

SEVENTH DAY

Monday, January 29, 2007

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, convened at 12:03 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Corinne W.L. Ching, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Berg, Har and Souki, who were excused.

By unanimous consent, reading and approval of the Journal of the House of Representatives of the Sixth Day was deferred.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 228) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 228, dated January 25, 2007, transmitting the Final Report on the Implementation of Act 183, SLH 2005, Incentives for Important Agricultural Lands.

SENATE COMMUNICATION

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 4) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 4, transmitting S.B. No. 638, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on January 26, 2007.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro seconded by Representative Meyer and carried, the following Senate bill passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representatives Berg, Har and Souki were excused.)

S.B. No. 638, SD 1

The Chair then announced:

"At this time, the Chair hereby refers said Senate Bill to the Committee on Finance."

INTRODUCTION

The following introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Green introduced Assemblywoman Judy Junor of the Saskatchewan Legislature and Chair of the Human Services Committee, and her husband Mr. Don Junor who were visiting from Canada.

ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

The following bill was referred to committee by the Speaker:

S.B.
No. **Referred to:**

638, Committee on Finance
SD1

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following bills were re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

| <u>H.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u> | <u>Re-referred to:</u> |
|----------------------------|---|
| 116 | Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 201 | Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 340 | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 379 | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 386 | Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Housing, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 388 | Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 396 | Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 397 | Jointly to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 412 | Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 413 | Jointly to the Committee on Transportation and the Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 466 | Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 487 | Committee on Human Services & Housing, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 700 | Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 701 | Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance |
| 761 | Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Finance |

- 816 Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
- 833 Jointly to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Human Services & Housing, then to the Committee on Finance
- 1817 Jointly to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance
- 1820 Jointly to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment and the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representative Herkes, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1) recommending that H.B. No. 107, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 107, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Marumoto rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"I would like to express reservations on Standing Committee Report No. 1.

"I did vote for this measure because apparently refund splitting is allowed and performed by the Federal Government. However, I now have reservations because the State Department of Taxation said it would have to devise new forms to comply with this law and reconfigure computer programs to allow refunds to be sent to two places. It seems to be a great deal of trouble to accommodate the few people who will want to split their taxpayer refunds, I guess, only once a year. It seems to me that these few people could receive their refunds and mail it to the second party or to the second financial institution. Thank you."

Representative Herkes rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The items that were brought up by the previous speaker should be addressed by the Committee on Finance. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 107, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance with Representatives Berg and Har being excused.

Representative Herkes, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2) recommending that H.B. No. 373, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 373, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCRAP DEALERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with Representatives Berg and Har being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Evans: "Mr. Speaker, this afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs is going to have an informational briefing to discuss how can the State Civil Defense improve communication with the general public when a man-made or natural disaster occurs. One of the things I want to point out to my colleagues, over and over again in the newspaper, continually people are saying how can we get the word out to the public when there is a disaster. And that, I think, is the number one issue with the public. Thank you."

Representative Lee announced that the Committee on Finance will be conducting a public hearing today on SB No. 638, SD 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 308.

Representative McKelvey announced the that Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce will be conducting a public hearing on ten measures today at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 325, with decision making to follow.

Representative Carroll announced that the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection will be conducting an informational briefing on Tuesday, January 30 at 8:15 a.m. in Conference Room 325.

Representative Carroll also announced that the Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Committee on Agriculture will be conducting an informational briefing on the economics of invasive species on Tuesday, January 30 at 10:15 a.m. in Conference Room 325.

Representative Mizuno announced that the Committee on Health, and the Committee on and Human Services and Housing will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 30 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329 with decision making to follow.

Representative Nakasone announced that the Committee on Labor and Public Employment will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, January 30 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 309 with decision making to follow.

Speaker Say: "Members of the Labor Committee, please attend this particular hearing. You've got 16 measures on tomorrow's agenda with decision making to follow before 12:00 noon. You also have decision making that has been deferred from January 26, 2007. That is for the members of the Labor Committee."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:15 o'clock p.m. on motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Meyer and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Tuesday, January 30, 2007. (Representatives Berg and Har were excused.)