#### FOURTEENTH DAY

H.R. No.

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Referral

## Wednesday, February 11, 2009

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, convened at 12:05 o'clock p.m., with the Speaker presiding.

The invocation was delivered in song by Ms. Janel Akana of the Chief Clerk's Office, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representative Takai, who was excused.

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

#### INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Herkes introduced his son, Mr. Kenneth Herkes of Volcano, Big Island.

Representative Bertram introduced students, teachers and parents from the Kihei Charter School: students Liz Zarro, Celina Bekins and Lucas Zarro; parents Ms. Lisa Izak, Mr. Gene Zarro and Ms. Cheryl Zarro; and administrators Mr. Mark Christiano and Ms. Gail Weaver.

Representative Mizuno introduced Mr. Kenyon Tam, Administrative Assistant with the Charter School Administrative Office, and Dr. Leiolani Oyama of Senator Chun Oakland's office.

Representative Morita introduced students and faculty of the Kanuikapono Charter School in Anahola, Kauai: 7th grade students Liko McBride and Christopher Zauner; 8th grade students Kalalea Ka'uhane and Grey Tsosie; Executive Director, Ipo Torio; and faculty members, Keali'i Holden, Maile Neff and Kainani Gonzalez.

Representative Chang introduced members of the UH Hilo Student Association: Ms. Rufel Gelbolingo, Ms. Uilani Wallace, Ms. Georgia Pinsky, and Ms. Lani Dawn Thur-Fine.

Representative Tokioka introduced students of Kawaikini Charter School, accompanied by faculty, Ms. Leialoha Kauahi, Mr. Chris Town, Ms. Keala Bristol, Ms. Mohala Aiu and Ms. Malia Rogers.

Representative Sagum introduced the students of KANAKA, Kula Aupuni Niihau A Kahelelani Aloha Charter School, accompanied by Hedy Sullivan and Lauae Kanahele.

Representative Awana introduced other Charter Schools visiting the Capitol:

Education Laboratory;

Halau Ku Mana;

Halau Lokahi;

Hawaii Academy of Arts & Sciences;

Hawaii Technology Academy;

Ka 'Umeke Ka'eo;

Ke Kula 'o Nawahikalani'opu'u Iki;

Kona Pacific;

Kua O Ka La;

Kaulapu'u Elementary;

Volcano School of Arts & Sciences;

Voyager;

West Hawaii Explorations Academy;

Hakipu'u Learning Center; and

The Ho'okako'o organization representing Kamaile Academy, Waimea Middle School and Kualapu'u Elementary.

Representative Wooley introduced the students of Ke Kula o Samuel M. Kamakua School in Kaneohe: Makana Wilhelm, Mokupa'a Day, Kawehi Filiaga, Kahikinaaloha Wise, Kaimana Kam-Aweau, Kalau Marasco-Ayau

and Kau'i Mcelroy, accompanied by Principal Marci Sarsona; and Kumu Alaka'i Meahilahila Kelling.

Representative Magaoay introduced friends from Wailua: US Navy Chief Petty Officer Joseph Baysa and his niece, Ms. Czarina Barroga visiting from Manilla, Philipines. They were accompanied by his parents, Mrs. Dolly Baysa and Mr. Francis Baysa of the House Sergeant-at-Arms Office.

Representative Finnegan introduced Mr. Steve Hirakami, principal of the Hawaii Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Representative Finnegan also introduced her children attending Voyager Charter School, 8th grade daughter, Piikea; and 4th grade son, Luke.

Representative Shimabukuro introduced Ms. Kapua Keliikoa-Kamai with the Hawaiian Immersion Schools and Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

Representative Carroll introduced students from the Kualapuu Charter School on Molokai, Barbara Kalipi, Andrea Reyes and Tarrah Horner.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Finance

The following measures were referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.C.R. Nos.	Referral
53	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Finance
54	Jointly to the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Finance
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## COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>H.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	Re-referred to:
76, HD1	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
1226	Committee on Agriculture
1242	Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance
1359	Committee on Judiciary

