

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Monday, April 22, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 11:32 a.m., with Vice Speaker Ilgan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Natalia Hussey-Burdick, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Holt and Kong, who were excused.

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

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 1108 and 1109) were received and announced by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 1108, informing the House that on April 19, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. No. 1950, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KIMCHI DAY." (ACT 008)

Gov. Msg. No. 1109, informing the House that on April 19, 2024, the following bill was signed into law:

S.B. No. 2354, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOL." (ACT 009)

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the Senate (Sen. Com. Nos. 701 through 726) were received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 701, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 2453, San Buenaventura, Chair; Lee/Rhoads, Co-Chairs
HD 1, SD 2

H.B. No. 2614, DeCoite, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 McKelvey/Keohokalole/Wakai, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

Sen. Com. No. 702, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 458, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai/Kim/Inouye, Co-Chairs
SD 2, HD 3

S.B. No. 3021, Lee, Chair; Aquino, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Kanuha

Sen. Com. No. 703, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 1916, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Elefante, Awa

H.B. No. 1953, Rhoads, Chair; Shimabukuro, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Awa

Sen. Com. No. 704, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 2652, Aquino, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Kidani, Fevella

S.B. No. 2831, Hashimoto, Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Kidani, Fevella

S.B. No. 3068, Wakai, Chair; Dela Cruz, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 1 Elefante

Sen. Com. No. 705, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has discharged all conferees on the part of the Senate for the following bill:

S.B. No. 2487, SD 1, HD 1

Sen. Com. No. 706, transmitting H.C.R. No. 9, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERPETUAL, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HEEIA, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING DRAIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 707, transmitting H.C.R. No. 10, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE 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 BOAT RAMP AND CONCRETE WALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 708, transmitting H.C.R. No. 11, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIALAE-IKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING REVETMENT, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 709, transmitting H.C.R. No. 12, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE 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 CONCRETE BOAT RAMP, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 710, transmitting H.C.R. No. 13, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HAUULA, KOOLAULO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING RIPRAP REVETMENT, RAMP, AND ROCK GROIN, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 711, transmitting H.C.R. No. 14, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT MAALAEA BEACH LOTS, WAIKAPU, WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 712, transmitting H.C.R. No. 77, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR ESTABLISH A LEADERSHIP ACCELERATOR PROGRAM FOR EXCEPTIONAL MANAGERS IN STATE GOVERNMENT," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 713, transmitting H.C.R. No. 92, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ISSUE OF

ILLEGAL DUMPING WITHIN THE WAIPAHU COMMUNITY AND URGING THE STATE, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND MILITARY TO WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS CONCERN," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 714, transmitting H.C.R. No. 97, HD 2, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO PLAN AND CONSTRUCT A HAWAII FIRST RESPONDERS MEMORIAL," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 715, transmitting H.C.R. No. 138, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF A CONTINUOUS LEGISLATIVE SESSION, EXTENDING THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND ADDING ADDITIONAL RECESS DAYS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 716, transmitting H.C.R. No. 140, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK OR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR BIDDERS TO PERFORM THEIR OWN ANALYSIS AND METHODOLOGY THAT DETERMINES WHETHER A DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE LONG-TERM FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY OF THE STATE AND RESPECTIVE COUNTY," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 717, transmitting H.C.R. No. 143, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND JUDICIARY TO PRIORITIZE ENSURING THAT CONTRACTS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES ARE ADEQUATELY RESOURCED TO COVER THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 718, transmitting H.C.R. No. 166, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO WORK WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, INCLUDING RULES GOVERNING THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 719, transmitting H.C.R. No. 171, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING STATE AND COUNTY AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING DECEASED DOGS AND CATS FROM PUBLIC ROADWAYS TO CHECK FOR, SCAN, AND RECORD THE MICROCHIP OF THE DECEASED DOG OR CAT, IF ANY, AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION; AND TIMELY NOTIFY COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES OR ANIMAL SERVICE CONTRACTORS OF THE DECEASED DOG OR CAT, INCLUDING THE RECORDED INFORMATION," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 720, transmitting H.C.R. No. 198, SD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL LAWS TO REDUCE GHOST NETS ENTERING THE STATE FROM INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND TAKE OTHER ACTIONS TO REDUCE MARINE DEBRIS FROM FISHING GEAR," which was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2024.

