

NINTH DAY

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, convened at 12:05 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Thomas Okano, Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representative Souki, who was 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. 234 through 244) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Gov. Msg. No. 234, dated January 4, 2008, transmitting the Department of Human Services' Report to the Legislature as required by Act 213, Part 7, Section 200, SLH 2007.

Gov. Msg. No. 235, dated January 14, 2008, transmitting the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority's 2007 Annual Report.

Gov. Msg. No. 236, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 2694, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$94,283 in general funds for Fiscal Years 2007-2008 for the operations of the Judicial Selection Commission. [note: See Gov. Msg. No. 244 which supersedes this letter.]

Gov. Msg. No. 237, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3037, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$271,852 from the Stadium Special Fund to pay Fiscal year 2007-2008 increases in electricity, sewer, refuse and insurance premium payments for Aloha Stadium.

Gov. Msg. No. 238, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3038, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$1 million in general funds to pay statewide increases in electricity payments for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Gov. Msg. 239, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3140, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$10 million in general funds for Fiscal year 2007-2008 to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority for program operations and repayment to the Department of Budget and Finance for a loan made to cover payroll and risk management costs for liability insurance.

Gov. Msg. 240, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3146, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$10 million in general funds for the Adult Mental Health Division in the State Department of Health to cover higher enrollment and per capita costs.

Gov. Msg. No. 241, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3152, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$1,807,539 in general funds for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to pay ambulance service providers statewide collective bargaining increases.

Gov. Msg. 242, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3161, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$14 million in general funds for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 to pay current essential vendors, reduce accounts

payable and allow operation and provision of current levels of service in Hawaii Health Systems Corporation's facilities.

Gov. Msg. No. 243, dated January 28, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 3197, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$21,253,032 out of the State Highway Fund to cover operation and maintenance programs in Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Gov. Msg. No. 244, dated January 29, 2008, requesting immediate consideration and passage of House Bill 2694, which makes an emergency appropriation of \$47,142 in general funds for Fiscal Years 2007-2008 for the operation of the Judicial Selection Commission. This letter supersedes her letter dated January 28, 2008. (see Gov. Msg. No. 236.)

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following departmental communication (Dept. Com. No. 51) was received by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 51, dated January 25, 2008, from the University of Hawaii, transmitting the Annual Report on University of Hawaii, Hilo 'Imiloa Astronomy Center of Hawaii General Fund Appropriation for FY 2008.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative McKelvey introduced his friends with the public access television on Maui, Mr. Lance Collins, Mr. Jay April and Ms. Cynthia Tomei.

Representative Takumi introduced Astronaut Barbara R. Morgan who was in Hawaii to attend the Onizuka Science Day event. She was accompanied by Mr. Claude Onizuka; science and space teacher, Mr. Art Kimura; Mr. Roger Takabayashi of HSTA; and Mr. Bob Toyofuku.

ORDER OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>H.R.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Referred to:</u>
44	Committee on International Affairs, then to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs
45	Committee on Judiciary

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COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>H.B. Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
2076	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs and the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Finance
2144	Committee on Tourism & Culture, then to the Committee on Finance
2520	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services & Housing, then to the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Finance
2790	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs and the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Finance
2836	Committee on Health, then jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
2849	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety & Military Affairs and the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, then to the Committee on Finance
3069	Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
3091	Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
3092	Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
3111	Jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
3157	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the Committee on Finance
3182	Committee on Judiciary, 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. 16-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2254, 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. 2254, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Green, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 17-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2366, 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. 2366, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Green, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 18-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2059, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and 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. 2059, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIGARETTES," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 19-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2140, 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. 2140, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 20-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2184, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.