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Public Safety presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 158) recommending that H.B. No. 969, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 969, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Finnegan 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. 969, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVATE PRISON PERFORMANCE AUDIT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Public Safety presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 159) recommending that H.B. No. 409, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 409, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Hanohano, for the Committee on Public Safety presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 160) recommending that H.B. No. 410, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 410, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 161) recommending that H.B. No. 1492, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1492, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 162) recommending that H.B. No. 1830, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1830, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 163) recommending that H.B. No. 1138, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1138, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COPIES IN THE BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 164) recommending that H.B. No. 366, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 366, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MANTA RAYS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 165) recommending that H.B. No. 586, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 586, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 166) recommending that H.B. No. 609, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 609, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCT A TEST WELL IN UPCOUNTRY MAUI TO SERVE AS THE FIRST PHASE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GROUND WATER WELL TO SUPPLEMENT THE UPCOUNTRY MAUI SURFACE WATER SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Ito, for the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 167) recommending that H.B. No. 645, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 645, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KAENA POINT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Chang, for the Committee on Higher Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 168) recommending that H.B. No. 347, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 347, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Chang, for the Committee on Higher Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 169) recommending that H.B. No. 1174, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1174, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would you please note my opposition, and I stand in opposition for Stand. Com. Report 169. I would like to also make

a few comments to the Judiciary Committee who's going to hear it next, regarding my concerns. In this bill, what it talks about is exempting the University of Hawaii's requirement to have public hearing, public notice, and even exempting the gubernatorial approval requirements of Chapter 91

"What this bill would do is, it would enable Mauna Kea lands to be under the auspices of the UH and to allow administrative rules governing public and commercial activities to not only be exempt from public hearing, but also for them to have *carte blanche*, essentially, regarding general access to the sensitive resource areas. Thank you."

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

Representative B. Oshiro rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, on Stand. Com. Report 169, I'd like to ask for a ruling on a potential conflict. At my law firm, I'm one of the attorneys representing the plaintiffs that have sued UH and the Board of Land and Natural Resources over the management of Mauna Kea. Thank you," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

Representative Shimabukuro rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Berg be entered into the Journal as her own, 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."

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

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

Representative C. Lee rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations 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. 1174, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with Representatives Berg and Shimabukuro voting no, and with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Herkes, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 170) recommending that H.B. No. 1059, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1059, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ONE CALL CENTER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Herkes, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 171) recommending that H.B. No. 1316, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1316, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TORTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Takumi and Chang, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Higher Education presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 172) recommending that H.B. No. 1217, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1217, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION PROJECTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Takumi and Rhoads, for the Committee on Education and the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 173) recommending that H.B. No. 1690, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1690, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Mizuno, for the Committee on Human Services presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 174) recommending that H.B. No. 732, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 732, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASSET BUILDING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 175) recommending that H.B. No. 76, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 76, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Souki, for the Committee on Transportation presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 176) recommending that H.B. No. 863, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and the Committee on Housing.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 863, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ESTABLISHING A COUNTY TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE REVOLVING FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources and the Committee on Housing, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Yamane and Mizuno, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 177) recommending that H.B. No. 989, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 989, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Yamane and Mizuno, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 178) recommending that H.B. No. 1371, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No.

1371, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Yamane and Mizuno, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 179) recommending that H.B. No. 709, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 709, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Yamane and Mizuno, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 180) recommending that H.B. No. 700, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 700, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NONGOVERNMENT HEALTH PLAN PAYMENTS TO CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS AND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Yamane and Mizuno, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 181) recommending that H.B. No. 708, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 708, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representatives Yamane and Hanohano, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Public Safety presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 182) recommending that H.B. No. 1191, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1191, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Evans.

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

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

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

Representative Marumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, 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."

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 Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 1191, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA," passed

Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary with Representatives Ching and Finnegan voting no, and with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 183) recommending that H.B. No. 423, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 423, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative M. Lee rose to speak in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I'd like to speak in support of the measure, with reservations. I rise in support this measure with strong reservations, and I do apologize to some of the members who have heard this speech, probably for six years in a row. The original bill would require hospital emergency rooms to provide medically accurate information on emergency contraception to survivors of sexual assault, and to offer emergency contraception, EC, if requested. An amendment would require the victim to be transported to another facility, if the hospital in question had a policy against the administration of EC. Mr. Speaker, I believe this is not only a patients' rights issue, but an issue of victims' rights.

