

TWELFTH DAY

Monday, February 5, 2007

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, convened at 12:04 o'clock p.m., with Vice Speaker Karamatsu presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Faye P. Hanohano, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Har, Lee, Luke, McKelvey, Meyer, Pine, Souki, Takamine and Takumi, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 246 through 248) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 246, dated February 1, 2007, transmitting the Report Pursuant to Act 160, Section 36.2, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, Requiring the Office of Health Status Monitoring to Prepare a Yearly Detailed Progress Report on the Reinvention of the Vital Statistics System.

Gov. Msg. No. 247, dated January 17, 2007, transmitting the Aloha Tower Development Corporation Annual Report 2006.

Gov. Msg. No. 248, dated February 2, 2007, transmitting the Department of Human Service's Report as required by Act 302, SLH 2006.

At 12:09 o'clock p.m., Representative B. Oshiro requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:17 o'clock p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

The following resolutions and concurrent resolutions were referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.R.
Nos.**Referred to:**

- 15 Committee on Judiciary
16 Committee on Health

H.C.R.
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- 29 Committee on Judiciary
30 Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance
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32 Committee on Human Services & Housing, then to the Committee on Legislative Management, then to the Committee on Finance

- 33 Committee on Health
34 Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
35 Committee on Transportation

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representative Chang, for the Committee on Higher Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 38) recommending that H.B. No. 239, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Human Services & Housing.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 239, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Human Services & Housing, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on HB No. 239, with reservations. And I would like to state my reservation. As long as the appropriation being requested in this measure does not interfere with the funding of, or future funding of UH West Oahu and UH Hilo. And realize that there are two universities being built in this decade and I would like the first appropriations to go to those, as opposed to getting into another endeavor of building housing."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 239, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING A MATCHING FUNDS APPROPRIATION TO INCREASE STUDENT ON-CAMPUS AND NEARBY HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Human Services & Housing, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 39) recommending that H.B. No. 525, as amended in HD 1, 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. 525, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOSTER CHILDREN'S TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 40) recommending that H.B. No. 14, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 14, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 41) recommending that H.B. No. 22, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 22, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNTS," passed Second Reading and

was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Green, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 42) recommending that H.B. No. 770, 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. 770, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTISTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Green, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 43) recommending that H.B. No. 56, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 56, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

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

"In regards to Standing Committee Report 43, House Bill 56, I just had reservations, more so toward the part of the bill that authorizes the Commission to seek waivers in federal law. I would also like additional comments please," and the Chair "so ordered.

Representative Finnegan's written comments are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, although I have reservations about government funded or socializing health care, I am okay with the continuing discussion of how much such initiatives will cost.

"I am concerned about subsection 2, item c, "The commission may seek waivers of federal law, rule, or regulation necessary to implement and maintain the provisions of this chapter."

"Dealing with the federal government is like finding your way through a maze and this should be done through the State departments. Thank you."

Representative Ching rose in support of the measure with reservations, and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ching's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand with reservations. I appreciate the intent behind establishing a Hawaii Health Commission to develop a health plan that provides coverage to all people in the State of Hawai'i. I strongly believe that every member of our society needs and deserves a core group of medical and surgical medicine. The issue of universal coverage merits further study.

"The one-year time frame for the Commission to deliver its findings to the Legislature is too brief and the funding assigned to the project is too little. To reiterate the testimony of State Insurance Commissioner J.P. Schmidt testifies on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, there is no one at the Insurance Division with the expertise needed to develop a health plan. To accomplish the work required to develop the project, more time and more funding above the \$200,000 request will be needed.

"Ultimately, because there is an infinite demand for healthcare, placing the decisions in the hands of our government and insurers will not increase the effectiveness of healthcare. Such decisions are best left to patients and their physicians."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 56, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 44) recommending that H.B. No. 593, 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. 593, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ATHLETIC TRAINERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 45) recommending that H.B. No. 24, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 24, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Takumi, for the Committee on Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 46) recommending that H.B. No. 26, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 26, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Finnegan rose in support of the measure with reservations, and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Finnegan's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I have strong reservations on this bill. This bill creates an undesirable precedent for other Executive branch boards and commissions to request similar compensation. One of the critiques of our current system is that there needs to be clarification of the roles and responsibilities of the BOE and their wants to micromanage the DOE and Charter Schools.

"Therefore, I have some serious reservations and will reserve further comments should there be a Third Reading on this bill. 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. 26, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representatives Takumi and Green, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 47) recommending that H.B. No. 16, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 16, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be

referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Chang rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Awana rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 16, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment with Representative Chang voting no, and with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 48) recommending that H.B. No. 863, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 863, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

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

"I'd like to register a no vote on House Bill 863. This is a bill that attempts to treat certain private construction projects as if they were public works projects. I would like to have permission to insert additional remarks in the Journal," and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Meyer's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill attempts to treat certain free market, private construction projects conducted on private property as if they were public works projects, unnecessarily driving up costs by subjecting them to Chapter 104 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. This bill would require these private contractors to sign a lease agreement to pay "prevailing wages" set by the State that may be above fair market wages, driving up costs. This bill would require additional paperwork not currently required, again driving up costs."

