

NINTH DAY

Wednesday, January 31, 2007

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, convened at 12:09 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding.

Representative Evans introduced Major Shirley Haynes and Ms. Serena Camara, who then delivered the invocation. The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Berg, Souki and Takamine, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 229 through 241) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 229, transmitting the FY 2006 Crime Victim Compensation Commission Annual Report.

Gov. Msg. No. 230, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1226 appropriating \$626,000 in general funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services to cover electricity payments for state facilities.

Gov. Msg. No. 231, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1227 appropriating \$800,000 in general funds and \$2,926,000 in revolving funds to the Department of Accounting and General Services to cover increases in property insurance premiums and deductibles.

Gov. Msg. No. 232, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1338 appropriating \$250,000 in compliance resolution funds to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to investigate power outages that occurred due to the earthquake on October 15, 2006.

Gov. Msg. No. 233, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1345 appropriating \$24,900,000 in general funds to the Department of Defense to cover emergency relief and recovery operations due to the earthquake on October 15, 2006.

Gov. Msg. No. 234, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1370 appropriating \$8,377,698 in general funds to the Department of Health for ongoing services provided by the adult mental health division.

Gov. Msg. No. 235, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1371 appropriating \$4,980,523 in general funds to the Department of Health for the State's Medicaid home and community-based services programs for persons with developmental disabilities and mental retardation.

Gov. Msg. No. 236, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1372 appropriating \$1,900,000 in general funds to the Department of Health for costs reimbursement of emergency aeromedical services provided by the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Gov. Msg. No. 237, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1373 appropriating \$5,299,809 in general funds to the Department of Health for early intervention services.

Gov. Msg. No. 238, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1377 appropriating \$41,000,000 in special funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for operational costs.

Gov. Msg. No. 239, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1378 appropriating \$950,000 in general funds to the Department of Health for Kahuku Hospital.

Gov. Msg. No. 240, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1414 appropriating \$4,500,000 in general funds to the Department of Taxation for administration of the City & County of Honolulu surcharge on the state general excise tax.

Gov. Msg. No. 241, dated January 29, 2007, requesting immediate passage of House Bill No. 1943 appropriating \$10,000,000 in special funds to the Department of Health for the Deposit Beverage Container Program.

The Chair then announced:

"For the respective Chairs that these particular bills have been referred to, the Chair would like to recommend that you move these measures on as quickly as possible since they are emergency appropriations from the Executive Branch. I believe it is over a total of \$50 million plus, so let's move this legislation on."

INTRODUCTION

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

Representative Takumi introduced his friends from the American Friends Service Committee, Mr. Cliff and Mrs. Jean Lester of California, and their friend, Ms. Peg Campbell of Cleveland.

ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

H.B.
Nos.Re-referred to:

658 Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

675 Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representatives Shimabukuro and Green, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing and the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 10) recommending that H.B. No. 10, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 10, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce with Representatives Berg and Takamine being excused.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 11) recommending that H.B. No. 203, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Health.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 203, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO NEUROTRAUMA," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Health with Representatives Berg and Takamine being excused.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 12) recommending that H.B. No. 326, 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. 326, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with Representatives Berg and Takamine being excused.

Representative Green, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 13) recommending that H.B. No. 228, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 228, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce with Representatives Berg and Takamine being excused.

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:59 o'clock p.m.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Meyer and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering a bill on Third Reading on the basis of a modified consent calendar. (Representative Takamine was excused.)

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 638, SD 1:

Representative Caldwell moved that S.B. No. 638, SD 1, pass Third Reading, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

At this time, Representative Finnegan offered Floor Amendment No. 1, amending S.B. No. 638, SD 1, as follows:

SECTION 1. Senate Bill No. 638, Senate Draft 1, is amended by amending Section 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of [~~\$11,670,163~~] \$9,670,163, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for defraying any and all session and nonsession expenses of the house of representatives up to and including June 30, 2008, including the 2007 regular session, twenty-fourth legislature of the State of Hawaii, and pre-session expenses and the expenses of any committee or committees established during the interim between the 2007 and 2008 regular sessions.

