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FIRST DAY

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

In accordance with the provisions of Section 10 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, convened at 10:06 o'clock a.m.

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, being the Representative who was elected from the First Representative District of the State of Hawaii, called the House to order, following the *Oli* delivered by Ms. Napua Greig.

The Members of the House, guests and audience rose for the singing of the National Anthem followed by *Hawaii Pono'i*, which was led by Ms. Misty Kelai. Thereafter the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Masters Daniel and Gavan Yamane, sons of Representative Ryan Yamane and students at Maryknoll School.

The invocation was then delivered by the Very Reverend Walter Brownridge, Dean of the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution (H.R. No. 1) was read by the Temporary Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING THE TEMPORARY CHAIR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.R. No. 1 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

At this time, the Temporary Chair stated:

"Members of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature, thank you. I am honored to serve as your Temporary Chair this morning. Let's commence with the Order of the Day."

The Temporary Chair appointed Mr. Brian L. Takeshita as Temporary Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The Temporary Chair then called upon Representative Rhoads for the report of the Committee on Credentials.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Representative Rhoads, for the Committee on Credentials, presented a report (Spec. Com. Rep. No. 1) as follows:

"Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that it has thoroughly considered the matter of the seating of the members elect of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, and finds that, based on the sworn statements and certificates of election (attached) issued by the Office of Elections by transmittal dated December 5, 2014, the members elect are

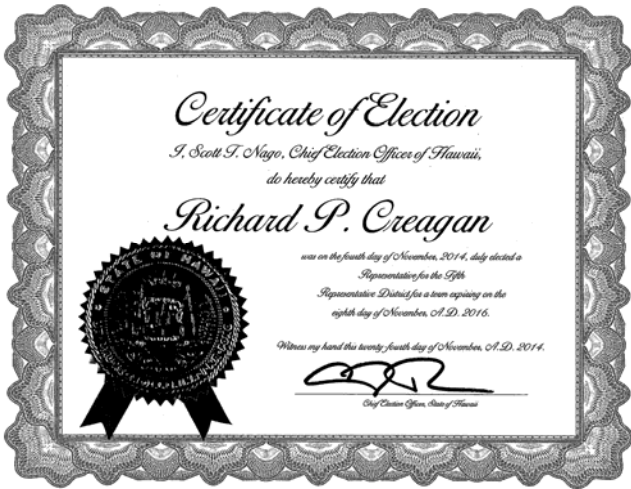
duly qualified to sit as members of the House of Representatives as follows:

First District:	Mark M. Nakashima
Second District:	Clift Tsuji
Third District:	Richard H.K. Onishi
Fourth District:	Joy A. San Buenaventura
Fifth District:	Richard P. Creagan
Sixth District:	Nicole E. Lowen
Seventh District:	Cindy Evans
Eighth District:	Joseph M. Souki
Ninth District:	Justin H. Woodson
Tenth District:	Angus L.K. McKelvey
Eleventh District:	Kaniela Ing
Twelfth District:	Kyle T. Yamashita
Thirteenth District:	Mele Carroll
Fourteenth District:	Derek S.K. Kawakami
Fifteenth District:	James Kunane Tokioka
Sixteenth District:	Dee Morikawa
Seventeenth District:	Gene Ward
Eighteenth District:	Mark J. Hashem
Nineteenth District:	Bertrand Kobayashi
Twentieth District:	Calvin K.Y. Say
Twenty-First District:	Scott Y. Nishimoto
Twenty-Second District:	Tom Brower
Twenty-Third District:	Isaac W. Choy
Twenty-Fourth District:	Della Au Belatti
Twenty-Fifth District:	Sylvia Luke
Twenty-Sixth District:	Scott K. Saiki
Twenty-Seventh District:	Takashi Ohno
Twenty-Eighth District:	John M. Mizuno
Twenty-Ninth District:	Karl Rhoads

