

FORTIETH DAY

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, convened at 12:01 p.m., with Vice Speaker Mizuno presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Jackson D. Sayama, after which the Roll was called showing all members present, with Representatives LoPresti and Luke participating remotely via videoconference, and with the exception of Representatives Holt, Ohno, and Todd, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 14) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 14, dated March 29, 2022, transmitting proposed changes to the FY 23 Executive Supplemental Budget for the Department of Health.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 554 through 557) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 554, transmitting S.C.R. No. 3, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS TO A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE RECLAIMED LANDS AT WAILUPE, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 555, transmitting S.C.R. No. 4, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAHALUU, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, STEPS, AND FILLED LAND, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 556, transmitting S.C.R. No. 5, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, HOUSE, ROCK WALL, AND LANDSCAPE AREA, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2022.

Sen. Com. No. 557, transmitting H.B. No. 2392, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on March 29, 2022.

Representative Belatti moved to disagree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bill, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Holt, Ohno, and Todd were excused.)

H.B. No. 2392, HD 1, (SD 1)

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introduction was made to the members of the House:

Representative Sayama introduced his staff: Evelyn Hee, Kaishu Tamura, and Sheena Mae Briones.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1531-22) recommending that H.R. No. 106, as amended in HD 1, 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.R. No. 106, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AUCKLAND REGION, NEW ZEALAND," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1532-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 110, as amended in HD 1, 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. 110, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE INITIATION OF A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AUCKLAND REGION, NEW ZEALAND," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1533-22) recommending that H.R. No. 148, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1534-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 148, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Belatti moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 148, HD 1; and H.C.R. No. 148, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Ward rose to speak in opposition to both measures, stating:

"I didn't plan that, but it was like a surrender like this reso, which is about the nonproliferation by signing on to a treaty to abstain from nuclear weapons. Mr. Speaker, this is, in view of what's going on in Ukraine, rather not very practical. I agree we should not have nuclear weapons, but we've got them. And the reality is, those who have them are not going to give them up.

"Who, just a few weeks ago, was sabre nuclear rattling in Russia? Mr. Putin. So, to sign on this, I don't think it's the word naive, but it's not practical. It's not something that has ever worked, even when we have had agreements, there's been cheating on the part of those in various large countries that have nuclear weapons. In fact, if anything, the world is, and it's the crazy part of the world, that's rushing towards them. Look what Iran is doing. Look at the deals that have been cut, delayed, and now reframed to where we may have, in a matter of months, a nuclear Iran.

"So, we, the U.S., the world leader, are going to turn around, say, well look, we're going to really forestall those or forgo them. There's nothing wrong with promoting peace, but this is not the way to do it. The way that

we've done it in the past has been mutually assured destruction, realizing that nobody wins when it's MAD. When you're MAD, nobody wins. And that's the realization. That's the reality therapy. This is more of the surrender. This is more of the Chamberlain kind of compromise, the way of saying, well, we'll give up ours if you give up yours, but you got to do it first. And this is a gesture that now, when the U.S. is trying to keep Russia off of the Ukrainians, this is not the message to send to the Congress or hopefully nobody in the Ukraine or in the Russian society will actually ever get wind of this. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, a very, very strong no for bad public policy in this reso. Thank you."

Representative Ganaden rose to speak in support of both measures, stating:

"In strong support. I have the pleasure of representing thousands of individuals from Micronesia. Many of them are here because generations ago, the United States and other countries bombed parts of Micronesia. And the health effects have been carried over. The trauma of bombing and displacing thousands of people is not just some abstract idea, but it's affecting people right here in our community. In light of that, in strong support."

