

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

The House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, convened at 12:06 p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Gene Ward, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representatives DeCoite, Har, Matsumoto, Nakashima, Perruso, Thielen, and Wildberger participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi, who were excused.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Lee, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1195-20) recommending that S.B. No. 3119, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3119, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES OR THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSES OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, OR DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1196-20) recommending that S.B. No. 2717, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2717, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SHARK PROTECTION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1197-20) recommending that S.B. No. 2629, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2629, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, no vote with a brief comment if I may, please. Mr. Speaker, this bill is well intended. We don't need coal because, actually we don't even need this bill because the company that does the coal burning now is not interested, they're basically folding their tent up.

"My concern is for future references. We're kind of obviating or putting our options aside, which I don't think is probably wise in terms of energy planning. The reason being that the United States has the biggest coal

supplies of the world. The biggest in the world. And we want to say, well we don't want to use those. Well, I would say let's let them close down. We don't need a bill that says we're never going to do it again. Because if we need it again, we're going to use it.

"So, Mr. Speaker, from that I think this is probably a little bit of an overkill because they're actually on their own volition not renewing a contract. And by the way, it's the cheapest electricity that we've got in the State of Hawaii. So, hopefully something will fill the gap, but I'm not sure that this is the way to do that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2629, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives McDermott, Okimoto, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi being excused.

Representative Lee, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1198-20) recommending that S.B. No. 2844, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2844, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, request to recuse myself for the limited purpose on this bill because there is a claim in this bill which my law office has worked on. Thank you."

The Chair addressed Representative Belatti, stating:

"Okay, you're recused on this measure."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2844, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Har and McKelvey voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Cabanilla Arakawa, and Matayoshi being excused.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1199-20) recommending that S.B. No. 2193, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2193, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Okimoto 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 S.B. No. 2193, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary, with Representative Okimoto voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi being excused.

Representative Johanson, for the Committee on Labor & Public Employment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1200-20)

recommending that S.B. No. 2866, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2866, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND EMPLOYEE-BENEFICIARY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi being excused.

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House in S.B. No. 126, SD 1, HD 1, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1-20) recommending that S.B. No. 126, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 1-20 and S.B. No. 126, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

Representatives Johanson and Luke, for the Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House in S.B. No. 785, SD 1, HD 1, presented a report (Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2-20) recommending that S.B. No. 785, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in CD 1, pass Final Reading.

In accordance with Article III, Section 15, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, action on Conf. Com. Rep. No. 2-20 and S.B. No. 785, SD 1, HD 1, CD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING," was deferred for a period of 48 hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kitagawa: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make an announcement and congratulate our colleague and newest dad in the House of Representatives, Representative Scot Matayoshi, who welcomed his newborn son, Mason Matayoshi, last night. Mom and baby and dad are doing well. So, we just want to extend our congratulations to him."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Just as a reminder for committee chairs, today is the second lateral filing deadline. For bills that need to move to their final committees, please file your committee reports and drafts with the Chief Clerk's Office by 9:00 p.m. this evening."

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>S.B.</u> <u>Nos.</u>	<u>Re-referred to:</u>
2894, SD1, HD1	Committee on Human Services & Homelessness, then to the Committee on Finance
2993, HD1	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary
3158, SD1	Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:16 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Ward and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, June 25, 2020. (Representatives Cabanilla Arakawa and Matayoshi were excused.)