

FORTY-SECOND DAY

Monday, June 22, 2020

The House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 12:13 p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 244.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 244, this session is reconvened by a signed memorandum issued by the Senate President and myself dated June 9, 2020."

The invocation was delivered by Representative Cedric Asuega Gates, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Creagan, DeCoite, Har, Lowen, Matayoshi, Nakashima, Perruso, and Thielen, who were excused. [Note: Representatives Creagan, DeCoite, Lowen, Nakashima, Perruso, and Thielen were participating remotely via videoconference, but were considered excused prior to adoption of H.R. No. 188.]

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 534 through 537) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 534, dated May 21, 2020, informing the House that the Senate has, on May 19, 2020, agreed to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills, and that said bills have this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 75, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 3080, SD 3, HD 1
S.B. No. 3139, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 535, dated June 19, 2020, informing the House that the Senate has discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate to the following bills:

H.B. No. 6, HD 3, SD 1
H.B. No. 18, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 118, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 158, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 159, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 164, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 200, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 217, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 218, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 220, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 221, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 241, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 267, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 272, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 285, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 295, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 307, SD 1
H.B. No. 312, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 316, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 318, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 348, SD 1
H.B. No. 393, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 402, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 419, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 439, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 467, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 469, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 476, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 477, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 486, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 532, HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 533, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 558, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 582, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 588, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 613, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 615, HD 3, SD 2
H.B. No. 618, SD 1
H.B. No. 626, SD 2
H.B. No. 678, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 713, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 747, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 754, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 760, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 761, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 765, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 838, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 889, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 908, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 931, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1025, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1035, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1042, SD 1
H.B. No. 1043, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1062, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1093, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1116, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1146, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1187, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1188, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1191, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1192, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1193, SD 1
H.B. No. 1219, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1229, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1274, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1343, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1356, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1360, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1394, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1405, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1408, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1416, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1485, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1487, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1530, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1539, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1541, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1546, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 1562, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1582, HD 1, SD 2
H.B. No. 1583, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 1593, HD 1, SD 1
S.B. No. 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 76, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 126, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 130, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 187, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 219, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 223, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 313, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 341, SD 2, HD 2
S.B. No. 365, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 412, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 417, SD 2, HD 2
S.B. No. 427, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 470, HD 1
S.B. No. 485, SD 1, HD 1
S.B. No. 492, SD 2, HD 2
S.B. No. 493, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 530, SD 2, HD 1
S.B. No. 537, SD 2, HD 3

S.B. No. 541, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 641, HD 2
 S.B. No. 652, SD 1, HD 1
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 S.B. No. 752, SD 1, HD 1
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 S.B. No. 774, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 777, SD 1, HD 2
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 S.B. No. 789, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 821, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 824, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 856, SD 1, HD 3
 S.B. No. 859, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 898, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 908, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 911, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 966, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 978, SD 1, HD 2
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 S.B. No. 1082, SD 2, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1131, SD 2, HD 2
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 S.B. No. 1395, SD 1, HD 2
 S.B. No. 1401, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1436, SD 2, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1460, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1475, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1515, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1526, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1539, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 536, dated June 22, 2020, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 220, Baker, Chair; Dela Cruz, Co-Chair;
 HD 1, SD 1 Fevella
 H.B. No. 285, K. Rhoads, Chair; Nishihara, Co-Chair;
 HD 1, SD 2 Baker, Fevella

H.B. No. 1049, Dela Cruz, Chair; Kidani, Co-Chair;
 HD 1, SD 1 Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 537, dated June 22, 2020, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate, for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 126, Dela Cruz, Chair; Keith-Agaran, Co-Chair;
 SD 1, HD 1 Fevella
 S.B. No. 785, Taniguchi, Chair; Dela Cruz, Co-Chair;
 SD 1, HD 1 Keith-Agaran, Fevella

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following miscellaneous communication (Misc. Com. No. 5) was received by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 5, from the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate, and the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated June 9, 2020, transmitting a Joint Signed Memorandum reconvening the 2020 Legislative Session on Monday, June 22, 2020, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 244, as follows:

"June 9, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Senate and House

FROM: Senate President Ronald D. Kouchi /s/

House Speaker Scott K. Saiki /s/

RE: Reconvening of the 2020 Legislative Session

Pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 244, the Legislature recessed the 2020 Legislative Session beginning May 22, 2020. SCR 244 allows for the Senate President and the Speaker of the House to reconvene the 2020 Legislative Session by joint signed memorandum.

Please be advised that pursuant to SCR 244 and with this joint signed memorandum, the 2020 Legislative Session will reconvene on Monday, June 22, 2020. Senate floor session will begin at 11 :30 a.m. and House floor session will begin at noon."

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution (H.R. No. 188) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 188, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION," was offered by Representative Saiki.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the rules were suspended to waive the 24-hour notice of proposed changes to the House Rules. (Representatives Creagan, DeCoite, Har, Lowen, Matayoshi, Nakashima, Perruso, and Thielen were excused.)