"When a victim of a violent crime that results in physical injury is seeking medical attention, the system should do everything possible to respond, and do everything that is medically necessary. There should be no question about this. Sexual assault or rape is a crime that is violent, traumatic, and the ultimate violation in which a woman loses all her sense of personal control, decision-making, and dignity. Physically and psychologically, she's ripped apart.

"So what are the responsibilities of healers to this victim? She must be informed about procedures being followed to ease her pain, provided information critical to decisions regarding her injuries, be informed of the risk of sexually transmitted disease, asked to provide evidence that she may have been given substances without her knowledge before the assault, and be given honest information about the risks of possible pregnancy. She should also be offered emergency contraception.

"The amendment made to this bill takes away the victim's rights. Mr. Speaker, no providers of any kind of care should have the right to make decisions for a victim about healthcare related to rape, or to withhold information that would allow the victim to make an informed decision. No one really has the right to refuse to provide emergency contraception.

"Some may confuse RU486 with emergency contraception. This is unfortunate. Emergency contraception is a safe, effective, backup birth control method that can prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex. Emergency contraceptive pills contain high doses of the same hormones found in daily birth control pills: estrogen and progestin. RU486 is a completely different drug. EC helps to prevent pregnancy, while RU486 terminates pregnancy. The fact is, EC reduces the needs for abortion.

"Across the nation, more than 400 Catholic non-profit hospitals dispense EC to rape victims. So, we know it cannot be a violation of Catholic Tenants. A for-profit corporation seeking a religious exemption would not qualify because of the standards set in Hawaii related to contraceptive services, and surely would not be exempt if they seek public funds. An exemption, such as the one offered in the amendment to this bill, fails to satisfy two key tests. One, does a refusal to provide EC place burdens on people who do not share the beliefs that motivate the refusal? The more burdens fall on such people, the less acceptable is any claimed right to refuse. Two, does the objector of a sectarian institution engage in religious practices, or is it instead an entity, religiously affiliated or not, operating in a public, secular setting? The more public and secular the setting, the less acceptable an institution's claimed right to refuse.

"The public policy issue we face here today is that victims of sexual assault deserve the fullest and best care available. The public policy we

endorsed in the original bill, is the assurance that all hospital and emergency personnel are properly trained in handling the special needs of rape victims.

"The public policy here is a patient's right to self-determination in the exercise of control over her own body, and to determine whether or not to accept lawful, medical treatment. Thank you, very much."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I'm standing in strong support. I know it's only Second Reading, but I do want to address the comments made by the previous speaker, regarding the amendments made. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Health and the Chair felt that the recommendations that are proposed in these bills would help address and make sure that every victim is treated honestly, directly, and with compassion.

"So Members, in this bill, we did give an exemption for religious entities that are providing hospital care. However, we did put in a great stipulation that they must provide all accurate information. They must provide the information like any other emergency room would. We also put in a stipulation that once a patient decides to choose an option that that religious facility felt they could not provide, that they would be given free transportation to another facility immediately. And I stress the word 'immediately,' to receive appropriate care, at no cost to that patient. It was specifically stated in this bill that information, both verbal and written would be given to the patient or victim to explain that this choice, or their option, was not due to the patient's fault, but due to their own religious affiliation.

"Members, in an attempt to make sure that all medically appropriate information was given to the patient, we assure that all choices for the patient are given. However, the choice of the Chair, and the recommendation to the Committee was to let that patient choose. If they wanted to choose an option of best care, to transport that person to where they can get it. Thank you."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to cast my vote with serious reservations, and I would like to adopt the words of my Co-Chair of the House Women's Caucus, the Representative from Mililani Mauka. And Mr. Speaker, I wanted to add a few words.