The sum appropriated in this section shall be expended by the house of representatives."

Representative Finnegan moved that Floor Amendment No. 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Meyer.

Representative Finnegan rose to speak in support of the proposed Floor Amendment, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to speak in favor of this amendment. Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I know that it is not an easy job being the Speaker of the House and our Caucus appreciates the efforts that you put forth answering some of the questions that we had on the House budget. However, these are some numbers that are running and ruminating in my head.

"Of the total 2006 expenditures for the House, and that's including the carry-over money that was expended, as well as what was in the budget, a total of \$8.9 million was expended. If this underlying measure is passed as is, we would have access to a total of \$16 million in 2007. That is almost two times the amount expended in 2006.

"Mr. Speaker, it is not within the Republican DNA to let this go. We propose that we leave your spending total intact for now at \$11.6 million, but appropriate \$9.6 million from the general fund, and use \$2 million of the \$4.4 million of reserves. This means that there are still the cameras, the benches, the raises for staff would still be achievable. And this will also allow for approximately three months or so of reserves according to the actual expenditures from last year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the proposed Floor Amendment, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in favor of the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The value of this amendment is that it puts us back to normal rather than special. As the previous speaker mentioned, it essentially allows all the expenses for the existing Session funds to be met. All it does is it essentially do what everybody else does and that is do normal accounting based upon what is actually spent and then you add on top of that. And with this amendment there's still \$2.4 million left into the reserve which is sufficient.

"Mr. Speaker, I would also add that part of the difficulty and why this amendment and probably why this confusion has resulted is there's seems to be a difference between cash and accrual and when we are doing one and when we are doing the other. If we may possibly suggest that let's stick to one. Generally, a 'mom and pop' does cash. A larger company like this one, if we are a company, does accrual. And that will show all the expenses, all the things you've committed; the sick leave that you mentioned in the details.

"So we appreciated your giving us the details, but I hope for the next time this will be at least the beginning of getting it and understanding what it is.

"And at the appropriate time Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a roll call vote. Thank you.

Representative Meyer rose to speak in support of the proposed Floor Amendment, stating:

"Thank you Mr. Speaker. I'm rising in support of the amendment. I think our concern is that we have been running a fairly large reserve in the last three or four years, and it looks like this year we would have a reserve from the '05 budget of close to \$ 4.5 million. And as the Minority Leader said, if you add what is in the underlying bill \$11.6, you come up with close to \$16 million.

"I guess it's just in the nature of Republicans to be somewhat prudent when it comes to spending money. And it looks like with the underlying bill, we could easily end up after the '06 Session with more than \$4.5 million, and maybe \$6 million. That's a lot of general fund money to just be sitting there. And during this Legislative Session, we're going to hear all kinds of worthy organizations and ideas for using money, and it just seems that we should use the money we actually need and not go along and squirrel away a lot of

extra money. Although I realize it makes life easier. We don't worry about running out of money.

"But because we have the responsibility to look at all requests and try to fund the worthy causes as best we can, I think that this is a good compromise. So I hope that others in this Chamber will vote for this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Representative M. Oshiro rose to speak in opposition to the proposed Floor Amendment, stating:

"I am rising in opposition to this amendment. A couple of points. First of all, Mr. Speaker, in no way will the budget go from the \$11.5 million budget to a \$16 million budget in 2007. That's nothing but nonsense. It only tells me that the GOP DNA stands for 'Does Not Add.'

"Mr. Speaker, the facts speak for themselves in black and white. This is a \$2.7 [\$1.2] million increase to legislative budget.