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Representative Belatti moved that H.R. No. 188 be adopted, seconded by Representative Ward.

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of information, clarification. Is the committee hearings including conference committee hearings as well as topical subject matter committee hearings, so it's all hearings? Thank you very much."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"That's correct."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 188, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO TEMPORARILY ALLOW REMOTE PARTICIPATION," was adopted, with Representatives Creagan, DeCoite, Har, Lowen, Matayoshi, Nakashima, Perruso, and Thielen being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Takayama: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of myself and my colleagues from Pearl City, Representative Takumi and Representative Kong, I'd like to express our deepest condolences to the family of Senator Breene Harimoto on his recent passing. All of us in this Chamber and far beyond have lost a dear friend, an outstanding colleague, and a wonderful statesman of the highest order. We all know that he devoted his life and career to the service of not only people of Pearl City but the entire State of Hawaii, and he did so even in the darkest hours of his illness, here in this Capitol at his Senate desk. So I know there will be many words of condolences expressed in the following days and weeks, but at the appropriate time, I ask that the House observe a moment of silence on his behalf. Thank you."

Speaker Saiki: "We will observe a moment of silence after adjournment. Thank you, Representative."

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

H.B.

Nos. Re-referred to:

220, HD1, SD1	Committee on Tourism & International Affairs, then to the Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Finance
1620, HD2	Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
2256, HD2	Committee on Lower & Higher Education, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Finance
2744, HD1, SD1	Jointly to the Committee on Judiciary and the Committee on Public Safety, Veterans, & Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance

S.B.

Nos. Re-referred to:

2139	Committee on Judiciary
3103, SD2	Committee on Lower & Higher Education, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:21 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, June 23, 2020. (Representatives Har and Matayoshi were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated June 19, 2020, 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 discharged all House conferees on the following measures:

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 S.B. No. 1515, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1526, SD 1, HD 1
 S.B. No. 1539, SD 1, HD 1

House Communication dated June 22, 2020, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 220, Onishi/Mizuno/Luke, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 1 Ward

H.B. No. 285, Johanson/Lee, Co-Chrs.;
 HD 1, SD 2 Thielen

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S.B. No. 126, Luke, Chr.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Cullen, McDermott

S.B. No. 785, Johanson/Luke, Co-Chrs.;
 SD 1, HD 1 Matsumoto

House Communication dated June 22, 2020, 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 made the following changes to the conferees on the following measure:

H.B. No. 220, House Conferees Added: Representative Aquino
 HD 1, SD 1 added as Co-Chair.

30th LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION OF 2020 JOINT HOUSE and SENATE COMMITTEES ON CONFERENCE PROCEDURES

Due to extraordinary circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Senate and the House have agreed to the following special procedures for all 2020 Regular Session Committees on Conference. These Conference procedures are not meant to establish any precedent and shall only be effective from 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020, until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2020.

1. Definitions

For purposes of these procedures:

"Chairs" refers to all of the designated chairs and co-chairs of a Conference Committee.

"Conference Committee" refers to the conference of the House Committee and the Senate Committee assigned by their respective chamber to resolve the differences between the House and the Senate over a particular measure.

"Lead chair" refers to the chair of the House Committee or the Senate Committee who is listed first on the Action Sheets, as provided by the respective chamber.

"Lead committee staff" refers to the staff of the lead Chair from the chamber from which the measure in conference originated.

"Managers" refers to all members of the House and Senate assigned to a Conference Committee.

2. Conference Committee Scope and Amendments

The authority of the Conference Committee shall be limited to resolving differences between the Senate and House on a measure.

3. Conference Committee Meeting Times and Places

Conference Committee deliberations shall take place only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A Conference Committee shall meet in the conference room assigned or reserved, pursuant to the Room Scheduling Procedures and Guidelines, as attached.

4. Initial Public-Meeting Notice

The signatures of all chairs shall be obtained before the notice of an initial meeting is posted or distributed. Prior to offering the initial meeting notice for signatures, the chairs shall consult with one another on the information to be included in the notice. Lead chairs from both houses are encouraged to sign meeting notices first, before distributing them to other chairs to sign.

Chairs shall provide at least 24 hours public notice of the first meeting of the Conference Committee and are strongly encouraged to provide more than 24 hours notice if at all possible. Written notices shall be submitted to the Senate Chief Clerk and the House Sergeant-at-Arms

for official postings on the Legislature's website and Capitol bulletin boards. The lead committee staff shall post the notice adjacent to the door of the assigned conference room at the time of the meeting.