Thirtieth District:	Romy M. Cachola
Thirty-First District:	Aaron Ling Johanson
Thirty-Second District:	Linda Ichiyama
Thirty-Third District:	Sam Satoru Kong
Thirty-Fourth District:	Gregg Takayama
Thirty-Fifth District:	Roy M. Takumi
Thirty-Sixth District:	Beth Fukumoto Chang
Thirty-Seventh District:	Ryan I. Yamane
Thirty-Eighth District:	Henry J.C. Aquino
Thirty-Ninth District:	Ty J.K. Cullen
Fortieth District:	Bob McDermott
Forty-First District:	Matthew S. LoPresti
Forty-Second District:	Sharon E. Har
Forty-Third District:	Andria P.L. Tupola
Forty-Fourth District:	Jo Jordan
Forty-Fifth District:	Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto
Forty-Sixth District:	Marcus R. Oshiro
Forty-Seventh District:	Feki Pouha
Forty-Eighth District:	Jarrett Keohokalole
Forty-Ninth District:	Ken Ito
Fiftieth District:	Cynthia Thielen
Fifty-First District:	Chris Lee"

The report was submitted by Representatives Rhoads, Fukumoto Chang, Mizuno and Saiki, with the following Certificates of Election attached:

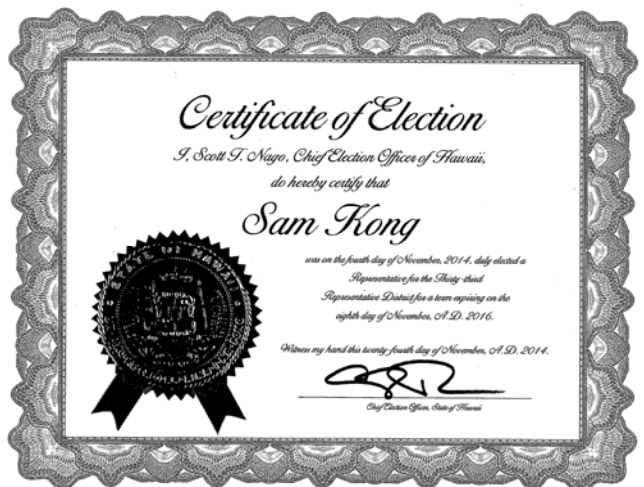
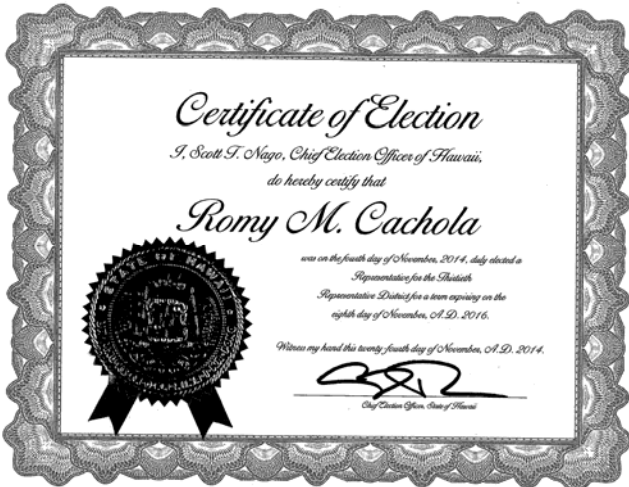


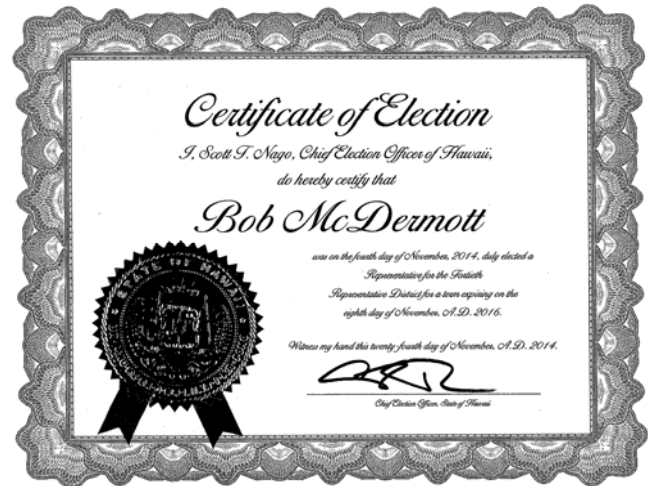
















On motion by Representative Rhoads, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