On motion by Representative Caldwell, seconded by Representative B. Oshiro and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2184, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business Concerns.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 21-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2136, 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. 2136, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE HOMES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Shimabukuro, for the Committee on Human Services & Housing presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 22-08) recommending that H.B. No. 2194, 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. 2194, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Sonson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 23-08) recommending that H.B. No. 1969, 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. 1969, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Herkes, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 24-08) recommending that H.B. No. 94, as amended in HD 1, be recommitted 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. 94, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE," was recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Herkes, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 25-08) recommending that H.B. No. 96, as amended in HD 1, be recommitted 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. 96, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," was recommitted to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution (H.R. No. 53) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 53, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO AGREE TO AN ECONOMY-WIDE REDUCTION IN ITS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND TO COMMIT THE UNITED STATES TO A BINDING INTERNATIONAL TREATY THAT WOULD RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT AND RAPID GLOBAL REDUCTION IN ATMOSPHERIC GREENHOUSE GAS CONCENTRATION," was jointly offered by Representatives Morita, Awana, Belatti, Berg, Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Caldwell, Carroll, Ching, Chong, Green, Hanohano, Har, Ito, Karamatsu, Lee, Luke, Manahan, McKelvey, Mizuno, Nishimoto, M. Oshiro, B. Oshiro, Pine, Rhoads, Saiki, Say, Shimabukuro, Sonson, Souki, Takai, Takumi, Tokioka, Tsuji, Wakai, Waters, Yamane, Yamashita, Chang, Evans, Finnegan, Magaoay, Nakasone, Sagum, Takamine and Thielen.

Representative Morita moved that H.R. No. 53 be adopted, seconded by Representative Carroll.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this Resolution. Mr. Speaker, it's our country's moral duty to act. The world's leading climate scientists are telling us we have a narrow window to act to avert the most severe impacts of global climate change. Given what we know today about climate change, history will judge us harshly if we choose as a nation, inaction.

"In the 1930s Winston Churchill wrote to those leaders who refused to acknowledge the clear and present danger of the gathering storm in Europe at that time and he wrote: 'The era of procrastination, of half-measures, of soothing and baffling expedients of delays is coming to a close. In its place, we are entering a period of consequences.'

"We are entering a period of consequences with global climate change. It is time for our federal government to take responsibility. So I ask the Members for their support with this Resolution. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution was brought to me, and I chose not to sign it. I'm not going to vote for this. I am going to vote no, and I would ask permission to insert remarks in the Journal."

Representative Meyer's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to HR53 Regarding Greenhouse Gases. The advocates for this Resolution and others like it believe that the science is out on global warming. That there is consensus amongst the scientific community that global warming is mostly man-made. Well, Mr. Speaker, attached are the names of 100 scientists who are skeptical about that theory. They believe, as I do, that global warming is a natural phenomenon that has more to do with the sun's solar activities than man's industrial activity. In fact, some of them believe that the greatest source of greenhouse gas is the world's oceans. And this, along with the sun's solar activity, is having a greater effect on our climate than man-made activity.

"Can science be incorrect? Absolutely! After all, in the early and mid-70s, scientists were warning us about massive global cooling. They told us that we were on the precipice of a new Ice Age. But that didn't happen. In the late 90s, we were warned about the looming disaster of Y2k. The 'experts' told us that there would be massive blackouts, social and financial disaster because of a computer dating glitch that had to be fixed. Well, the 'experts' were wrong. At a minute past midnight January 1, 2000, the world held its breath for a second until we realized that the lights were still on.

"Mr. Speaker, the climate change 'experts' may be wrong again. And if you listen to them, what will it cost us? If we are required to reduce our CO2 emissions to 20% below what they were in 1990, what will happen to our economy and standard of living? Mr. Speaker, that cost will be too high. I urge my colleagues to vote 'no.'

"Scientists Who Question Current Climate Change Hysteria

Khabibullo Abdusamatov, Scientist, Russian Academy of Sciences
 Dr. William J.R. Alexander, Professor Emeritus, University of Pretoria
 Dr. Claude Allegre, Geophysicist, Institute of Geophysics
 Dr. August H. Auer, Former professor of Atmospheric Science, University of Wyoming
 Dennis Avery, Environment economist, Center for Global Food Issues
 Dr. Sallie L. Baliunas, Astrophysicist, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics
 Dr. Timothy Ball, Canadian Climatologist and Former Professor, University of Winnipeg
 Dr. Robert C. Balling, Jr., Climatologist, Arizona State University
 Dr. Jack Barrett, Chemist and Spectroscopist, Formerly with Imperial College London
 Dr. David Bellamy, Honorary Professor for Adult and Continuation Education, Durham University
 Dr. Sonja Boehmer-Christiansen, Reader, University of Hull
 Dr. Simon Brassell, Geologist, University of Indiana
 Dr. Reid Bryson, Meteorologist, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 Mr. Nigel Calder, Former Editor, The New Scientist Magazine
 Dr. Robert M. Carter, Geologist, James Cook University
 Dr. Ian Castles, Fellow, Australian National University
 Dr. Petr Chylek, Physics and Atmospheric Science Adjunct Professor, Dalhousie University
 Dr. Ian D. Clark, Earth Sciences Professor, University of Ottawa
 Dr. Paul Cooper, Professor Emeritus, Laurentian University
 Dr. Richard S. Courtney, Climate and Atmospheric Science Consultant, Climate and Atmospheric Science Consultant