Sen. Com. No. 721, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bill:

H.B. No. 1912, Rhoads, Chair; Lee, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Elefante, Awa

Sen. Com. No. 722, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the

consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 459, DeCoite, Chair; Wakai/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs
SD 2, HD 1

S.B. No. 1035, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Hashimoto/Keohokalole, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 1099, McKelvey, Chair; Hashimoto, Co-Chair;
SD 1, HD 2 Elefante

S.B. No. 2413, Gabbard, Chair; DeCoite, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Rhoads, Richards, Fevella

S.B. No. 2439, Rhoads, Chair; Elefante, Awa
SD 1, HD 1

S.B. No. 2461, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Keohokalole/Rhoads, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2601, Rhoads, Chair;
HD 1 Gabbard, Awa

S.B. No. 2605, San Buenaventura, Chair;
SD 2, HD 1 Keohokalole/Shimabukuro, Co-Chairs

S.B. No. 2731, Wakai, Chair; Lee/Shimabukuro, Co-Chairs;
SD 1, HD 1 Elefante, Fevella

S.B. No. 2747, Lee, Chair; Keohokalole, Co-Chair;
SD 2, HD 2 Kanuha

Sen. Com. No. 723, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the Senate has reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill and has moved to agree to the amendments, and that said bill has this day passed Final Reading:

S.B. No. 3122, SD 1, HD 2

Sen. Com. No. 724, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has made the following changes to the Senate Conferee assignments for the following bill:

H.B. No. 2443, Senator Shimabukuro added as Member.
HD 2, SD 1

Sen. Com. No. 725, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 2298, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Richards, Fevella

H.B. No. 2315, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Fukunaga, Fevella

H.B. No. 2316, Keohokalole, Chair; Fukunaga, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 McKelvey

H.B. No. 2317, Keohokalole, Chair; Fukunaga, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Richards

H.B. No. 2481, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Richards, Awa

H.B. No. 2553, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 2, SD 2 San Buenaventura/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;
Fevella

H.B. No. 2686, Keohokalole, Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 DeCoite/Wakai/Rhoads, Co-Chairs;
Fukunaga, Awa

H.B. No. 2742, Keohokalole, Chair; Rhoads, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 2 Hashimoto, Awa

H.B. No. 2801, Keohokalole, Chair; Wakai, Co-Chair;
HD 1, SD 1 Richards, Awa

Sen. Com. No. 726, dated April 19, 2024, informing the House that the President has appointed as conferees on the part of the Senate for the

consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

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| S.B. No. 2132, SD 1, HD 1 | Keohokalole, Chair; Richards, Co-Chair; Hashimoto, Fevella |
| S.B. No. 2600, HD 1 | Keohokalole, Chair; Fukunaga, Co-Chair; Awa |
| S.B. No. 2726, SD 2, HD 1 | Keohokalole, Chair; Fukunaga/Moriwaki, Co-Chairs; Awa |
| S.B. No. 3234, SD 1, HD 2 | Keohokalole, Chair; DeCoite/Wakai/Rhoads/Fukunaga, Co-Chairs; Awa |

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Lamosao introduced caregiver advocates from ILWU Local 1000: Wilfred Chang, Christine Pascual, and Mathew Yamamoto; from Adult Foster Homecare Association of Hawai'i: Maribel Tan; from Alliance of Residential Care Administrators: Wannette Gaylord; from United Community Healthcare of Hawai'i: Carina Ocampo; from Community Homecare Association of Hawai'i: Lemmy Maluyo; and from Alliance of Professional Primary Care Administrators: Elma Tierra.

Representative Ward introduced Marc Alexander.

At 11:40 a.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:08 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1934-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 142, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 142, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF TEACHER SALARY STEP MOVEMENTS ON SALARY SCHEDULE COMPRESSION," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1935-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 143, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 143, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS STUDENT AND FACULTY HOUSING FACILITY NEEDS AT THE MANOA CAMPUS," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1936-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 6, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 6, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF KUKUIA STREET, LAHAINA, HAWAII, TO THE COUNTY OF MAUI," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1937-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 122, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 122, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER EXPERTS TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POPULATION STATUS OF CORAL REEF HERBIVORES AROUND THE ISLAND OF OAHU AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE POLICIES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASING THOSE POPULATIONS WITHIN A DECADE," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1938-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 33, SD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 33, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS TO CONVENE AN INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY AND EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION IN THE STATE'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1939-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 184, SD 1 be adopted.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.C.R. No. 184, SD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Garcia 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 S.C.R. No. 184, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT A SAMPLE SURVEY OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE STATE WITHIN THE FOR-PROFIT, NONPROFIT, AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS THAT HAVE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED REMOTE WORK, HYBRID WORK, OR TELEWORK ARRANGEMENTS," was adopted, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1940-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 45, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 45, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES TO DEFINE "BENEFICIAL EFFECTS TO THE STATE" IN SECTION 38-2, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO INCLUDE THE FINANCING OF HOUSING," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Yamashita, for the Committee on Finance, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1941-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 81, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 81, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ENSURE THAT