The Temporary Chair directed the Temporary Clerk to call the Roll, which being done disclosed that the following Members were present: Representatives Henry J.C. Aquino, Della Au Belatti, Tom Brower, Romy M. Cachola, Isaac W. Choy, Richard P. Creagan, Ty J.K. Cullen, Cindy Evans, Beth Fukumoto Chang, Sharon E. Har, Mark J. Hashem, Linda Ichiyama, Kaniela Ing, Ken Ito, Aaron Ling Johanson, Jo Jordan, Derek S.K. Kawakami, Jarrett Keohokalole, Bertrand Kobayashi, Sam Satoru Kong, Chris Lee, Matthew S. LoPresti, Nicole E. Lowen, Sylvia Luke, Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto, Bob McDermott, Angus L.K. McKelvey, John M. Mizuno, Dee Morikawa, Mark M. Nakashima, Scott Y. Nishimoto, Takashi Ohno, Richard H.K. Onishi, Marcus R. Oshiro, Feki Pouha, Karl Rhoads, Scott K. Saiki, Joy A. San Buenaventura, Calvin K.Y. Say, Joseph M. Souki, Gregg Takayama, Roy M. Takumi, Cynthia Thielen, James Kunane Tokioka, Cliff Tsuji, Andria P.L. Tupola, Gene Ward, Justin H. Woodson, Ryan I. Yamane and Kyle T. Yamashita, a total of fifty.

At 10:20 o'clock a.m., the Temporary Chair declared a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

At this time, the Members of the House, their guests and audience were entertained by Napua Greig and Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka O Uka, with special guest Carmen Hulu Lindsey.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 10:57 o'clock a.m.

The Temporary Chair then appointed the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort the Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the State of Hawaii, to the rostrum and requested that he administer the Oath of Office to the Members of the House.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Mark E. Recktenwald, Chief Justice of the State of Hawaii, called upon the Members of the House of Representatives who had been elected to serve in the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii to rise, and the Oath of Office was administered in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, to the following Members of the House:

FIRST DISTRICT:

Mark M. Nakashima

SECOND DISTRICT:

Clift Tsuji

THIRD DISTRICT:

Richard H.K. Onishi

FOURTH DISTRICT:

Joy A. San Buenaventura

FIFTH DISTRICT:

Richard P. Creagan

SIXTH DISTRICT:

Nicole E. Lowen

SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Cindy Evans

EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Joseph M. Souki

NINTH DISTRICT:

Justin H. Woodson

TENTH DISTRICT:

Angus L.K. McKelvey

ELEVENTH DISTRICT:

Kaniela Ing

TWELFTH DISTRICT:

Kyle T. Yamashita

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT:

Derek S.K. Kawakami

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT:

James Kunane Tokioka

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT:

Dee Morikawa

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT:

Gene Ward

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT:

Mark J. Hashem

NINETEENTH DISTRICT:

Bertrand Kobayashi

TWENTIETH DISTRICT:

Calvin K.Y. Say

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT:

Scott Y. Nishimoto

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT:

Tom Brower

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT:

Isaac W. Choy

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT:

Della Au Belatti

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT:

Sylvia Luke

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT:

Scott K. Saiki

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Takashi Ohno

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:

John M. Mizuno

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Karl Rhoads

THIRTIETH DISTRICT:

Romy M. Cachola

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT:

Aaron Ling Johanson

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Ryan I. Yamane

THIRTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:

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FORTIETH DISTRICT:

Bob McDermott

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Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto

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Marcus R. Oshiro

FORTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT:

Feki Pouha

FORTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT:

Jarrett Keohokalole

FORTY-NINTH DISTRICT:

Ken Ito

FIFTIETH DISTRICT:

Cynthia Thielen

FIFTY-FIRST DISTRICT:

Chris Lee

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 2 and 3) were read by the Temporary Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 2, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING THE SPEAKER AND VICE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.R. No. 2 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

The Temporary Chair appointed Representatives Saiki, Evans, Fukumoto Chang and Tupola to escort the newly elected Speaker to the rostrum.

The Temporary Chair then presented to the Members of the House and audience, the Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature, and presented him with the gavel.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Well, before I begin, I hope you enjoyed the show from the Maui group. Maui *no ka 'oi*."

"Members, I thank you for your vote of confidence and support. I pledge to you that I will execute my duties and responsibilities with fairness consistent with Hawaii's Constitution and statutes."

The Chair then appointed Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang to escort the Honorable John M. Mizuno to the rostrum.

The Chair then stated:

"I present to you the Vice Speaker, John Mizuno."

