

FORTIETH DAY

Thursday, April 2, 2015

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, convened at 12:13 o'clock p.m., with Speaker Souki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Mr. Tuia'ana Scanlan, after which the Roll was called showing all Members present with the exception of Representative Kong, who was excused.

On motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Tupola and carried, reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journals of the Twentieth, Twenty-First, Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Days were approved. (Representative Kong was excused.)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 381 through 384) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 381, transmitting H.B. No. 126, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COST ITEMS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on April 1, 2015.

Sen. Com. No. 382, transmitting H.B. No. 173, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REPEAL OF FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on April 1, 2015.

Sen. Com. No. 383, transmitting S.C.R. No. 48, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES AND DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH FEDERAL PARTNER AGENCIES TO PROTECT IMPORTANT STATE MARINE RESOURCES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2015.

Sen. Com. No. 384, transmitting S.C.R. No. 158, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EXAMINE IF AND HOW OTHER STATES REGULATE TOUR OPERATORS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION," which was adopted by the Senate on April 1, 2015.

Representative Saiki moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Evans and carried: (Representative Kong was excused.)

H.B. No. 126, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 173, HD 1, (SD 1)

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Mizuno introduced Mr. Domingo Ambrosio, President, Philippine Councilors League, and his wife, Mrs. Ambrosio; and Mr. Dennis Bunda, President, Filipinos in Hawaii.

Representative Ward introduced Ms. Jane Sawyer, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration.

Representative Kawakami introduced SBA lenders from Bank of Hawaii: Ms. Dana Takushi, Executive Vice President and Manager, Hawaii Commercial Banking Division; and Ms. Roberta Chu, Senior Vice President.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 177) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 177, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S 2015 STATE OF HAWAII AWARDEES," was offered by Representative Kawakami.

Representative Kawakami moved that H.R. No. 177 be adopted, seconded by Representative Tsuji.

Representative Kawakami recognized the 2015 awardees of the US Small Business Administration Awards as leaders from the private sector throughout the State who have excelled in their careers and gone above and beyond their duties for the betterment of the State and their community, and introduced the 2015 Small Business Advocate for Home Based Business awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Jerry Ornellas, Owner, Agland Management LLC. He was accompanied by his daughter, Ms. Tiffany Ornellas; and Mr. Humphrey Hernandez, Jr., who were seated in the gallery.

Representative Mizuno recognized and introduced the 2015 SBA Small Business Advocate of the Year for Media and Journalism awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Bob Sigall, Owner and Business Consultant, Creative-1. He was accompanied by nominator, Ms. Josephine Alfonso of Central Pacific Bank, who was seated in the gallery.

Representative Ito recognized and introduced the 2015 Small Business Advocate for the State of Hawaii for Financial Services awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Louis Perez III, Managing Director, Akamai Capital LLC. He was accompanied by his wife, Ms. Lisa Marie Perez; Mr. Johnny Chankhamany, President of the Akamai Foundation; Mr. Todd Shishido, Co-Founder of the Native Hawaiian Legal Defense & Education Fund; and Mr. Herb Lee, Executive Director of the Pacific American Foundation, who were seated in the gallery.

Representative Saiki recognized and introduced the 2015 SBA Advocate for the State of Hawaii for Minority Small Business awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Ms. Jean Jeremiah, Administrator and Volunteer, SCORE Hawaii. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Ambrosio; Ms. Rosemary Aquino; Mr. Dennis Bunda; and Ms. Naomi Masuno of Bank of Hawaii, who were seated in the gallery.

Representative Say honored the 2015 SBA Young Entrepreneurial of the Year awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Sean Fong, President and Owner, Hawaiian Turfgrass Inc. He was accompanied by his wife, Joy; son, Noah; and mother-in-law, Ms. Nancy Fujinaka, who were seated in the gallery.