"The third point, if the GOP is sincere in this maneuver this morning, then amongst themselves is comprised about 20% of the body. They can save the two million amongst themselves. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Caldwell rose to speak in opposition to the proposed Floor Amendment, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, some additional comments that I wanted to provide a bigger perspective on the issue that we're dealing with. I'm standing against the amendment, Mr. Speaker. The big picture, Mr. Speaker. We do have three branches of government, and ours is one of them. If you look at the Executive Branch, they're spending this year about \$5.1 ..."

Representative Thielen rose stating:

"Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please ask the speaker to address the amendment that is before us? Not to go and attack the Executive Branch?"

The Chair responded, stating:

"I believe the Representative from Manoa is comparing our legislative budget with the Executive budget, which the Chair will allow him to do because he has done it in the past in allowing Members to compare apples with apples, oranges with oranges."

Representative Thielen: "Actually, Mr. Speaker, I don't believe that's relevant when we're talking about an amendment that deals with the House ..."

Representative B. Oshiro rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. This current speaker isn't rising on a point of order. She's trying to rise on rebuttal."

Speaker Say: "Correct. Representative Caldwell, please proceed."

Representative Caldwell continued, stating:

"Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps I'll start with the Legislature first. Our total legislative budget, the House, Senate, Auditor's office, is \$33.4 million for this year, we're requesting. Judicial is a \$134 million and the Executive Branch is \$5.1 billion. So I just want to give a perspective as to what we're dealing with here. Three co-equal branches of government and the Legislative Branch is spending the least amount of money.

"Now in terms of background and history, we can all be proud of the fact, all of us here today and for those who have been here since '96, that the Legislature in the past eleven years has stuck to a zero budget in seven out of the eleven years. That's something we can all

be very proud of. And under your leadership and others, and with the cooperation for all the members of the House, we were able for many years to keep the budget at zero. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said about the Executive Branch. And if you take the Executive Branch budget ..."

Representative Thielen: "Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Say: "Representative Thielen, do you rise on a point of order?"

Representative Thielen: "Yes, I rise for a point of order. We're dealing with the House's budget, Mr. Speaker, and that's really the appropriate issue before us. And I would ask that you would direct the speaker across the aisle to leave the Executive Branch out of this. It's not relevant to what we're talking about today.

Speaker Say: "The Chair will allow the Representative from Manoa to use the comparative analysis of the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch in defense of his position of not voting for the reduction. So please proceed, Representative Caldwell."

Representative Caldwell continued, stating:

"Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm almost finished with this comparison. The point I'm trying to make, Mr. Speaker, since we've heard that the Republicans say it's in their nature to be fiscally conservative, under the past four years of the Executive Branch, their budget has increased by over fifty percent, far outpacing any increase ..."

Representative Meyer rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker: I think there's no comparison between the Executive budget and the Legislative budget. The Executive budget under B&F runs all of the departments of the State. There's nothing that is comparative here."

The Chair responded, stating:

"Representative Meyer, at this point the Chair will rule you out of order because I've already stated to the Representative from Kailua that the Representative from Manoa may make the comparison between the Executive budget and the Legislative budget. Please be seated. Representative Caldwell."

Representative Caldwell continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to be moving on now. I won't be talking about the comparison anymore.

"The next point I wanted to make is one regarding fiscal responsibility. It's through your leadership and also the cooperation of members of this House that we do have this flow-through reserve that we're talking about right now. And that comes up as a result of fiscal responsibility that we've heard so much talked about today. Somehow that's being turned into a bad thing. The good thing, though, Mr. Speaker is with that reserve, we can pay all of our staff right now. And without that reserve, or a very thin reserve, we'd be pushing the limit as to whether we can pay that staff. It keeps us in operation.

"And part of it is because we have deferred action on certain things that need to be addressed in this House, since they've moved back ten years ago, almost eleven years ago. And this reserve, this flow-through reserve, will be used in the coming year to address some of those. I'd be very surprised if next year we see an additional increase in our Legislative budget. And so this reserve will help us do those things. And partly it's because we're probably going to be faced with probably a flattening of our economy. So it makes fiscal sense to make sure there's a sufficient reserve to do the things we need to do.