H.R. No. 3, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ELECTING THE OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE," resolving that the following persons be elected as officers of the House: Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk; Kevin R. Kuroda, Sergeant-at-Arms; Rupert Juarez, Assistant Clerk; and Leonard Paresa, Jr., Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.R. No. 3 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

Thereafter, the Speaker administered the Oath of Office to the officers named.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution (H.R. No. 4) was read by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 4, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND RECOGNIZING THE CAUCUS LEADERS AND NAMING THE CHAIRS, VICE CHAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE," acknowledging and recognizing the Caucus Leaders and naming the Chairs, Vice Chairs, and members of the Standing Committees of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature, as listed below, was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang.

Majority Leader	Scott K. Saiki
Majority Floor Leader	Cindy Evans
Majority Whip	Ken Ito
Assistant Majority Leaders	Chris Lee Roy M. Takumi
Minority Leader	Beth Fukumoto Chang
Minority Floor Leader	Andria P.L. Tupola
Minority Whips	Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto Feki Pouha
Minority Policy Leader	Gene Ward
Assistant Minority Leader	Bob McDermott
Assistant Minority Floor Leader	Cynthia Thielen
Speaker Emeritus	Calvin K.Y. Say
Minority Leader Emeritus	Gene Ward

EDUCATION

Education:

Roy M. Takumi	Chair
Takashi Ohno	Vice Chair

Henry J.C. Aquino
Isaac W. Choy
Linda Ichiyama
Kaniela Ing
Ken Ito
Sam Satoru Kong
Matthew S. LoPresti
Calvin K.Y. Say
Clift Tsuji
Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto
Andria P.L. Tupola

Higher Education:

Isaac W. Choy	Chair
Linda Ichiyama	Vice Chair

Henry J.C. Aquino
 Kaniela Ing
 Ken Ito
 Sam Satoru Kong
 Matthew S. LoPresti
 Takashi Ohno
 Calvin K.Y. Say
 Roy M. Takumi
 Clift Tsuji
 Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto
 Andria P.L. Tupola

Richard P. Creagan
 Mark J. Hashem
 Derek S.K. Kawakami
 Chris Lee
 Dee Morikawa
 Mark M. Nakashima
 Gregg Takayama
 Justin H. Woodson
 Bob McDermott
 Cynthia Thielen

FISCAL & LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Finance:

Sylvia Luke	Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto	Vice Chair
Ty J.K. Cullen	
Aaron Ling Johanson	
Jo Jordan	
Jarrett Keohokalole	
Bertrand Kobayashi	
Nicole E. Lowen	
Richard H.K. Onishi	
James Kunane Tokioka	
Kyle T. Yamashita	
Feki Pouha	
Gene Ward	

Legislative Management:

Scott Y. Nishimoto	Chair
John M. Mizuno	Vice Chair
Cindy Evans	
Scott K. Saiki	
Beth Fukumoto Chang	

JUSTICE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Consumer Protection & Commerce:

Angus L.K. McKelvey	Chair
Justin H. Woodson	Vice Chair
Della Au Belatti	
Tom Brower	
Romy M. Cachola	
Richard P. Creagan	
Sharon E. Har	
Mark J. Hashem	
Derek S.K. Kawakami	
Chris Lee	
Mark M. Nakashima	
Marcus R. Oshiro	
Joy A. San Buenaventura	
Gregg Takayama	
Ryan I. Yamane	
Beth Fukumoto Chang	
Bob McDermott	

Judiciary:

Karl Rhoads	Chair
Joy A. San Buenaventura	Vice Chair
Della Au Belatti	
Tom Brower	
Romy M. Cachola	

HUMAN SERVICES

Health:

Della Au Belatti	Chair
Richard P. Creagan	Vice Chair
Mele Carroll	
Mark J. Hashem	
Jo Jordan	
Bertrand Kobayashi	
Dee Morikawa	
Marcus R. Oshiro	
Beth Fukumoto Chang	
Andria P.L. Tupola	

Housing:

Mark J. Hashem	Chair
Jo Jordan	Vice Chair
Della Au Belatti	
Mele Carroll	
Richard P. Creagan	
Bertrand Kobayashi	
Dee Morikawa	
Marcus R. Oshiro	
Beth Fukumoto Chang	

Human Services:

Dee Morikawa	Chair
Bertrand Kobayashi	Vice Chair
Della Au Belatti	
Mele Carroll	
Richard P. Creagan	
Mark J. Hashem	
Jo Jordan	
Marcus R. Oshiro	
Beth Fukumoto Chang	

