

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Monday, March 22, 2021

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

The invocation was delivered by Representative Adrian K. Tam, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representative Har participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representative Holt, who was excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 5) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 5, dated March 19, 2021, transmitting proposed changes to the Fiscal Biennium 2021-2023 Executive Budget for the Departments of Accounting and General Services, Defense, Education, Health, Taxation, and Transportation.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Luke, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1122) recommending that H.B. No. 200, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.B. No. 200, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McDermott rose in support of the measure with reservations and asked that his written remarks be inserted in the Journal, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative McDermott's written remarks are as follows:

"I support the budget with some reservations. I want to express my gratitude to the Finance Chair, the Vice Chair, and their extraordinary staff. They really work hard for the people of Hawaii. I trust the Finance Chair as her knowledge of the budget is deep and her care and compassion for the people of Hawaii is unquestioned. My concern is the amount of federal money that may be used for abortions. The exact amount is unknown, but I suspect that well over \$two million, euphemistically designated for 'family planning,' is really money for abortions as required by federal funding formulas. I find it quite unsettling that in a pandemic crisis we are continuing to spend money on abortions. I would feel better if there was a guarantee this money isn't being used for abortions as I find this morally wrong and non-sensical when our people have so many legitimate needs."

At 12:05 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 200, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representative McDermott voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Holt being excused.

Representative Quinlan, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1123) recommending that S.B. No. 579, SD 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. 579, SD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Perruso rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Kapela rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for her, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Ganaden rose and asked that the Clerk record an aye vote with reservations for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Wildberger 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. 579, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST HOUSE OF ALOHA ENTERPRISES LLC," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ganaden, Kapela, Perruso, and Wildberger voting aye with reservations, and with Representative Holt being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1124) recommending that H.C.R. No. 70 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 70, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A LEASE OF CERTAIN SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE BAY, KANEOHE, OAHU, FOR RECREATIONAL BOAT PIER PURPOSES, BY PUBLIC AUCTION," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Holt being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1125) recommending that H.C.R. No. 66 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.C.R. No. 66, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON A LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND PARKER RANCH, INC.," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Holt being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

H.R.No. Re-referred to:

90 Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

H.C.R.No. Re-referred to:

112 Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

S.B.Nos. Re-referred to:

726 Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

732, SD2 Committee on Legislative Management, then to the Committee on Finance

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:09 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 23, 2021. (Representatives Har and Holt were excused.)