Representative Aquino recognized the 2015 SBA Family Owned Small Business of the Year awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Stephen Nii, President, Nii Superette Inc., the "Pink Palace of Waipahu". He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Fumiko Nii; and Ms. Puanani Crabbe, who were seated in the gallery.

Representative Ward welcomed and introduced the 2015 Small Business Exporter of the Year awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Robert Stehlik, Founder and CEO, Blue Planet Surf Gear. He was accompanied by Mr. Kevin Fung; and nominators, Ms. Anne Blasque and Mr. Jared Kobashigawa of Bank of Hawaii, who were seated in the gallery.

Representative Onishi introduced the 2015 Entrepreneurial Success Award awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Mr. Eric Tanouye, President, Green Point Nurseries. He was accompanied by his wife, Lolita; son, Chris; and nominator, Ms. Amy Honda, who were seated in the gallery.

Representative San Buenaventura introduced the 2015 Small Business Person of the Year for the State of Hawaii awardee, who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Senator Russell Ruderman, President, Island Naturals Market. He was accompanied by his fiancée, Ms. Dina Scott, who was seated in the gallery.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 177 was adopted, with Representative Kong being excused.

The following resolution (H.R. No. 178) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 178, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH "LIBBY" YOUNG FOR HER NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF JOURNALISM," was jointly offered by Representatives Ito and Keohokalole.

Representative Keohokalole moved that H.R. No. 178 be adopted, seconded by Representative Ito.

Representative Keohokalole recognized and introduced the honoree seated on the Floor of the House:

Ms. Libby Young, Professor of Journalism and English at Windward Community College.

Representative Ito recognized Ms. Young for her work securing millions of dollars for the master plan for Windward Community College, training aspiring journalists, service to the community, and congratulated her on her retirement.

Representative Ito recognized guests who were seated in the gallery:

Ms. Bonnie Beatson, former student, Marketing Director for Windward Community College;

Ms. Jainina Tully, former student and reporter for MidWeek and Sun Press, and currently Representative Ito's Committee Clerk; and Mr. Gary Slovin, friend.

Speaker Souki noted that he has known Ms. Young since the '80s, and recognized her work.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 178 was adopted, with Representative Kong being excused.

At 12:52 o'clock p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:04 o'clock p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Matsumoto: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today is the final day of the Easter baskets, so if you can come down at 1:45 p.m. to the Chamber foyer, we have our Easter bunny, which will be a surprise, so

you'll have to come down and see who it is, but please come down starting at 1:45 p.m. to take pictures. Thank you."

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, speaking of Easter, tomorrow is a special day, and particularly Sunday, I wish everyone a Happy Easter and with good family times together. Thank you."

Representative Brower: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is the birthday, the *yakudoshi*, of one of our esteemed Members. When I do something wrong, Mr. Speaker, he's the person I avoid because I know he's going to give me a big lecture. New legislators became acquainted with him last year when he held the coveted position of being the Vice Chair for the Vice Chair of the Finance Committee.

"Mr. Speaker, he is to men's fashion what the Vice Speaker is to men's fashion. His constituents call his style and clothing the 'buy one get one free' look. His suits are scared to come out of the closet. His dress shirts are so colorful they qualify as a Rainbow Stop Pilot Project. And, Mr. Speaker, I'm not saying his pants make him look feminine, but they're a size 4 petite. He dresses like the guy behind the bar, the one who swipes your PCard at Club Evergreen. The cologne he wears is called Eau de Toilette Number 2.

"Members, before the Sergeant-at-Arms escorts me out of the room for my own protection, please congratulate a special person in my life, Representative Scott Nishimoto."

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:08 o'clock p.m., on motion by Representative Evans, seconded by Representative Tupola and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon, Monday, April 6, 2015. (Representatives Har, Kong and Tokioka were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 2, 2015, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and Members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has disagreed to the amendments made by the Senate to the following measures:

H.B. No. 126, SD 1

H.B. No. 173, HD 1, SD 1