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Energy & Environmental Protection:

Chris Lee	Chair
Nicole E. Lowen	Vice Chair
Ty J.K. Cullen	
Cindy Evans	
Kaniela Ing	
Scott Y. Nishimoto	
Calvin K.Y. Say	
Ryan I. Yamane	
Feki Pouha	
Cynthia Thielen	

Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs:

Kaniela Ing Chair
Nicole E. Lowen Vice Chair

Gregg Takayama
Roy M. Takumi
Kyle T. Yamashita
Andria P.L. Tupola

Ty J.K. Cullen
Cindy Evans
Chris Lee
Scott Y. Nishimoto
Calvin K.Y. Say
Ryan I. Yamane
Feki Pouha
Cynthia Thielen

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Agriculture:

Clift Tsuji Chair
Richard H.K. Onishi Vice Chair

Water & Land:

Ryan I. Yamane Chair
Ty J.K. Cullen Vice Chair

Tom Brower
Romy M. Cachola
Isaac W. Choy
Ken Ito
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Sam Satoru Kong
Takashi Ohno
James Kunane Tokioka
Justin H. Woodson
Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto
Gene Ward

Cindy Evans
Kaniela Ing
Chris Lee
Nicole E. Lowen
Scott Y. Nishimoto
Calvin K.Y. Say
Feki Pouha
Cynthia Thielen

Economic Development & Business:

Derek S.K. Kawakami Chair
Sam Satoru Kong Vice Chair

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES & PUBLIC SAFETY

Labor & Public Employment:

Mark M. Nakashima Chair
Jarrett Keohokalole Vice Chair

Tom Brower
Romy M. Cachola
Isaac W. Choy
Ken Ito
Takashi Ohno
Richard H.K. Onishi
James Kunane Tokioka
Clift Tsuji
Justin H. Woodson
Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto
Gene Ward

Henry J.C. Aquino
Sharon E. Har
Linda Ichiyama
Aaron Ling Johanson
Matthew S. LoPresti
Joy A. San Buenaventura
Gregg Takayama
Roy M. Takumi
Kyle T. Yamashita
Andria P.L. Tupola

Tourism:

Tom Brower Chair
Takashi Ohno Vice Chair

Public Safety:

Gregg Takayama Chair
Kyle T. Yamashita Vice Chair

Romy M. Cachola
Isaac W. Choy
Ken Ito
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Sam Satoru Kong
Richard H.K. Onishi
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Jarrett Keohokalole
Mark M. Nakashima
Joy A. San Buenaventura
Roy M. Takumi
Andria P.L. Tupola

Veterans, Military, & International Affairs, & Culture and the Arts:

Romy M. Cachola Chair
Ken Ito Vice Chair

Transportation:

Henry J.C. Aquino Chair
Matthew S. LoPresti Vice Chair

Tom Brower
Isaac W. Choy
Derek S.K. Kawakami
Sam Satoru Kong
Takashi Ohno
Richard H.K. Onishi
James Kunane Tokioka
Clift Tsuji
Justin H. Woodson

Sharon E. Har
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Aaron Ling Johanson
Jarrett Keohokalole
Mark M. Nakashima
Joy A. San Buenaventura

Lauren Kealohilani Matsumoto
Gene Ward

H.R. No. 4 further states that:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any member of a Standing Committee is called to active duty in the military and is deployed and unavailable to participate in committee activities, then for that period of unavailability, the member shall not be considered a member of that Standing Committee."

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.R. No. 4 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 1 and 2) were read by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.C.R. No. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO RECESS DAYS FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF 2015," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.C.R. No. 1 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

H.C.R. No. 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLED IN JOINT SESSION," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.C.R. No. 2 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

At 11:11 o'clock a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

At this time, the Members of the House, their guests and audience were entertained by Mr. Frank DeLima.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 11:32 o'clock a.m.

At this time, the Speaker delivered his address, stating:

"Before I proceed with my speech, I want to dedicate this speech to Representative Mele Carroll. I know that she probably would have some misgivings of this speech, knowing her, but I wish her well and on the road to recovery. Thank you very much.

