

SEVENTEENTH DAY

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, convened at noon, with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Jeanne Kapela, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representatives Har, LoPresti, Matsumoto, and Quinlan participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representative Tokioka, who was excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 12 and 13) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 12, transmitting S.B. No. 162, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LANDLORD-TENANT CODE," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 12, 2021.

Sen. Com. No. 13, transmitting S.B. No. 514, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 12, 2021.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the following Senate Bills passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representative Tokioka was excused.)

S.B. No. 162, SD 1

S.B. No. 514, SD 1

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 260) recommending that H.B. No. 757, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 757, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Tokioka being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 261) recommending that H.B. No. 1071, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1071, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII BOARD OF REGENTS INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Tokioka being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 262) recommending that H.B. No. 33, 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 H.B. No. 33, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STEERING COMMITTEE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tokioka being excused.

Representative Nakamura, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 263) recommending that H.B. No. 907, 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 H.B. No. 907, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tokioka being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 264) recommending that H.B. No. 652 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 H.B. No. 652, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM JURY DUTY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tokioka being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 265) recommending that H.B. No. 73, 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 H.B. No. 73, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY WORKERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Tokioka being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 266) recommending that H.B. No. 1090 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 1090 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, 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 H.B. No. 1090, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative McDermott voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Tokioka being excused.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 29 and 30) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 36 and 37) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 29, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER REEF INSURANCE TO SUPPORT NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT HAWAII'S COASTLINES AND COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM NATURAL DISASTERS," was offered by Representative Lowen.

H.R. No. 30, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND KAUAI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND METHODS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE KAUMUALII HIGHWAY," was jointly offered by Representatives Morikawa, Nakamura, and Tarnas.

H.C.R. No. 36, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER REEF INSURANCE TO SUPPORT NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT HAWAII'S COASTLINES AND COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM NATURAL DISASTERS," was offered by Representative Lowen.

H.C.R. No. 37, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND KAUAI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND METHODS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS ALONG THE KAUMUALII HIGHWAY," was jointly offered by Representatives Morikawa, Nakamura, and Tarnas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, requested a waiver of the 48-hour advanced notice requirement for the purpose of hearing the following measures on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room 325, and the Chair "so ordered."

H.B. No. 895, Relating to Credit for Time of Detention Prior to Sentence;
H.B. No. 722, HD 1, Relating to Human Trafficking;
H.B. No. 1314, HD 1, Relating to Taxation;
H.B. No. 1311, HD 1, Relating to Affordable Housing;
H.B. No. 273, HD 1, Relating to License Renewals;
H.B. No. 345, HD 1, Relating to Assisted Community Treatment; and
H.B. No. 381, Relating to Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodations.

Representative Ward: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, there is a time for everything, and now is the time to break the log jam in the leadership of the Minority Caucus. Today I want to announce that I'm withdrawing my name from the leadership race and we will soon announce a new team of leaders. Mr. Speaker, I'll revert back to being a minority leader emeritus and will continue to be an active member of this body and an active member of this caucus, to be led by a younger and very talented new generation.

"I will ask all of you to please trust and work with these new leaders as you have trusted and worked with me over my three terms, is probably one of the longest serving minority leaders in the loyal opposition. *Mahalo* Mr. Speaker, *mahalo* members, you've been very patient. *Aloha* and god bless. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:08 p.m., on motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, February 17, 2021. (Representative Tokioka was excused.)