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs and capitalizing funds; repealing appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

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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. 2001(FIN)

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; making appropriations for the operating expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; capitalizing funds and repealing appropriations; making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that CSHB 2001(FIN) be considered engrossed, advanced to third reading, and placed on final passage.

There was objection.

CSHB 2001(FIN) will advance to third reading on tomorrow's calendar.

ENROLLMENT

HJR 24

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 4:44 p.m., May 26, 2015:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

Urging the federal government to honor its commitments to transfer land to the state; and urging the United States Secretary of the Interior and the United States Congress to adhere to the recommendations of the United States Department of the Interior in its 2006 report under the Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act, including lifting withdrawals.

Legislative Resolve No. 20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Millett moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 9:00 a.m., May 28, 2015. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Suzi Lowell
Chief Clerk