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

Representative Quinlan rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for him on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matsumoto rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 148, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND ADOPTING THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND URGING FEDERAL LEADERS AND THE NATION TO MAKE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT THE CENTERPIECE OF UNITED STATES' NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Matsumoto, McDermott, Okimoto, Quinlan, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 148, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND ADOPTING THE TREATY ON THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND URGING FEDERAL LEADERS AND THE NATION TO MAKE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT THE CENTERPIECE OF UNITED STATES' NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Matsumoto, McDermott, Okimoto, Quinlan, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1535-22) recommending that H.R. No. 159, as amended in HD 1, 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.R. No. 159, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS AMONG THE PEOPLES OF OCEANIA, OF WHICH HAWAII IS A PART, AND URGING GREATER COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF THESE NATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND TRAINING TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITIES," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1536-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 159, as amended in HD 1, 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. 159, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND STRATEGIC CONNECTIONS AMONG THE PEOPLES OF OCEANIA, OF WHICH HAWAII IS A PART, AND URGING GREATER COLLABORATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF THESE NATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS AND TRAINING TO COMBAT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PACIFIC ISLAND COMMUNITIES," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1537-22) recommending that H.R. No. 105 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1538-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 109 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Belatti moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 105; and H.C.R. No. 109 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 105, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WAIANAE MOKU KUPUNA COUNCIL AS AN ADVISORY RESOURCE TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII REPRESENTING THE WAIANAE MOKU COMMUNITY," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative McDermott voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 109, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WAIANAE MOKU KUPUNA COUNCIL AS AN ADVISORY RESOURCE TO THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII REPRESENTING THE WAIANAE MOKU COMMUNITY," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative McDermott voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1539-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 27, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.C.R. No. 27, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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 with all due respect to the origin of this reso, to the author on the Big Island, I respectively will change my with reservations from my last vote to a no vote with the following notations. If we're to learn from history, we cannot erase it. We have to learn what Captain Cook and all the heinous activities that he did. Erasing his name, yeah, it's going to be kind of like maybe for three to six months say, yeah, we got rid of Captain Cook. But the memory of Captain Cook, the guy we thought was a god and then we had basically a slaughtered god needs to be in the annals of history.

"If we take away these things, it's like taking, as I said earlier in a speech, let's take McKinley High School because of what President McKinley did, *et cetera*. And what happened with the people who were the alumni of McKinley High School, they said no way. There's a survey that was done also on should Captain Cook be removed, 604 people said no, of the 1,000 people. In other words, 60% of the people think that this is not good policy,

Mr. Speaker. And this is actually, as I like to say, metrics of which oftentimes we do stuff intuitively or on the take and don't really look at the numbers.

"For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, if we start saying with Captain Cook, then what is going to be next and then next and next? The cancel culture is, I know, a 'me too' kind of culture where we get in a role and then we want to stay in it and then suddenly we forget who we are. Americans are bad enough in geography and history as it is. We know time and again that we are probably 17th in the world in terms of our understanding and educational level, math, science, *et cetera*. This diminishes the State of Hawaii. It's not good policy.

"And again, this is nothing personal with the author, I think she's a great representative. But this is not a policy that is going to be good for the people of Hawaii, particularly for our young people who need a solid education. And Captain Cook and what he did is part of that solid education. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Tam rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I majored in history in college and I can tell you I've learned nothing simply from just whether a place is named after a person or not. You learn more about history through books. So, I just want to make that note. We're not erasing history and we're not making society less smart or less knowledgeable about the individual. Books still exist, and you can learn a lot of history from books."

Representative Kapela rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. This resolution is not about cancel culture, it's about restoration, as we're doing across our entire state, restoring native place names in the State of Hawaii. That's it, thanks."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 27, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU TO RE-DESIGNATE THE CENSUS-DESIGNATED PLACE KNOWN AS CAPTAIN COOK ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII AS KA'AWALOA AND REQUESTING HAWAII COUNTY TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO CAPTAIN COOK AS A PLACE NAME ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives McDermott and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative D. Kobayashi, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1540-22) recommending that H.R. No. 112, as amended in HD 1, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Belatti moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 112, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. House Bill 2511, which will give Native Hawaiians \$600 million, is an opportunity, and this is an empowerment of the Native Hawaiian community. House Resolution 112, which would create an oversight committee, is basically telling Native Hawaiians, we want to empower you, but through what we want. This is not empowering Native Hawaiians, this is paternalism.

"If we go back to House Bill 2511 giving the \$600 million, there's already reporting requirements in the bill. And the intent of the bill is for acquisition, not construction, which House Resolution 112 is addressing. Also, the resolution puts an erroneous deadline on the process as well. And so, I want to reiterate the point that there is a difference between oversight and paternalism, there is a difference between condescension and empowerment, and this resolution does not empower Native Hawaiians. *Mahalo.*"

Representative D. Kobayashi rose to speak in opposition to the measure, stating:

"Thank you. Speaking in opposition. My initial read on this bill was on the surface of it, it seemed to be a constructive bill. But upon further review and hearing the words of my colleague from Kailua, I fully agree with him and I'll be a no as well on this. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I totally agree with the previous two speakers, except it's the wrong message to the wrong people. This is not to give a pejorative position against the Hawaiians that they can't manage their own affairs, it's not paternalism. It's basically to all of us in this room and in the Senate, because heretofore, for 100 years, we've never trusted the Hawaiians with money. And this is a position to make sure that those things, those people who are in this body and the other body, think that the Hawaiians can't handle their own money. It's an assurance because we've got a watchdog committee looking over them. Those who know real estate, those who know finance, those who know CPA in the dollars and the cents.