"I'm very disturbed that this Body isn't looking first and foremost at the victim of a rape that is taken to a hospital, and needs to have emergency care immediately. The idea that we would then say to that victim, 'You are now going to have the option to be transported to another hospital that will provide you the care that you need.' That, to me is very heartless, and I think we should have the courage to stand here as a Body to say, 'We are not going to provide any exemptions to this requirement that all hospitals in Hawaii give immediate care to that victim of rape.' Thank you."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. And in all due respect, I can see the reasonable thinking on both sides of this. I do represent the district of the Catholic hospital, and in the history of this hospital, I think it is important to understand that there would be no hospital without the Catholic Sisters creating such a hospital. So, in respect to their faith, I am appreciative of the exemption, and I ask that additional written comments, as well as the comments of the Representative of Mililani be entered as my own," and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ching's written remarks are as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of H.B. 423 - Relating to Sexual Assault; Emergency Contraception. This bill appears to be a good compromise, wherein both the hospital and the concerns of the Women's Caucus are addressed. I appreciate that this bill takes into account the religious beliefs of the hospitals and does not attempt to force unwanted policy upon religiously affiliated medical centers. This bill will keep

hospitals with religious objections to emergency contraception, out of a potentially precarious situation. Being the Representative for a district that has a hospital which operates with religious stipulations, I understand the importance of this bill. I am pleased that respect for religious beliefs were acknowledged."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. Mr. Speaker, this is a great opportunity for a compromise between the pro-choice and the pro-life people to say, 'Well we'll get an exception. We have one hospital that wants to get out of this requirement.' And, because of the lack of understanding on both sides, or agreeing to disagree, for six years, we've been going over and over and over the same thing. But I think everybody will realize that no one's forced to go to any particular hospital, and generally, you go to the nearest one and the best one, given what the situation is. And I don't believe that the record of testimony has ever indicated that anybody was sent to that particular hospital of the Catholic faith, which had a problem.

"So, I think this is a chance for compromise, it's a chance for mutual understanding, and it's a chance for, at least 'Big Brother' to broker what otherwise has been a really recalcitrant group on both sides of this particular issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too have strong reservations on this bill. I would like to give a few comments.

"First, I would like to adopt the words of the speaker from Mililani and the speaker from Kailua as my own. And also, I want to emphasize that there should be no compromise for the healthcare of a rape victim; that they should receive the best care possible immediately, and not have to be transported elsewhere. Thank you."

Representative Shimabukuro rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that the remarks of Representatives M. Lee and Thielen be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I have strong reservations."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I too, have strong reservations and would like to adopt the words of the Representatives from Mililani, Kailua, and Kauai. 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. 423, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVES FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 184) recommending that H.B. No. 655, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 655, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 185) recommending that H.B. No. 811, as amended

in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 811, HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative Belatti rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, thank you. May I ask for a ruling for a potential conflict? My husband is a registered nurse," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

Representative Belatti continued in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"May I also note my reservations and make a few comments? What concerns me about this bill is the potential impact it may have on our graduates coming out of our nursing programs, and their prospects for job opportunities. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative M. Lee rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, I'd like to speak with reservations. But do I have a potential conflict? I am a registered nurse," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

Representative M. Lee continued in support of the measure with reservations, stating:

"Thank you. I rise with reservations on this bill because I feel that it would put consumer safety at risk in the State of Hawaii. CGFNS International which was formerly the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools is recognized internationally as an authority on credentials evaluation pertaining to the education, registration, and licensing of nurses and health care professionals worldwide.

"Now this bill intends to circumvent the process of credentials evaluation and verification for internationally educated healthcare professionals, and replace it with a California document known as the breakdown of educational program for international nursing programs form.

"I'm well aware that there is cost related to this, and that we have a nursing shortage. However, the form that we are talking about is completed by the foreign graduate school. Therefore, the form is not objective and does not account for the vastly un-uniformed standards of nursing programs around the world.

"So, I think the amount of money saved by this bill does not justify the risk to the healthcare consumer. I think we have to look very carefully at passing this legislation. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of this measure. I am also a registered nurse, but I'm a graduate here. And I've worked with a lot of very highly qualified nurses here in the United States that have graduated from foreign schools. And I would even venture to say that, in a lot of ways, they are more qualified and more technically proficient than the ones that have graduated here, because they have done a lot of clinical work that is mandated in foreign schools.

"This bill doesn't take away the right of the state for full examination of the nurses that are licensed in this State. This merely says that they adopt the rules that are adopted in California, which has an initial evaluation of the credentials, but not the way that is being done in this State, wherein they have a Board that looks at it, and it's subject to a lot scrutiny. This scrutiny is taking the Board exam, and that's not a very easy exam to pass. Thank you."