"The next point is, how much is sufficient, in terms of reserve. We've heard that discussed. I have right here, Mr. Speaker, eight or nine different financial advisors, nationally known, who talk about what is a sufficient amount of reserve. In a family budget, and we've heard discussion on this floor yesterday, about what is a sufficient reserve. And the average is somewhere between three to six months. The *Wall Street Journal* recommends six to nine months of reserves."

Speaker Say: "Representative Meyer, yes. For what purpose do you rise?"

Representative Meyer: "The present speaker has exceeded the time."

Representative Karamatsu rose to yield his time, and the Chair, "so ordered."

Representative Caldwell continued, stating:

"Thank you, Vice Speaker. I appreciate it. The point is, Mr. Speaker, is that this reserve, while it may sound like a lot, may not be sufficient if we were not to reach an agreement with the Senate on the timetable in our budget, and we would not be able to pay the people who work and serve all the people of our State.

"Mr. Speaker, it's a worst case type of reserve. We're assuming what happens in the worst case. Albert Einstein, the great physicist said 'Politics is more difficult than physics, because at least with physics you can always predict with more accuracy.' We're in the people business and it's difficult to predict when you're dealing with people.

"Just this morning, Mr. Speaker, we saw the Governor send out twelve emergency budget bills. Twelve, totaling almost \$100 million. We do not have that luxury as a Legislature to submit emergency appropriations. That provides flexibility that we don't have, therefore justifying why we need this reserve.

"Finally Mr. Speaker, all of us as politicians would love to say 'Let's put money back into the general fund.' It's a popular thing to state. But in the end, Mr. Speaker, should this amendment lose and my recommendation is to every Member of this body to vote no on the amendment, the next question is, will those people who supported the amendment accept the money and work with that reserve? And if we face a difficult time, that perhaps they will agree and I'd welcome an agreement on the Floor today, to say that they would not use that reserve. That they would maybe forego some of the requests that they have made.

"So my point is that it's easy to say a popular point like, 'let's give the back'. Lose. And then come back and say, 'but we'll take the money'. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

The Chair then stated:

"Thank you very much. We've had a lot of discussion on this particular motion. The Chair recognizes Representative Finnegan for the last comment.

Representative Finnegan rose, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask a question of the Representative from Aiea, Pearl City."

Speaker Say: "Will the Representative from Aiea, Pearl City yield to a question?"

Representative Takai: "Can she ask the question, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Say: "Please proceed in asking the question before he yields to the question."

Representative Finnegan continued, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, we received a chart that explains the amount of money that was expended last year, both the carry-over money, as well as the – from the budget, the allocation to the House budget. And in this amount, it shows that the total expenditures were \$8.9 million. And if we take that amount of \$8.9 million for last year and we take the \$4.4 in carry-over funds that we have this year, along with what we're about the pass on the underlying measure of \$11.6 million, that we will end up with the ability to access, access ... Not to just have a \$16 million budget, that's not what we're saying. What I'm saying is that we can access \$16 million.

"I just want to know because this hard work that was done from the documents that were supplied by the Clerk's Office, if this is what I'm to understand from this, and get from these numbers, are these numbers correct? Are these numbers true? Are these numbers ... It would give us basically \$16 million in 2007 based upon an \$8 million expenditure from last year. That's my question."

The Chair then addressed Representative Takai, stating:

"Representative Takai, would you yield to the question?"

At 1:16 o'clock p.m., Representative Takai requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:22 o'clock p.m.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"At this time, the motion before this body is an amendment offered by Representative Finnegan and Representative Meyer. Representative Ward has called for a roll call vote, and the Chair will recognize the Majority Leader, Representative Caldwell.

Representative Caldwell rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of bipartisanship, I'd like to join with the Representative from the Minority Party and ask for a roll call vote also."

Speaker Say: "So there are a majority of votes here. For those who support the motion will say 'Aye'. Those who do not support the motion will say 'No.' Does everyone understand? Representative Bertram, do you understand what the Chair has stated?"