"So, I regret that it's looked at as a paternalistic thing, but it's really for those who have been in this legislature for 50 to 60 to 70 years who don't give the Hawaiians time of day. Now they got their money. In fact, I've got an article by the Tax Foundation, hey guys, you sure you can trust the Hawaiians with \$600 million? This is what that reso is all about. It's not about paternalism and watching over and whether they can spend it or not, it's whether we trust the Hawaiians. And this is a kind of a safeguard, a watchdog, if you will, to allow people to be confident that when they have people like Peter Savio or others who are watching over the money, people are going to say yeah, that's credible.

"Because right now, like the Tax Foundation is saying, we don't know if they're going to spend it. Over the past years, they've got unspent money from the federal government. That was a big issue Civil Beat put up. You guys don't know how to spend your money, you've wasted the money.

"So again, I want to assure my colleagues, this is something that says, have confidence in the Hawaiians because you've got people who are confident and pro Hawaiian. Because for 100 years, we've caused them to fail. And this is \$600 million, which they've needed billions and billions of dollars, years and years and years ago. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is a bill that makes some sense."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No vote, please, and would like the words of my friend from Kailua entered in the Journal as if they were my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative McKelvey continued, stating:

"I'd also like to echo the sentiments of the chair of the committee that passed this resolution forward that is now obviously retracting their support in doing so.

"There's plenty of mechanisms in place, Mr. Speaker, for fiduciary integrity, and we have a Department of Hawaiian Home Lands commission that works as an open body of many stakeholders and the beneficiaries to basically, they themselves want to expend these funds as quickly as possible. They've been coming to this body over and over again asking for more funding. I applaud the work of the Finance Committee and the members in advancing the measure that will give them this money. And I think to put through a resolution, an oversight committee on top of that, will defeat the purpose of the underlying measures. Thank you."

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

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

"No vote please. And I just wanted to briefly comment that this body, the leadership, has already shown their commitment to this bill by writing it and most members here signed it. So, we don't need another resolution to give us confidence, that bill demonstrates our confidence."

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

Representative Perruso rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representative Branco be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

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

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

"No vote. I'd like to ask that the words of the Representative from Kailua be entered into the Journal as my own. I also wanted to note that the Representative from Hawaii Kai raises the issue of accountability for the use of the \$600 million. And I think that is an important concern as well. We do have a commission that is going to oversee the use of the funds. And I also feel that the Judiciary Committee recently passed a bill, a Senate bill, we amended the bill to include language that DHHL come up with a strategic plan for the use of the \$600 million by county. And we asked that the plan address the preferences of those on the waiting list, whether it's for sale or rental housing, and the other tools that can be used to assist with for-sale housing. So, I believe that tool, that bill, if it proceeds, can help to build the accountability with the funding that the Legislature is proposing. So, a no vote for me. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

At 12:23 p.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

Representative Belatti rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representatives Marten, Branco, and Nakamura be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Morikawa rose in opposition to the measure and asked that the remarks of Representatives Marten, Branco, and Nakamura be entered into the Journal as her own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I'll follow leadership. No vote."

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

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

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

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

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

"No vote, and may I ask that the words from the Representative from Manoa be entered into the Journal as if they were my own. He is the committee chair and I'm following his lead," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Tokioka then rose, stating:

"Point of clarification, Mr. Speaker. Was there a vote count on the previous resolution?"

Vice Speaker Mizuno: "Yes, we've got a vote count going."

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege to tell all my colleagues I yield to the will of this body. There's probably, I counted 27 votes, it was only 26 votes. But my point of rising for a point of personal privilege is to thank everyone for allowing the attention to be drawn to the Hawaiian community. And I think this is good. Whether you win or lose, the point is, they need our attention, they need our help. Whether it's one reso or another reso, that's the point. We have accomplished a lot here. This is the first time since the Representative from Pearl City and I, as the oldest members here, have ever had this kind of a debate on the floor.

"For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, I'm very grateful to everybody, whether you voted for or against or otherwise, and I was almost convinced to be number seven. But I still think we need to draw attention to the Hawaiians, and that's what we have accomplished. Thank you, sir."