RELEVANT STATE AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, COLLABORATE TO EXPLORE AVENUES TO ENSURE CONTINUED ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MEDICATIONS FOR THE STATE'S UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS UNDER THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM AND URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND RELEVANT FEDERAL AGENCIES TO MONITOR PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE 340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1942-24) recommending that S.C.R. No. 13, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

Representative Nakamura moved that S.C.R. No. 13, SD 1, HD 1 be adopted, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Oppose. This bill want a cease fire, prohibit cease fire. And supporting Israel, I don't feel that Israel want to go in there and kill anybody. They don't want to kill a woman, a child, man. What I feel that they want to go in there is try to save their hostage and try to protect their country. It's like if someone go in your house, breaks in, take your family members, rape them, kill them, cut their head off, or do whatever that they're doing to your family member or your friends or your country. And yet we're going to ask them to please stop, cease fire. And we're going to try to cease fire and tell them to stop shooting and stop trying to not kill.

"When Hamas is trying to hide behind the Palestinians and trying to make like, if was my family, if I went in this guy's house, take their family, bring him out, kill him, or rape them. And yet I'm going to use my family member to stand in front of the door in case there's going to be any retaliation. And yet hide behind the Palestinian. I feel that you shouldn't be hiding. I think they should come up. Hamas should return the hostages as needed. And in Genesis 12:3, we should be, if our nation don't stand behind Israel, it says that we would be a blessed nation if we protect and stand with Israel. So those reasons, I oppose on this."

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

"In opposition. I'd like to have the words of the previous speaker adopted as my own and also share the following. This resolution kind of paints them as equals. Hamas is a terrorist group. They are murdering people, they're raping people, they're hostageing people. That's not good. We don't like that. Israel is the good guy. They're the good group in this picture. And so, we don't want to be telling them, you guys need to stop shooting, if that is the way that they can deter more rapes, more hostages being taken by Hamas. So, we are an island state in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and this is a conflict in the Middle East and the other end of the world. I don't think we have much of a say when it comes to how Israel should be protecting their citizens against a terrorist group. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In opposition. Israel is one of our strongest allies, Mr. Speaker, and how dare we turn our backs on them. The reso talks about the killing of innocent civilians, and it's an unfortunate reality that with war comes the death of innocent civilians. But let's also be clear that what happened on October 7th was initiated by a terrorist organization, Hamas. And there were Jews, over a thousand Jews, who were massacred, who were slaughtered, who were burnt alive. It was inhumane. And we should stand with Israel until every last member of Hamas is stamped off of the face of the earth. No vote."

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

"I rise with reservations. Mr. Speaker, this is better than the one we had the last time, which was very out of balance. I really like the title of this one. We got to stop the fighting, we've got to restore peace. Both the Jews and the Arabs enjoy peace. But remember, this is a 6,000-year battle. We know

more recently, the Holocaust tried to get rid of the Jews. And then this is probably the next biggest one.

"But as a human being, where I feel insulted, embarrassed, and otherwise squeamish, how can one race, one country say you don't have a right to exist? I mean, are we still barbaric, living out of caves, saying you don't have a right to live. You live on the Big Island, you don't have a right to exist. I have no right to say that. The Arabs have no right to say that to the Jews. And anybody who's saying from the mountains to the sea or whatever, that is so barbaric.

"The point is, this has got better balance. But as I said earlier, I worked for USAID with President Bush. We gave a billion to the Jews, we gave a billion every year to the Arabs in Gaza, the Palestinian Authority. And what did they do with it, they got thousands of miles, hundreds of miles of underground tunnels, instead of feeding and giving their people nurture, training, *et cetera*. So, Mr. Speaker, we haven't heard the last of this. But if we're not balanced, the Middle East is a powder keg.

"And recently the Iranians sent stuff directly into Israel, and the Israelis sent stuff directly back. We don't know where that stands. Even as we speak, we don't know the position that it's going to do.

"So, we've got to calm down. It's got to be balanced. And as my colleague said, this looks like the way that's been going around in the nation that, hey, if you're Palestinian, you ra ra ra and you don't give the Jews time of day. But again, my biggest disappointment is how can one nation, one country, one ethnic group say to another, you have no right to exist? That is shame on we as human beings. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. First, I would like to start off by thanking the members of this body who are calling for a cease fire and who have been advocating for a cease fire. I think we've all stood in different spaces on this particular resolution. I would also like to thank the chair of Culture, Arts, & International Affairs for his work on trying to make a balanced resolution that this body could hear on this floor. This is that, and I'm grateful. I would also like to thank the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs for also trying to work on making sure that this resolution would come to the floor.

