

ELEVENTH DAY

Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Second Special Session of 2013, convened at 10:37 o'clock a.m., with Vice Speaker Mizuno 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 Cachola, Carroll, Ing, McDermott, Oshiro and Takai, who were excused.

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

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Fale introduced Pastor Ron Yoshida.

At 10:41 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:08 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Souki presiding.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 8 through 10) were announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 8, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL OF THIS HOUSE OF ANY LEGISLATIVE DAY BEING COMPILED AS OF THE 11TH LEGISLATIVE DAY," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Johanson.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Johanson and carried, H.R. No. 8 was adopted, with Representatives Carroll, Choy, Fale, Har, Ito, Jordan, Lee, Matsumoto, McDermott, Morikawa, Oshiro, Rhoads, Say, Takai and Ward being excused.

H.R. No. 9, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JOURNAL TO COMPILE AND PRINT THE JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF 2013, PURSUANT TO RULE 18 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Johanson.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Johanson and carried, H.R. No. 9 was adopted, with Representatives Carroll, Choy, Fale, Har, Ito, Jordan, Matsumoto, McDermott, Morikawa, Oshiro, Rhoads, Say, Takai and Ward being excused.

H.R. No. 10, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE SENATE AND THE GOVERNOR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," was jointly offered by Representatives Souki and Saiki.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Johanson and carried, H.R. No. 10 was adopted, with Representatives Carroll, Choy, Fale, Har, Ito, Jordan, Matsumoto, McDermott, Morikawa, Oshiro, Rhoads, Say, Takai and Ward being excused.

At this time, the Chair recognized the Clerk who announced:

"I have been informed by a representative of the President of the Senate that Senate Bill 1, House Draft 1, Relating to Equality, was agreed upon in the Senate and has passed Final Reading in the Senate."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Saiki gave his closing remarks on behalf of the Majority as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a brief comment. I just wanted to note that although this special session is over, an important task for House Members, advocates, and religious leaders lies ahead. That task is to work to unify our community. We knew that this would be a polarizing time.

"The test that remains is to determine how to mend things. I hope that we will all find a way to alleviate differences so that Hawaii can move forward. Thank you very much."

Representative Johanson gave his closing remarks on behalf of the Minority as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This has been a long and difficult session for us all, proponents and opponents alike. For many of us who are concerned with the enactment of this new policy, today is a hard day. Many of us continue to believe that the steps we're taking as a Legislature are in opposition to the will of the people. That makes today a hard day, not just for many in this Chamber, but also for many people in the State of Hawaii. And while it is difficult not to win, particularly when emotions run so high, there are encouragements along the way.

"Although this special session is not what the Legislature wanted, it was foisted upon us. In response to that though, record numbers of people engaged our government, many for the first time in their lives. That advocacy and that level of engagement made a difference. It is that kind of engagement that will continue to make a difference, but only if people remain engaged in our government and remain involved on every issue.

"We as a Legislature must also respond in kind by hearing the people. I think as we close today, the words of Saint Francis of Assisi can offer some inspiration to us all. These words have been invoked by many a leader over the past century, and may be the most fitting way to adjourn this special session for us all, proponents and opponents alike.

"Where there is hatred, let us sow love. Where there is injury, let us pardon. Where there is error, let us seek truth. Where there is doubt, let us seek faith. Where there is despair, let us hope. Where there is darkness, let us seek light. Where there is sadness, let us seek joy. And where there is discord, let us seek peace."

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Souki then gave his closing remarks as follows:

"Again, wishing to thank you all, and wishing to thank the Judiciary Chair and the Finance Chair and its members who sat through five days of grueling hearings, and the wonderful way that you sat with composure and with compassion that you listened to all the testifiers. For that I thank you so much.

"I wish to also thank my Majority Leader and Vice Speaker who have done a great job in supporting me through this very difficult session, and providing great assistance as we moved along. Thank you both very much.

"I wish to thank all of the staff for the hard work they've done. Thousands of testimonies have been provided and needed to be processed. For that you did a yeoman's job, and thank you so much.

"Also, the Sergeant-at-Arms, we cannot forget the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Public Safety Department that kept us from harm, and kept the peace within the discord, both in the rotunda and in the gallery. Thank you so much.

"To all the staff who patiently waited and not getting even paid for this, other than their normal salary, they did not get any overtime pay nor compensation pay. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts.

"Members, with this, I also want to thank the Senate for passing the measure just now. I am convinced of one thing, the Senate speaks much longer than the House per individual. Thank you for your conciseness when you were making your speeches, I shall no longer complain about the House."

Representative Aquino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The National Disaster Preparedness Training Center will have their recently FEMA certified course, National Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders, here at the Capitol at no expense to attendees. There are seats available for their afternoon sessions, both today and tomorrow, in Conference Room 325, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Onsite registration is available, so please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Tokioka: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. I know the other night the Representative from Laie did talk about it, but now that we have more details, Mr. Speaker, on Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, at the appropriate time, can we take a minute for a moment of silence, Mr. Speaker? Thank you."

Representative Cabanilla: "Mr. Speaker, I just would like to announce to the Filipino Caucus members, we did have a meeting today regarding what kind of actions we should participate in, in light of the disaster that happened in the Philippines. We will have another meeting at 10 o'clock, next week Tuesday, Room 435, for further discussion on the matter. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Mizuno: "Mr. Speaker, I have a family member, my sister-in-law. Her family is in Leyte, that's the epicenter where the typhoon hit. At this time, she's been spared, her and my brother-in-law live south, they live in the province of Negros Oriental. They've been spared, they don't have much damage. But to the people of Leyte, we have not heard from her family, they've gone missing, and we don't know if they're alive.

"I wanted to let the members know, if you want to get involved in the relief effort, my wife has coordinated this with the Philippine Consul General, the Filipino Community Center, and the Filipino Chamber of Commerce. They're working with her, she's the President of the Congress of Visayan Organizations, on a relief effort to help victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Feel free to come to our office, and my wife will get you to the right people you need to talk to if you'd like to help in the relief effort. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At this time, the Members of the House of Representatives stood for a moment of silence in honor of the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Saiki moved that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Second Special Session of 2013, adjourn Sine Die, seconded by Representative Johanson.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and at 1:20 o'clock p.m., the Speaker rapped his gavel and declared the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Second Special Session of 2013, adjourned Sine Die. (Representatives

Carroll, Choy, Fale, Har, Ito, Jordan, Matsumoto, McDermott, Morikawa, Oshiro, Rhoads, Say, Takai and Ward were excused.)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 5 and 6) were received by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 5, dated November 12, 2013, informing the House that the Senate has this day agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill and that said bill has this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUAL RIGHTS."

Sen. Com. No. 6, transmitting S.R. No. 3, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION INFORMING THE HOUSE AND GOVERNOR THAT THE SENATE IS READY TO ADJOURN SINE DIE," which was adopted by the Senate on November 12, 2013.