"Right, the main event. First, I would like to make some introductions. I would like to introduce first of all, Governor Ige and Mrs. Ige. Lieutenant Governor Tsutsui. Chief Justice Recktenwald. OHA Chair Robert Lindsey. Governor Ariyoshi and Mrs. Ariyoshi. Governor Waihee and Mrs. Waihee. Governor Cayetano and Mrs. Cayetano. Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa. Hawaii County Mayor Billy Kenoi. I would also like to introduce the former Congressman Ed Case. Former Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann and Mrs. Hannemann. We have with us, and I'm sorry if I delayed here, my old friend, Governor Neil Abercrombie.

"With us today are also Representatives from our Congressional delegation, our County Council Chairs, members of our military and members of our consulate. I also would like to introduce special guests which include Massachusetts Representative Byron Rushing and Mrs. Rushing. Also our good friends, members of the Fukuoka General Assembly.

"With our newly elected Governor with us today, I would like to welcome him and all of you to the People's House. With great pride, we call this Chamber the People's House, because the Members of this Body, more than any other branch of state government, represent the people.

"In his inaugural address, Governor Ige talked about the importance of that simple idea. He said to remember that this is not his house, not our house, but the People's House. It is advice worth remembering, as we begin this legislative session.

"The Governor also called on all of us to work together, that no one person can do the heavy lifting to carry us toward our goals. As a former legislator, the Governor understands how important collaboration is in bringing many views and options to the table.

"However, coming together is no easy task, especially when issues can be so divisive. As we all know, the devil can always be found in the details.

"So how do we get from here to there? From the present to the future?"

"I think the Governor said it best at his inauguration. To move into the future, we must bring as many people and ideas to the table as possible.

"The best way to do that is by doing the hard work that makes a difference in their lives. When people see results, they get excited and want to be a part of the solution.

"Last year, I asked you to be bold in tackling some very difficult issues. And you answered the call by increasing the minimum wage, by fixing HCDA, and taking care of the State's unfunded liabilities.

"Thank you for having the courage to tackle those and other issues in the past session.

"But that was yesterday, and yesterday's achievements. This morning, we must begin to take care of today's business with the same determination and boldness.

"That doesn't always involve sweeping or pioneering gestures. Sometimes, it just means doing the nitty-gritty work that allows government to function more efficiently, and our families to pursue their dreams.

"For example, we should complete the job of ensuring that affordable healthcare is available to all of our families.

"Even if we disagree, all stakeholders need to stay engaged. There is no room for those who want to leave because the game gets tough. Because it's not just a game. Not for the families who depend on good healthcare to grow and prosper. For them, we stick it out.

"Collaboration is never easy. If it was, everyone would be doing it. But if we are to finish the job of providing universal healthcare, then all stakeholders must come to the table with an open mind, and be willing to work hard for that goal.

"We should also focus on our public hospitals, which is one of the largest public health systems in the country. It is also the safety net for acute care and long-term care for the neighbor islands.

"For those families, there is no other choice. Therefore, it is important that we ensure that those facilities are there for them. And if that means thinking outside the box, then maybe it's time we do just that.

"Maui Memorial and Hawaii Pacific Health are looking at a public-private partnership that could improve healthcare on Maui and generate savings for the taxpayers. It behooves us to study this opportunity carefully and look at legislation for this and other potential partnerships.

"We must also ensure the well-being of those who have unique health issues and who require a little more compassion from us. I am speaking of those who need better access to medical marijuana. Yes, it is legal in

Hawaii. But there is no legal access to it. The time has come to fix this contradiction. The task force we commissioned last session has said as much. So let's do what we should have done 15 years ago.

"Moving into the future also means preparing our children for that future. All the studies tell us that early education is key to developing lifelong learners and successful citizens. As the State continues to look at the more costly task of a public preschool program, there is much we can do to foster early learning in the meantime.

"Last year, we made kindergarten mandatory for children who will make five by July 31. Yet we know there is still a small group of late born who are falling through the cracks and whose families face financial hardships.

"I believe we can go a long way in remedying this situation by allowing all five-year-olds to enter kindergarten regardless of the month in which they were born. It is something worth exploring.

"Moving into the future means making Hawaii more energy self-sufficient. It means having the peace of mind, knowing that your company's bottom line or your family's budget won't be hurt because of a spike in the price of crude oil.

"The handwriting has been on the wall for some time now. It doesn't take a rocket scientist, or an electric company, to know that we need to be more aggressive in weaning ourselves off fossil fuel. We need to help our businesses and our households move in the direction of conservation and sustainability.