Representative Bertram: "Yes, I have."

Roll call having been requested, the motion that Floor Amendment No. 1, amending S.B. No. 638, SD 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," be adopted, was put to vote by the Chair and failed to carry on the following show of Noes and Ayes:

Noes, 39: Representatives Berg, Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Caldwell, Carroll, Chang, Chong, Evans, Green, Hanohano, Har, Herkes, Ito, Karamatsu, Lee, Luke, Magaoay, Manahan, McKelvey, Mizuno, Morita, Nakasone, Nishimoto, B. Oshiro, M. Oshiro, Rhoads, Sagum, Say, Shimabukuro, Sonson, Souki, Takumi, Tokioka, Tsuji, Wakai, Waters, Yamane and Yamashita.

Ayes, 11: Representatives Awana, Belatti, Ching, Finnegan, Marumoto, Meyer, Pine, Saiki, Takai, Thielen and Ward.

Excused, 1: Representative Takamine.

(Main Motion)

Representative Pine rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Yes, Mr. Speaker, I'm speaking in opposition to the measure. I'm actually speaking in opposition not because of any of the reasons that were said in the amendment, but really, yesterday I was accused by another Member of the House of not being in favor of pay raises for my staff. And that really got me to thinking. What is this bill really about?"

"And with this Session starting with this great ethics bill that I hope gets passed, it also made me start thinking about ethics in this Legislature. And so Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition because I do care about my staff Mr. Speaker, and I think today's a good day to point out what's unethical about how my staff is being paid.

"Mr. Speaker, currently, if you choose to work for a Republican Representative, you will get paid less. It's the policy of this body that every Republican office will be given \$500 less to pay their staff. And Mr. Speaker, I just can't stand here to vote in favor for a bill that pays my staff less just because they decided to work for me.

"And I do want to say that I'm so proud of my staff because so many of them could work for someone else and get paid a lot more, but they decided to work for me, a Republican, because they love Ewa Beach, they love the people of Hawaii, and they want the Ewa Beach to be represented a certain way. And so Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of ethics and in the spirit of fairness, I am in opposition.

"I do want to make one more note that I forgot to say. We did bring this up when this policy was first mentioned and we're told that the reason why Republicans got less for their staff is because some of the Democrats had Committee Chairs or Vice Chairs, and we did point out that there are many examples where this was not the case. And it's definitely not the case again this time around. And the only common denominator that gave people more money for their staff was that they were a Democrat office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.B. No. 638, SD 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," passed Third Reading by a vote of 47 ayes to 3 noes, with Representatives Finnegan, Meyer and Pine voting no, and with Representative Takamine being excused.

At 1:27 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that S.B. No. 638, SD 1, passed Third Reading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Mizuno announced that the House Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs will be conducting an informational briefing today at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 016.

Representative Mizuno: "Also another announcement. There will be a reception for the Hawaii Global Youth Center in Conference Room 329, tonight from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Feel free to join us, as well your staff. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative McKelvey announced that the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce will be conducting a public hearing 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 a public hearing Thursday, February 1 at 8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 312.

Representative Rhoads announced that the Committee on Human Services and Housing will be conducting a public hearing Thursday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329.

"There will be a couple of substitutions. H.B. No. 927 will not be on the agenda. And H.B. No. 722 having to do with nursing homes is going to be put on the agenda. Thank you."

Representative Rhoads, for the Committee on Human Services and Housing, then requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice to hear H.B. No. 722, relating to nursing homes, Thursday, February 1 at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 329, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Har announced that the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs will be conducting a public hearing Thursday, February 1, at 8:30 a.m. in Conference Room 309; and at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 309.

Representative Wakai announced that the Committee on Economic Development and Business Concerns will be conducting decision making, and a public hearing, Thursday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 325.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:30 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, Thursday, February 1, 2007. (Representative Takamine was excused.)