The Chair then stated:

"Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1540, House Resolution 112, House Draft 1 will not move because it had 27 no votes."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and failed to carry, and the report of the Committee was not adopted and H.R. No. 112, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE AND REGULATE THE USE OF THE \$600,000,000 PLEDGED TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING," was not referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Branco, Ganaden, Gates, Ilagan, Kapela, B. Kobayashi, D. Kobayashi, LoPresti, Lowen, Marten, Matayoshi, McKelvey, Morikawa, Nakamura, Nishimoto, Perruso, Quinlan, Sayama, Takayama, Takumi, Tam, Tarnas, Tokioka, Wildberger, Woodson, and Yamane voting no, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1541-22) recommending that H.R. No. 153, as amended in HD 1, 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.R. No. 153, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO DEVELOP AN OPTION THAT ALLOWS STATE RESIDENTS TO REMIT THEIR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAXES AND FEES ON A PRO-RATED SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1542-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 153, as amended in HD 1, 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.C.R. No. 153, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTIES TO DEVELOP AN OPTION THAT ALLOWS STATE RESIDENTS TO REMIT THEIR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAXES AND FEES ON A PRO-RATED SEMIANNUAL BASIS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1543-22) recommending that H.R. No. 180, as amended in HD 1, 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.R. No. 180, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES TO CREATE AND RECOMMEND FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY SUBSIDIES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF WATERBORNE CARGO CONSISTENT WITH THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER CARRIERS WORKING GROUP'S FINAL REPORT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1544-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 180, as amended in HD 1, 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.C.R. No. 180, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP AND VARIOUS COMMITTEES TO CREATE AND RECOMMEND FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY SUBSIDIES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF WATERBORNE CARGO CONSISTENT WITH THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER CARRIERS WORKING GROUP'S FINAL REPORT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1545-22) recommending that H.R. No. 118, as amended in HD 1, 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.R. No. 118, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT AN EFFICIENT, STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR REVIEWING ELECTRIC UTILITIES' REQUESTS TO PROVIDE MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND SERVICES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE BROADBAND ACCESS AND EQUITY AND PROMOTE EXPEDITIOUS BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT TO AREAS OF THE STATE THAT ARE UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Takayama, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1546-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 118, as amended in HD 1, 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. 118, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT AN EFFICIENT, STREAMLINED PROCESS FOR REVIEWING ELECTRIC UTILITIES' REQUESTS TO PROVIDE MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND SERVICES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO EXPEDITE BROADBAND ACCESS AND EQUITY AND PROMOTE EXPEDITIOUS BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT TO AREAS OF THE STATE THAT ARE UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1547-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 28 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. 28, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR FERTILITY PRESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AND WHOSE CANCER OR CANCER TREATMENT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR FERTILITY," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1548-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 33 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. 33, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EARLY ACCESS BREAST CANCER SCREENING," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1549-22) recommending that H.R. No. 33 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.R. No. 33, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, AND HAWAII INFORMATION PORTAL," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1550-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 38 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.C.R. No. 38, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, AND HAWAII INFORMATION PORTAL," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1551-22) recommending that H.R. No. 62 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.R. No. 62, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1552-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 69 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. 69, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2022 AS CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION MONTH," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1553-22) recommending that H.R. No. 77 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1554-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 86 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Belatti moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 77; and H.C.R. No. 86 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Marten rose to speak in support of both measures, stating:

"Thank you. I stand in strong support. I just want to mention that this resolution to audit Child Welfare Services Branch, which is an audit of the processes and the work that goes to managing the children that are under the care of the State, as well as a focus on recruitment and retention of staff. This body, the Finance Chair, has seen fit to allocate almost \$3 million to expand the workforce at Child Welfare Services, which is very much needed, I'm sure, and also training. But that should be accompanied with some help in the management of those additional resources. And I think this audit could help a very resource-strapped branch do a better job using those funds. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 77, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 86, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

At 12:34 p.m., Representative Belatti requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1555-22) recommending that H.R. No. 66 be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1556-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 73 be adopted.

Representative Belatti moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 66; and H.C.R. No. 73 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative McKelvey rose to speak in support of both measures, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because they're up for adoption, strong support for both resos, written comments to the Journal, if I may. And that a new twist in this is the presence of S corps now coming in and buying up our properties and creating illegal vacation rentals. So, with that, strong support."