"It is imperative that our biggest energy provider understand this as well. Hawaiian Electric has been a part of this community for more than 100 years. They have been a key player in our past, and they play a critical role in the unfolding of our future. We will be watching closely to what happens on this front.

"Moving into the future means planning wisely for that future. It means ensuring that we build enough affordable homes for our families and growing cities in ways that makes sense for transportation, economic development and our limited natural resources. Transit Oriented Development is a term you'll probably be hearing a lot.

"Basically, it will help us direct growth along our rail stations, encouraging commercial development around them, and building affordable neighborhoods on nearby state lands. Directing growth in this way will also protect open space and agriculture, as well as minimize times when we are forced to choose between growth and the environment.

"Ensuring that rail is built on time and on budget will be the key to helping us do all of this. And so, we will be holding the City's feet to the fire and closely scrutinize its request to extend the GET tax for rail.

"Last year, GMOs became one of the most controversial topics of the session. The issue will not go away and will require the same bold action that I asked from you earlier. Leaving it to the courts will not resolve the stalemate that has paralyzed us on this issue.

"Whether you're trusting science or your own conscience, GMOs are not just about locally grown foods. They are a fact of modern life throughout the nation and the world. And nothing we can do in Hawaii will change that.

"So the discussion should not be about permitting or banning GMOs. Rather, we should be discussing how to facilitate choice and an open market, allow us individually to decide which we want to consume, GMO products or not. I believe that's an issue we can tackle with a good chance of possible success.

"Moving into the future means making sure we have a safe place for our children and families by strengthening our gun control laws and curbing domestic violence.

"In addition, providing safe communities includes having an adequate prison system. OCCC is an outdated and misplaced facility that needs to be

reassessed. There is thought that we can lease the land under which it sits and use the money to expand and upgrade the Halawa facility. We should investigate that option, as well as others including upgrading Maui's prison.

"In addition, we should look at broader reforms to reduce the prison populations and make Hawaii's prison system more efficient. And I'm speaking to the Judiciary. The recommendations outlined in the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Group done in 2012 is a good starting point.

"Finally, moving into the future means remembering who we are, what makes us who we are in Hawaii. As you all know, our perspective and focus of attention in this building are usually fairly broad.

"It's not so much about the other guy, but about all of us as a community and a state. It is about our sense of *aloha*, our common direction and our collective destination. It's about how we can get there without leaving anyone behind.

"Members, I look forward to working with all of you this coming session. I look forward to taking advantage of what has always been Hawaii's greatest strength, our diversity of people and of ideas, to forge one bright future. And I look forward to letting the rhetoric settle, rolling up our sleeves, and getting down to work in a workman-like fashion.

"To all of you, *mahalo, aloha* and God bless. Thank you very much."

The Chair then recognized Representative Fukumoto Chang, the Minority Leader, to deliver remarks on behalf of the Minority Caucus:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and welcome to our many distinguished guests. I'd like to start first of all by personally thanking my family and the people of Mililani for the opportunity to serve in this Body. I wouldn't be here today without your sacrifices and support.

"On behalf of myself and my colleagues, I also want to thank every single person in our state for casting your vote in in the last election. This is your House and I thank you for taking ownership of it.

"Finally, I'd like to thank our staff for all of your hard work. Particularly those staffers who serve in the House Minority Research Office. Less than three years ago, I was sitting in that very office writing the Minority Leader's speech for him and resenting the many long sleepless nights that we staffers need to spend in this building. No one understands better how much work you do, and I'm so thankful to have every one of you on our team.

"Now, Mr. Speaker, I speak to you as the leader of the Minority Party. It is the tradition to use these remarks to look ahead and to share the Minority Caucus's thoughts on how this institution will help make a better life for the people of our state.

"First and foremost, I will start by stating that we, the Minority Party, are committed to creating a government that meets the needs of everyday people. We've got a lot of good ideas, Mr. Speaker. You're going to hear about them in speeches, you're going to see them in committee, you're going to read them in bills that are signed and delivered to your door. We'll probably even pester you a little bit to ask you to listen to our ideas. And my only request, Mr. Speaker, is that you will continue to listen to the minority and to the people that have elected us.

