

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Monday, March 13, 2023

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023, convened at 12:01 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Lauren Matsumoto, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Amato and Perruso, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 2) was received and announced by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 2, dated March 10, 2023, transmitting proposed changes to the Fiscal Biennium 2023-2025 Executive Budget.

INTRODUCTIONS

The following introductions were made to the members of the House:

Representative Souza introduced her sister, Brittany Souza, vice principal, Saint Louis School.

Representative Kila introduced members of the Waianae Moku Kupuna Council: Aunty Georgie, Uncle Ed, Lena Suzuki, Heather Greaber, Aunty Juanita, Uncle Paul, Uncle Abe, Aunty Kaiolani, Uncle Mel, Patrice Tanna, Aunty Zee, Aunty Kapua, Aunty Pam, and Aunty Lovely.

Representative Kong introduced Pastor Paul Jung from Los Angeles, CA; Pastor Em-Young Kim and Pastor Jae-Sun Bae from Seoul, Korea; Pastor Sung-Ja Kim from Hawai'i; and Yi Yoon Kyo.

Representative Gates introduced members of the Hawai'i Cattlemen's Council: Jeri Moniz, Jason Moniz, Jacob Tavares, Whitney Boteilho, Deedee Bertelmann, Keith Unger, Jimmy Greenwell, Lani Petrie, Bill Petrie, Nicole Galase, Randy Cabral, Doug Beaton, Jimmy Gomes, Janet Ashman, Alex Redeker, Christy Gusman, Alan Gottlieb, Brian Miyamoto, and George Pritchard.

Representative Pierick introduced Ms. Sanders, principal, Ewa Makai Middle School.

Representative Lamosao introduced Grandma Leslie and Jordan Kila.

ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 213) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 213, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2023 HAWAII STATE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND THE 2023 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR SCHOOL COMPLEXES IN THE LEEWARD DISTRICT AND HONOLULU DISTRICT," was offered by Representative Woodson.

Representative Woodson moved that H.R. No. 213 be adopted, seconded by Representative Marten.

Representative Woodson acknowledged the accomplishments of educators, students, staff, and advocates; recognized the tenacity and *aloha* demonstrated by our academic communities; expressed appreciation for those who make Hawai'i's schools truly exceptional and thanked them for their contributions to all of our communities; and honored outstanding teachers who continuously strive to provide the highest quality of learning opportunities for our students.

Representative Belatti congratulated and thanked the Hawai'i State Teacher of the year, recognized his many outstanding achievements, and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Michael Ida, teacher at Kalani High School, 2023 Hawai'i State Teacher of the Year.

Representative Gates recognized the invaluable cultural principles of *'ōlelo no 'eau*, appreciated the work of Mrs. Koerte, and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Nuikala Koerte, teacher at Wai'anae Elementary School, 2023 Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Garcia thanked Ms. Manuel for her commitment to furthering educational resources, recognized her as an avid program staff developer aiming to close the achievement gap and increase the college-going rate for students from low-income families, and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Leeann Manuel, teacher at 'Ewa Makai Middle School, 2023 Campbell-Kapolei Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Nishimoto recognized the many achievements of and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Keewan Matsumoto, special education student services coordinator at Kaimukī High School, 2023 Kaimukī-McKinley Roosevelt Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Matsumoto thanked Ms. Okunaga for her dedication as an educator, and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the floor of the House:

Daphne Okunaga, teacher at Pearl City High School, 2023 Pearl City-Waipahu Complex Teacher of the Year.

Representative Matsumoto also recognized guests in the gallery who were here to support the honorees: Aven Okunaga, Darin Okunaga, Grant Okunaga, Leolani Leao, Pitone Leao, Uahiapele Koerte, Kuulei Lum, Iwalani Lum, Dennis Lum, Jersey Standinger-Soares, Lisa De Ponte, Iris Kajikawa, Dennis Kajikawa, and Kim Sanders.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 213 was adopted, with Representatives Amato, Holt, and Perruso being excused.

At 12:20 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:27 p.m.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1220) recommending that H.B. No. 133, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1220 on H.B. No. 133, HD 1, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of H.B. No. 133, HD 1, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1221) recommending that H.B. No. 382, as amended in HD 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, consideration of Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1221 on H.B. No. 382, HD 1, was deferred and in accordance with Article III, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Hawai'i, printed copies of H.B. No. 382, HD 1, were made available to the Members of the House.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1222) recommending that H.B. No. 300, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 300, 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 Representatives Amato, Holt, Ichiyama, Lowen, and Perruso being excused.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering a certain House Bill for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Amato, Holt, Ichiyama, Lowen, and Perruso were excused.)

FINAL READING

H.B. No. 1514, HD 1, SD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1514, HD 1, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No. I do believe we should fund the Legislative Reference Bureau, the auditor, the Ethics Commission. But I believe our salary is too high, \$72,000 for a four-month job is I don't think a smart appropriation of our tax dollars. I believe we should mirror Abilene, TX, where their mayor is a volunteer position. I propose we are all volunteer positions, that we not use tax dollars for this measure."

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

"I rise in support. I just wanted to note that it is not a four-month job, we should be serving our district year-round. There's a lot of projects and needs throughout the year, it's not just bills. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1514, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 45 ayes to 1 no, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Holt, Ichiyama, Lowen, and Perruso being excused.

At 12:30 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1514, HD 1, SD 1

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:31 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, March 14, 2023. (Representatives Amato, Holt, Ichiyama, Lowen, and Perruso were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 13, 2023, 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 this day passed the following bill on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1514, HD 1, SD 1