Representative Ching rose in support of the measure with reservations, and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ching's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand with reservations. I support the intent of H.B. 863, which proposes updating Chapter 104 to require certain private construction projects to pay prevailing wages and file certified payrolls along with other provisions. However, we must be mindful that this legislation is substantively identical to H.B. 2641, vetoed by the Governor in the 2006 Legislative Session.

"H.B. 863 addresses the private development of facilities that are to be used by government, based on a pre-construction agreement to lease back or to turn over outright to the State or county. Expanding coverage to mixed public and private use projects would be confusing and burdensome to the private parties in a construction project. The measure limits the State's or county's ability to negotiate favorable lease terms because inclusion of any State interest in private projects would subject the project to the administrative burden of Chapter 104 and possibly to the penalties and costs of litigation. Also, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations would have difficulty enforcing Chapter 104 because it would not have access to any construction contract funds that could be withheld in order to pay laborers who were not paid prevailing wages."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 863, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns with Representative Meyer voting no, and with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 49) recommending that H.B. No. 1493, 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. 1493, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 50) recommending that H.B. No. 887, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 887, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Meyer rose in support of the measure with reservations, and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Meyer's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill would encourage litigious behavior by disgruntled employees, and could be used as retribution for disciplinary action taken against a poorly performing public employee. Also, requiring "conspicuous" postings of notices in public workplaces encouraging whistleblowers to report acts alleged to be "economically wasteful or involving gross misconduct, incompetence, or inefficiency" would not exactly inspire public confidence in the operations of government."

Representative Evans rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Har rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 887, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WHISTLEBLOWERS' PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 51) recommending that H.B. No. 393, as amended in HD 1, 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. 393, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Evans rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Meyer rose in support of the measure with reservations, and asked that her written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Meyer's written remarks are as follows:

"This bill would require the State and counties to offer health insurance to its emergency and temporary hires and to part-time employees who work fewer than twenty hours per week, if those employees do not possess health insurance through an employer or a retirement plan. This would destroy the underwriting rules for eligibility, leading to the State and counties having to offer insurance to people with expensive health problems who have only worked a few hours for the State or counties."

Representative Har rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Finnegan rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ching rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative McKelvey rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Carroll rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 393, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 52) recommending that H.B. No. 154, 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. 154, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 53) recommending that H.B. No. 1447, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Caldwell moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1447, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro.

Representative Chang rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1447, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOISE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with Representative Chang voting no, and with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 54) recommending that H.B. No. 1484, 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. 1484, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPEEDING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 55) recommending that H.B. No. 64, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 64, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 56) recommending that H.B. No. 372, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 372, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 57) recommending that H.B. No. 1549, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1549, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 58) recommending that H.B. No. 362, 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. 362, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 59) recommending that H.B. No. 351, 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. 351, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Cabanilla, for the Committee on International Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 60) recommending

that H.B. No. 540, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 540, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GLOBAL YOUTH CENTER IN HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Takamine being excused.

Representative Cabanilla, for the Committee on International Affairs presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 61) recommending that H.B. No. 1117, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1117, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, with Representative Takamine being excused.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

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

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 21, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, H.B. No. 21, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takamine being excused.

H.B. No. 25, HD 1:

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, H.B. No. 25, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER LICENSING," passed Third Reading by a vote of 50 ayes, with Representative Takamine being excused.

At 12:25 o'clock p.m., Representative B. Oshiro requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:25 o'clock p.m.

At 12:25 o'clock p.m., the Chair noted that H.B. Nos. 21, HD 1, and 25, HD 1, passed Third Reading.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolution (H.R. No. 21) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 36 and 37) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 21, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN OTHER STATES," was offered by Representative Say, by request.

H.C.R. No. 36, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED NATIONS, EUROPEAN UNION, AND NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION TO PURSUE POLICIES DIRECTED AT ENDING THE ONGOING CONFLICT IN THE DARFUR REGION OF WESTERN SUDAN," was jointly offered by Representatives Cabanilla, Berg, Mizuno and Sonson.

H.C.R. No. 37, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF CIGARETTE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED IN OTHER STATES," was offered by Representative Say, by request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Caldwell: "I'd like to announce and remind all the Chairs that we're going to be having a Chairs meeting today at 1:00 p.m. in the Policy Room, Room 437 and lunch will be provided."

Representative McKelvey announced that the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce will be conducting a public hearing today, February 5 at 2:15 p.m. in Conference Room 325.

Representative Mizuno announced that the Committee on Health will be conducting a public hearing tomorrow, February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 329.

Representative Mizuno, for the Committee on Health also requested a waiver of 48-hour advanced notice requirement to hear two bills: HB No. 1335 and HB No. 877.

"House Bill 1335 is relating to Chapter 460 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. This bill clarifies the osteopathic doctors' residency program in Hawaii.

"In addition, Mr. Speaker, we'd like to ask for a waiver of the notice requirement for House Bill 877. It's entitled 'Relating to Health.' The contents of it requests or asks for audits of all non-profit mutual benefit societies in Hawaii to be conducted by the State Insurance Commissioner."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:27 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, February 6, 2007. (Representative Takamine was excused.)