"Mr. Speaker, many of the minority's priorities are consistent with yours and the Governor's. Instead of creating new programs, we see a need for this Body to focus on strengthening our existing programs, addressing our state's hospitals and healthcare needs, tackling our high cost of living, and increasing transparency and openness in government.

"But Mr. Speaker, this is only half the picture. Mr. Speaker, I'm the first Minority Leader in this Body that is a member of the millennial generation. We were the generation most hit by the Great Recession and we are the generation leaving in droves for better opportunities on the mainland. Now with the potential army reduction on the horizon, it is

critical that this Body start addressing our state's economy. Jobs are what matter to people, Mr. Speaker. Jobs are what matter to my generation, and they're what matter to our parents. Our constituents want to know that we're doing something real to make their lives better.

"Here at the Legislature, we spend a lot of time talking about creating jobs and diversifying the economy. But in truth, this Legislature has done very little about it. Our people don't always believe in us, Mr. Speaker. This past election only 35% of those eligible to vote in the State of Hawaii actually voted. They didn't believe that their participation would gain them new job opportunities. They didn't believe that it would make their bills any easier to pay. Simply put, they just didn't believe that their vote would make a difference. The Minority Party in this Legislature is committed to changing that.

"Mr. Speaker, we don't have a coalition anymore, there's no formal seat at the table for the Minority Party, but I would ask my colleagues across the aisle to remember that the Minority Party isn't here as a token adversary or as a reminder of the strength and power of your establishment. The Minority Party is here to provide diversity of thought and a voice that doesn't represent the status quo. It's the diversity that you just mentioned. If you allow that diversity, if you include it, if you value it, then this Body will make stronger legislation that can make people's lives better in real, tangible ways. Only then will we have a true democracy and a reason for the people of our state and the people of my generation to have faith in their government, and a reason to believe that their voice, even if it's in the minority, can make a difference.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker, God bless you, God bless my colleagues, and God bless our state."

The Chair then recognized Representative Saiki, the Majority Leader, to deliver remarks on behalf of the Majority Caucus:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have three things to say today, hopefully in three minutes.

"First, as alluded to by the Minority Leader, thank you to the residents of our respective communities who have given us the privilege to represent them in the Legislature.

"Second, I want to briefly explain what I believe the role of the House Majority Caucus is this year. More than ever, we need to be a constructive problem solver. This is important because the challenges before us impact the daily well-being of virtually all residents in our state.

"We know what those challenges are. Healthy people, more local food, reliable public utilities, modern prisons, educated students and affordable housing, just to name a few.

"We take these matters seriously, and we will work purposefully with the Governor, the Minority Caucus, the Senate, the counties, and all stakeholders to resolve them.

"Number three, we need more public involvement at the Legislature. I will admit that the confusing legislative sausage-making process does not help matters. So I'd like to use an analogy to simplify and explain the legislative process.

"If you look around, the House Chamber resembles an orchestra pit. This orchestra consists of 51 musicians. The musicians are diverse, but each has a role to play within the larger body.

"The Speaker is the conductor. And it is the Speaker's responsibility to guide this orchestra so that at the end of the day, there is a melody that can be enjoyed by our audience, the general public.

"Now, having said this, I know that there are some who continue to experience great fear whenever the Legislature begins its work.

"Some people also believe that the session is too long, which results in mischief. Our session consists of 60 legislative days. When you add in

weekends and holidays, the length of our session is equivalent to that of the NFL regular season, which many believe ends too quickly.

"So, Mr. Speaker, the challenges ahead of us are significant. But it only means that we need to raise the bar and do great work. People want and deserve to be happy. We can and we will use the legislative process to achieve this goal.

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members."

The Chair then stated:

"Well, Members and audience, we have begun to think outside the box. Thank you very much, Majority Leader."

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution (H.R. No. 5) was read by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 5, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION SENDING MESSAGES THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE HAS ASSEMBLED AND IS READY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS," was jointly offered by Representatives Saiki and Fukumoto Chang.

On motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, H.R. No. 5 was adopted, with Representative Carroll being excused.

At this time, the Chair appointed the Sergeant-at-Arms to escort Reverend Blayne Higa to the rostrum.

Reverend Blayne Higa then offered the benediction.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:10 o'clock p.m., on motion by Representative Saiki, seconded by Representative Fukumoto Chang and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon tomorrow, Thursday, January 22, 2015. (Representative Carroll was excused.)