Dr. Chris de Freitas, Associate Professor and Climate Scientist, The University of Auckland
 Dipl.-Ing. Peter Dietze, Official Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
 Dr. Freeman J. Dyson, Emeritus Professor of Physics, Institute for Advanced Studies
 Dr. Hugh W. Ellsaesser, Physicist/Meteorologist, Formerly with Livermore National Laboratory
 Dr. Robert H. Essenhigh, Professor of Energy Conversion, The Ohio State University
 Dr. Christopher Essex, Applied Mathematics Professor, University of Western Ontario
 Dr. Bill Gray, Professor Emeritus, Colorado State University
 Dr. Vincent Gray, Expert Reviewer, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
 Dr. Keith D. Hage, Meteorology Professor Emeritus, University of Alberta
 Dr. Howard Hayden, Emeritus Professor of Physics, University of Connecticut
 Dr. Douglas Hoyt, Retired Scientist, Raytheon Company
 Dr. Andrei Illarionov, Chief Economic Adviser, Russian President Vladimir Putin
 Dr. Zbigniew Jaworowski, Physicist and Chairman, Scientific Council of Central Laboratory for Radiological Protection
 Dr. Ola Johanneseen, Professor, Nasen Environmental and Remote Sensing Center
 Dr. Wibjorn Karlen, Emeritus Professor, Stockholm University
 Dr. Aynsley Kellow, Professor, University of Tasmania
 Dr. Madhav Khandekar, Former Research Scientist, Environment Canada
 Mr. William Kinimonth, Former Head, National Climate Centre
 Dr. Hans H.J. Labohm, Former Advisor to the Executive Board, Clingendael Institute
 Dr. Douglas Leahey, Meteorologist and air-quality consultant, Calgary
 Dr. Marcel Leroux, Climatology Professor Emeritus, University of Lyon
 Dr. Dennis Lettenmaier, Hydrology Professor, University of Washington
 Dr. Richard Lindzen, Meteorologist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Dr. Bjorn Lomborg, Associate Statistics Professor, University of Aarhus
 Dr. Alistair McFarquhar, International Economist, Downing College
 Dr. Ross McKittrick, Associate Economics Professor, University of Guelph
 Dr. Patrick J. Michaels, Professor of Environmental Sciences, University of Virginia
 Dr. Fred Michel, Associate Professor, Carleton University
 Dr. M.R. Morgan, Climate Consultant, First Minister of Wales
 Dr. Nils-Axel Morner, Emeritus Professor, Stockholm University
 Dr. Tad Murty, Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa
 Mr. David Nowell, Fellow, Royal Meteorological Society
 Dr. Garth W. Paltridge, Director, The Cooperative Research Centre for Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
 Dr. Benny Peiser, Professor of Social Anthropology, Liverpool John Moores University
 Dr. Al Pekarek, Associate Professor of Geology, St. Cloud State University
 Dr. Roger Pielke, Sr., Meteorologist, Cooperative Institute of Research
 Dr. Ian Plimer, Professor, University of Adelaide and University of Melbourne
 Dr. Harry N.A. Priem, Emeritus Professor, Utrecht University
 Dr. Andreas Prokoph, Adjunct Professor, University of Ottawa
 Dr. Paul Reiter, Professor, Institut Pasteur
 Dr. Art Robinson, Founder, Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine
 Dr. Arthur Rorsch, Emeritus Professor of Molecular Genetics, Leiden University
 Dr. Rob Scagel, Principal Consultant, Pacific Consultants