Representative McKelvey's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of these resolutions. Mr. Speaker, unlicensed transient vacation rentals have become a scourge upon our neighborhoods. Given the new influx of tourism from around the world because of the post-pandemic pent-up demand, the incentive is even greater for people to convert part of their homes or even garages and yards into transient vacation rentals. Additionally, Mr. Speaker, the days of affordable transient vacation rentals, licensed or not, are over. Unscrupulous individuals can earn sometimes 10 times the amount of a legitimate vacation rental or hotel room on the open market and through the internet. With this huge financial incentive and its overwhelming demand, without strong enforcement by the counties to crack down on this activity, to increase fines, and create other types of deterrence, it is easy to see that every available space in our communities could be taken up by unlicensed underground vacation rentals, not only creating a blight on the quality of life of our neighborhoods, but also taking away desperately needed living areas for our working families to be able to find affordable long-term rentals in our community."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 66, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING EACH COUNTY TO CURB THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL VACATION RENTALS," was adopted, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 73, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING EACH COUNTY TO CURB THE PROLIFERATION OF ILLEGAL VACATION RENTALS," was adopted, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1557-22) recommending that H.R. No. 156 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.R. No. 156, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN MAILI, OAHU AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT ON THE WAIANAE COAST AND URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS," was adopted, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Aquino, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1558-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 156 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Belatti, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 156, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO EXPEDITE WORK ON THE MAIPALAOA BRIDGE IN MAILI, OAHU AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SUPPORT ON THE WAIANAE COAST AND URGING VARIOUS ENTITIES TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN THE SECTION OF THE WAIANAE COAST EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD SYSTEM EXTENDING PAAKEA ROAD OUT TO LUALUALEI NAVAL ROAD FOR PUBLIC USE ON A PERMANENT BASIS," was adopted, with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

Representative Yamane, for the Committee on Health, Human Services, & Homelessness, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1559-22) recommending that H.R. No. 155 be adopted; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1560-22) recommending that H.C.R. No. 155 be adopted.

Representative Belatti moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 155; and H.C.R. No. 155 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Kapela rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote for her on both measures, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Perruso rose to speak in opposition to both measures, stating:

"In opposition to both with a brief comment. So, I understand the intent of this resolution, because my district also struggles with the separate but often intersecting issues of houselessness and crime. I think that crime is a symptom of poverty and lack of social support. And I think that increased policing, detention, and criminalization is not going to solve these issues. I'm very alarmed by the three-strikes language in this resolution. And I also want to caution us that it's not helpful to rely on police to be service providers and social workers."

Representative Ganaden rose in opposition to both measures and asked that the remarks of Representative Perruso be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 155, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HOUSELESSNESS CRISIS AND DEVELOP SOLUTIONS FOR PROVIDING CARE AND SERVICES FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHILE ENSURING COMMUNITY SAFETY," was adopted, with Representatives Ganaden, Kapela, and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 155, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING HOUSELESSNESS CRISIS AND DEVELOP SOLUTIONS FOR PROVIDING CARE AND SERVICES FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHILE ENSURING COMMUNITY SAFETY," was adopted, with Representatives Ganaden, Kapela, and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Hashem, Holt, Ohno, and Todd being excused.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ward: "Actually, I have two announcements. One is the fellowship luncheon will take place tomorrow. Bishop Silva will be our guest speaker, 437 will be the room, and it will be both in Zoom as well as in person.

"Mr. Speaker, my other announcement is, I want to announce that the gas tax holiday had an editorial today in the Civil Beat by the good gentleman from Pearl City. And I want to announce that I'm going to be buying him a full tank of gas because of that excellent proposal that he has for a tax holiday for Hawaii. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Takumi: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. While I can appreciate the offer made by the Representative from Hawaii Kai, I drive an electric car. Thank you."

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Chair would like to remind the committee chairs that today is lateral filing deadline. For House concurrent resolutions that need to move to their final committees, please file your committee reports and drafts with the Clerk's Office by 6:00 p.m. this evening."

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The following measures were referred to committee by the Speaker:

S.C.R.

Nos. Referred to:

3, Committee on Water & Land, then to the Committee on Finance
SD1

4, Committee on Water & Land, then to the Committee on Finance
SD1

5, Committee on Water & Land, then to the Committee on Finance
SD1

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

The following measure was re-referred to committee by the Speaker:

H.R.

No.

Re-referred to:

115 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:41 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Matsumoto and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Thursday, March 31, 2022. (Representatives Gates, Hashem, Holt, Ohno, Quinlan, and Todd were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 30, 2022, 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 measure:

H.B. No. 2392, HD 1, SD 1