Representative Manahan rose in support of the measure and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Manahan's written remarks are as follows:

"The Legislature finds that a foreign nursing school graduate may obtain a license to practice as a registered nurse in Hawaii either by examination or by endorsement. A foreign nursing school graduate may obtain a license by endorsement if the applicant already possesses an unencumbered license as a registered nurse in another country and, in the opinion of the Board of Nursing, meets the qualifications required of registered nurses in Hawaii at the time of graduation. If a foreign nursing school graduate does not already possess a registered nurse license in another country, the applicant may obtain a Hawaii license by examination by passing the National Council Licensure Examination and by complying with applicable requirements of state law and board of nursing rules that regulate nursing.

"Section 16-89-8(c), Hawaii Administrative Rules, requires that a school transcript of a foreign nursing school graduate applying for a license by examination be evaluated by a professional educational credential evaluator recognized by the Board and the applicant must arrange to have the evaluator send a report directly to the Board. The Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools fulfills this credential evaluation function by either issuing a certification through its international certification program at a cost of \$418, or by issuing a full education course-by-course report at a cost of \$378.

"The international certification program is composed of three parts:

- (1) A credentials review;
- (2) The international qualifying examination; and
- (3) An English proficiency examination.

"The Legislature further finds that not all states require foreign nursing school graduates to undergo these additional procedures to be licensed to practice as registered nurses. For example, California only requires a foreign nursing school graduate to send a document known as the "Breakdown of Educational Program for International Nursing Programs" form to the applicant's school with a request for transcript. Hawaii's rules already require a foreign nursing school graduate to provide a student final record or official transcript sent directly from the applicant's school to the Board of Nursing.

"The purpose of this Act is to require the Board of Nursing to adopt rules to remove the requirement for a foreign nursing school graduate to furnish either a written certification or a full education course-by-course report as a condition to take the licensing examination to obtain a license to practice as a registered nurse in Hawaii."

Representative Aquino rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to raise a possible conflict. My wife is a registered nurse. Thank you," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 811, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REGISTERED NURSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 186) recommending that H.B. No. 1362, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1362, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENETIC COUNSELORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the

Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 187) recommending that H.B. No. 1509, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1509, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMOKING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 188) recommending that H.B. No. 1372, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative B. Oshiro moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1372, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Evans.

Representative B. Oshiro rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, on Stand. Com. Report 188, I would like a ruling on a potential conflict. At my law firm I represent HHSC on some contractual matters. Thank you," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

Representative Mizuno rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request a ruling on a possible conflict. My spouse works as a certified nursing assistant at Leahi State Hospital, that's under HHSC. Thank you, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict"

Representative Keith-Agaran rose to disclose a potential conflict of interest, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, may I have a ruling on a possible conflict. My law partner sits on one of the Regional Boards," and the Chair ruled, "no conflict."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have reservations, and Mr. Speaker, my reservations come from a section of the bill that exempts HHSC from the requirements of the State Procurement Code. Mr. Speaker, we've already exempted the Regional Boards from the Procurement Code. I had a hard time agreeing to that. The corporate division of HHSC does not deserve to be exempt from the Procurement Code. They have such a very gray and bad history of procurement, that they should not be exempt."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1372, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSITIONING OF THE REGIONS AND FACILITIES OF HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Tokioka, for the Committee on Legislative Management presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 189) recommending that H.B. No. 59, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 59, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION RELATING TO RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE

LEGISLATURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Rhoads, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 190) recommending that H.B. No. 1129, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1129, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT CONTRIBUTION RATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Rhoads, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 191) recommending that H.B. No. 1280, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1280, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, with Representative Takai being excused.

Representative Rhoads, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 192) recommending that H.B. No. 1289, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs.

On motion by Representative B. Oshiro, seconded by Representative Evans and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1289, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROCUREMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, with Representative Takai being excused.

# INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolution (H.R. Nos. 44 through 49) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 56 through 63) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 44, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROTECT WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS BY OPPOSING OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SUPPORTING CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Wooley, Aquino, Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Choy, Coffman, Herkes, Keith-Agaran, Magaoay and Mizuno.