Dr. Gary Sharp, Director, Center for Climate/Ocean Resources Study
 Dr. Nir J. Shaviv, Astrophysicist, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 Dr. Fred Singer, Climatologist, The Competitive Enterprise Institute
 Dr. Graham Smith, Associate Professor, University of Western Ontario
 Dr. Roy Spencer, Principal Research Scientist, The University of Alabama
 Dr. Henrik Svensmark, Climate Scientist, Danish Space Research Institute
 Dr. Gordon E. Swaters, Applied Mathematics Professor, University of Alberta
 Mr. George Taylor, State Climatologist, State of Oregon
 Dr. Hendrik Tennekes, Retired Director of Research, Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute
 Dr. Gerrit J. van der Lingen, Climate Change Consultant, Geoscience Research and Investigations
 Dr. G. Cornelis van Koten, Environmental and Climate Change Professor, University of Victoria
 Dr. Jan Veizer, Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences, University of Ottawa
 Dr. Boris Winterhalter, Retired Senior Marine Researcher, Geological Survey of Finland
 Dr. David E. Wojick, Senior Editor, "Electricity Daily" International Magazine"

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will be voting with reservations on this particular measure. I did not feel that the United States should subject themselves to United Nations' guidelines. I think we should determine our own rate of reducing our carbon footprint. I think it's a necessary direction to go, and I just do not feel that we should give away our self-determination. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise with reservations. I think the authors should be commended. This is very, very timely in that we have the world's 18 largest and most-developed countries here in Honolulu as we speak. I think the Resolution has some well-taken points except it forgets one thing, and that is the reason why the people are here in town is because this all started in Bali when the President said, 'Let us cut greenhouse gases.'"

"Where this Resolution fails is where it says, and it forgets that there are those countries that are not yet developed that will also be able to develop. So there are many millions of people who are dying of hunger or dying of disease of which this Resolution says, 'For we developed countries, let's go for it.' But for those others, who many in this Chamber often decry their poor state of being, and having been a Peace Corps volunteer in the jungles of some of those countries, I know that that is the priority as much as it is for we developed countries."

"Let's not forget the poor. Let's not forget the downtrodden, the hunger, the disease in the world. That's the reality of climate change, so these other countries can raise their standards. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Yes, I rise in support of this Resolution. I commend the introducers for having the courage to put it forth. And I also urge that we not just urge the President look to reducing greenhouse gases, but individually we need to look to ourselves as well."

"So I ask all of the Members to really think about: Number one, walking and biking, which will help eliminate that. Number two, skip the burger, because the next big contributors are cow farts and burps. That is one of the major sources of greenhouse gases being emitted. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 53, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO AGREE TO AN ECONOMY-WIDE REDUCTION IN ITS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND TO COMMIT THE UNITED STATES TO A BINDING INTERNATIONAL TREATY THAT WOULD RESULT IN A SIGNIFICANT AND RAPID GLOBAL REDUCTION IN ATMOSPHERIC GREENHOUSE GAS CONCENTRATION" was adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Shimabukuro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to announce that today at 3:00 in the Auditorium, the Health and Human Services Committee is holding an informational briefing regarding the tragic deaths of Cyrus Belt and Janel Tupuola and the other domestic violence victims that we've had in the State. In addition to having health officials, human service officials, we've invited law enforcement officials.

"I really want to urge any Member, especially the Judiciary Committee, Public Safety Committee members, and anyone else who's interested to come. I know that there's a lot of scheduling conflicts and it's a tough time. I know that a lot of these questions really do fall more on law enforcement oftentimes, rather than the human service and health area, although we all need to work together.

"So please come. Again it's 3:00 today in the Auditorium regarding Cyrus Belt and Janel Tupuola, and *mahalo* to the Health Committee for really setting this up. Thank you."

Representative Chong: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate one of our colleagues from the Hilo/Kurtistown area on another year here with us on his birthday. Happy birthday and many more to come to the gentleman from Hilo and Kurtistown. Thank you."

Representative Tsuji: "Aloha and mahalo."

Representative Berg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to make two announcements in light of the Representative from Kauai's Resolution. Today and tomorrow, representatives from 16 of the largest greenhouse gas producing countries are meeting in Honolulu at the University to discuss the international agreement addressing global warming pollution and Hawaii's susceptibility to this.

"The Hawaii Blue Line Project is Hawaii students drawing a line on greenhouse gas emissions and are encouraging all of us to join them at the Old Stadium Park from 3:30 to 5:30. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate to the delegates, and to us and media, the seriousness of what can happen to the Waikiki and Moili'ili and McCully area.

"Equally of interest to colleagues is this evening at 7:30 at the University, there is a UH climate change teach-in and this is a fast-paced, interactive forum focusing on climate change predictions and solutions. So if there are still questions that many of us have, this is a good opportunity to go and find out. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:24 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, January 31, 2008.