5. Notice of Subsequent Meetings

- a. If agreement is not reached at a duly noticed meeting but the lead chairs of both chambers agree to meet again before 6:00 pm on the same day, the lead chairs of both chambers shall publicly announce at the meeting the time and place at which the Conference Committee will reconvene. Written notice of the reconvening of the Conference Committee on the same day is not required to be distributed. However, written notice containing information on the subsequent meeting shall be submitted to the Senate Chief Clerk and the House Sergeant-at-Arms for official posting as soon as possible. The lead committee staff shall post the notice adjacent to the door of the assigned conference room at the time of the meeting.
- b. If agreement is not reached at a duly noticed meeting but the lead chairs of both chambers agree to meet on another day, the lead chairs of both chambers shall publicly announce at the meeting the date(s), time(s), and place of the subsequent meeting(s), and submit written notice to the Senate Chief Clerk and the House Sergeant-at-Arms for official posting. The lead committee staff shall post the notice adjacent to the door of the assigned conference room at the time of the meeting.
- c. If agreement is not reached at a duly noticed meeting and the date(s), time(s), and place of future meetings are not publicly announced at that noticed meeting, chairs shall ensure that a written meeting notice, signed by the lead chairs of their respective chamber, is submitted to the Senate Chief Clerk and the House Sergeant-at-Arms for official posting at least 24 hours in advance of the next meeting of the Conference Committee.

6. Attendance at Meetings

- a. To convene the initial conference committee meeting only the lead House and Senate chair must be present. All other conference committee managers, especially any co-chair, should attempt to be present.
- b. Once a conference has been opened, reconvening of any subsequent meeting of a conference committee shall require the following:
 - i. For the Senate, the lead chair or co-chair must be present.
 - ii. For the House, the lead chair must be present.
 - iii. All other conference committee managers, especially any co-chair, should attempt to be present at the convening of and during each meeting.
- c. For decision-making at a meeting, a quorum must be present. "A quorum shall be a majority of the House Committee managers and a majority of the Senate Committee managers, and shall include the lead House and Senate chair and majority of the chairs of the Conference Committee for their respective chamber." See Section 9.a of the "Procedures." The lead House and Senate chair of the conference committee must be part of this quorum.
- d. For a measure with fiscal implications, approval must be given by the chair representing the House Finance Committee and Senate Ways and Means Committee prior to the decision-making on the measure.

7. Conference Discussion

Except as authorized by the respective chairs, only the respective chairs may speak during conference. All other managers or other authorized persons shall be recognized by their respective chairs before speaking on any issue.

8. Decorum in Conference Committee Meetings and Courtesy to the Public and to the Managers

- a. Managers shall respect the differing views of other managers and conduct themselves in a courteous manner.

- b. Chairs shall ensure that meetings convene and reconvene at scheduled times. If none of the chairs of one of the Committees are present within 15 minutes of the scheduled meeting time, the chairs of the other Committee shall have the names of the absent chairs pagged through the State Capitol public address system.
- c. If none of the absent chairs are present within 30 minutes of the scheduled meeting time, the chairs present shall inform the managers and members of public present that the Conference Committee cannot be convened or reconvened, and that, pursuant to 5c of these Committees on Conference Procedures, a 24-hour advance notice shall be provided for a subsequent meeting of the Conference Committee.

9. Decision-making Meeting

The decision-making meeting of a Conference Committee shall comply with the following open meeting provisions:

- a. A quorum of the Conference Committee shall be present for the decision-making meeting. A quorum shall be a majority of the House Committee managers and a majority of the Senate Committee managers, and shall include the lead House and Senate chair and majority of the chairs of the Conference Committee for their respective chamber.
- b. To report a measure out of Conference Committee in amended form, Conference Draft (CD), a majority of the quorum of managers for each respective chamber shall vote in favor of the proposed amendments.
- c. The lead chair (or the lead chair's designee) representing their respective chamber shall call the roll and be the recorder of the quorum and the votes on that measure for that chamber. (Sample attached).
- d. If, after naming a Conference Committee on a measure, the Conference Committee managers representing the chamber from which a measure originated agree to the amendments made by the non-originating chamber, only a quorum of those representing the originating chamber shall vote on the agreement at a duly noticed meeting. For example, if after naming a Conference Committee on a House measure, the House managers of the Conference Committee decide to agree to the amendments in the Senate draft (SD) of the measure, then only the House managers of the Conference Committee shall vote on the measure, returning it to the House in its SD form. For such action, only a quorum of the Conference Committee managers representing the chamber from which the measure originated need to be present. The "Record of Votes of a Conference Committee" sheet detailing the votes of the managers of the originating chamber shall be filed with the appropriate chamber without a Conference Committee Report.

10. Conference Committee Reports

- a. A majority of the House and Senate chairs, respectively, of a Conference Committee shall attest to the action of the Conference Committee by signing the Conference Committee Report on behalf of their respective managers; provided that no Conference Committee Report concerning a measure with fiscal implications shall be reported out of a Conference Committee without the signature of the chair (or the chair's designee) of each fiscal committee to which the measure is referred. The "Record of Votes of a Conference Committee" sheet detailing the votes of the managers of the Conference Committee shall be attached to the report as a part thereof.
- b. All House measures reported out of Conference Committee shall be filed with the House Chief Clerk, and likewise all Senate measures shall be filed with the Senate Chief Clerk. A document filed in the originating chamber shall be deemed simultaneously filed in the other chamber. Only the original Conference Committee Report, with the attached Record of Votes, and the Conference Draft of the measure shall be required for filing.