H.R. No. 45, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Brower, Keith-Agaran, Mizuno, Wooley, Aquino, Bertram, Cabanilla, Choy, Coffman, Herkes and Magaoay.

H.R. No. 46, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND GLOBAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK INTO ITS CURRICULUM," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Brower, Ching, Mizuno, Pine, Ward, Wooley, Aquino, Bertram, Cabanilla, Choy, Herkes, Keith-Agaran and Magaoay.

H.R. No. 47, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A POLICY TO INCLUDE VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN MEAL OPTIONS IN ALL SCHOOL MENU PLANS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Bertram, McKelvey, Morita, Sagum, Shimabukuro, Aquino, Cabanilla, Chang, Choy, Evans, Keith-Agaran, M. Lee and Magaoay.

H.R. No. 48, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, PUBLIC POLICY CENTER AND SPARK M. MATSUNAGA INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE SAFE USE OF HUNTING DOGS ON PUBLIC HIKING TRAILS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, M. Lee, Shimabukuro, Aquino, Cabanilla, Chang, Choy, Evans, Keith-Agaran, Morita and Wakai.

H.R. No. 49, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND KAUAI COUNTY TO ADOPT PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ORDINANCES TO REDUCE THE SALE, USE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION CAUSED BY THE PROLIFERATION OF NONCOMPOSTABLE PLASTIC BAGS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Morita, Shimabukuro, Aquino, Cabanilla, Choy, Evans, Keith-Agaran, M. Lee, Magaoay, McKelvey, Sagum and Wakai.

H.C.R. No. 56, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROTECT WILDLIFE AND WILDERNESS BY OPPOSING OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF AND SUPPORTING CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY ALTERNATIVES," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Wooley, Aquino, Bertram, Brower, Cabanilla, Choy, Coffman, Herkes, Keith-Agaran, Magaoay, Mizuno and Souki.

H.C.R. No. 57, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE ADOPTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Brower, Keith-Agaran, Mizuno, Wooley, Aquino, Bertram, Cabanilla, Choy, Coffman, Herkes, Magaoay and Souki.

H.C.R. No. 58, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO INTEGRATE ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND GLOBAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK INTO ITS CURRICULUM," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Brower, Cabanilla, Ching, Mizuno, Pine, Ward, Wooley, Aquino, Bertram, Choy, Herkes, Keith-Agaran, Magaoay and Souki.

H.C.R. No. 59, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A POLICY TO INCLUDE VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN MEAL OPTIONS IN ALL SCHOOL MENU PLANS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Bertram, McKelvey, Morita, Sagum, Shimabukuro, Aquino, Cabanilla, Chang, Evans, Keith-Agaran, M. Lee and Magaoay.

H.C.R. No. 60, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, PUBLIC POLICY CENTER AND SPARK M. MATSUNAGA INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE THE SAFE USE OF HUNTING DOGS ON PUBLIC HIKING TRAILS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, M. Lee, Shimabukuro, Aquino, Cabanilla, Chang, Evans, Keith-Agaran, Morita and Wakai.

H.C.R. No. 61, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND KAUAI COUNTY TO ADOPT PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ORDINANCES TO REDUCE THE SALE, USE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION CAUSED BY THE PROLIFERATION OF

NONCOMPOSTABLE PLASTIC BAGS," was jointly offered by Representatives Berg, Morita, Shimabukuro, Aquino, Cabanilla, Evans, Keith-Agaran, M. Lee, Magaoay, McKelvey, Sagum and Wakai.

H.C.R. No. 62, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A REDEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN FOR KUKUI GARDENS AND MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES," was offered by Representative Rhoads.

H.C.R. No. 63, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE THE KUKUI GARDENS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE STATE'S LIST OF SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN," was offered by Representative Rhoads.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Representative McKelvey, for the Committee on Economic Revitalization, Business, & Military Affairs, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of decision making on HB No. 1601, Relating to Real Property.

Representative McKelvey: "In the last Committee Hearing, I inadvertently deferred this for decision-making next week, but it's a Triple Referral Bill, and as such, we have to do decision-making on it tomorrow. Thank you," and the Chair, "so ordered."

## ADJOURNMENT

At 12:42 o'clock p.m. on motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Pine and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Thursday, February 12, 2009. (Representative Takai was excused.)