"I would like to point out that there is a mistake in the third whereas clause. It currently says that this violence has claimed the lives of more than 13,000 Palestinians, and that is inaccurate. This violence has claimed the lives of more than 33,000 Palestinians. I would also like to point out that one of the things that this resolution talks about is a lack of food, and that's why we're calling for a cease fire. The lack of food that's mentioned in here makes it seem like that's the only reason we're calling for a cease fire and makes it seem like this is not a manmade created problem.

"This is a genocide of Palestinian people. And I want that to be very clear in how I feel about this. We've heard many, many individuals come and testify in this Capitol. We've heard them talk about people dying. We've heard people talk about family members being killed. We've heard Palestinians who are going there as doctors to try and help relieve hospitals. Where we have one hospital on the very edge that's not even really a hospital anymore because it's so tattered and torn down and bombed. These doctors, these surgeons, can barely do first aid in these spaces.

"One of the things that I'm so grateful for is that I know that I have a safe home for my child. When we talk about Palestinians, none of them are safe. At any moment, someone can come in and take their home and kill their children and rape their wives, and that's not okay. In the testimony that we received from a young woman who has family members in Palestine, she talked about pregnant women being raped in hospitals while their family members, their husbands, their husband is forced to watch. There's nothing right about that.

"This resolution has some issues, but it is trying to find balance and it is trying to find justice. And Dr. King once said that justice is what love looks like in public. And I think that this is a small step towards that. That's why I'm supporting this.

"And I think it's also really important to mention that this genocide is being paid for by American tax dollars. Our money is going there and paying for this. This is money that could be used for affordable housing, for health care, for a million other things that we need here in Hawai'i, here in the U.S. So, I think that's why we should care. And I think that it's important that we call for a cease fire and one day, a free Palestine. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, if I came up on that rostrum and punched you in the nose and then you beat me up, that would probably be justified."

The Chair addressed Representative Ward, stating:

"Representative Ward, stick to the merits of the measure."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Here is my point, with reservations. My point is, Mr. Speaker, if this is genocide, who's the one who started this fight? October 7th. No, no, no, Israel didn't start the fight. Israel was attacked on October 7th. Learn your history. Sounds like Fauci science."

The Chair then stated:

"Order. First of all, members of the audience, in order to maintain order and decorum in the Chamber, I will ask the audience to refrain from any outbursts or demonstrations which may disrupt the deliberations and proceedings on this floor. Disruption of these proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House and the Hawai'i state law. Thank you."

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. That was a good reminder of civility. The point is, Israel wasn't looking for a fight. It came upon them on October 7th. That is the bottom line of what has transpired. Or now, if they've gone faster and harder against the enemy, they weren't looking for the fight, they came to the fight. So, that's why I said if I came up and punched you and then you beat me up, it was totally justified. Thank you."

At this time, Representative Saiki called for the previous question.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and S.C.R. No. 13, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE, PERMANENT BILATERAL CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND THE RETURN OF ALL HOSTAGES, AND TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS FOR LASTING PEACE IN THE REGION," was adopted, with Representatives Matsumoto and Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

FINAL READING

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Members, there will be three motions, one to agree to the Senate amendments, one to suspend the rules for final reading by consent, and one to pass the House Bills on final reading."

Representative Nakamura moved to agree to the amendments made by the Senate to the following House Bills, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried: (Representatives Evslin, Holt, Ichiyama, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan were excused.)

H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, (SD 1)
H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, (SD 2)
H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, (SD 1)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering

certain House Bills for Final Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Holt, Kong, Lowen, Nakashima, and Quinlan were excused.)

FINAL READING

H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, SD 1:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Holt, Kong, and Nakashima being excused.

H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and the representative from Pearl City who are the House co-conveners of the Kupuna Caucus, I just want to thank the chair of Human Services and chair of Finance and all the members for prioritizing this issue, as this was one of the priorities of the legislative Kupuna Caucus this session. And request additional written comments. Thank you."

Representative Chun's written remarks are as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Bill 1974 House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, which increases the monthly needs allowance for those living in long-term care facilities. At the beginning of the legislative session, this was identified as one of the top priorities for the legislative Kupuna Caucus and I want to thank the chair of Human Services for her work on this as well as the Senate Ways and Means vice chair, the Senate co-convenor of the legislative Kupuna Caucus.

"Mr. Speaker, the funding for the personal needs allowance comes from the federal Supplemental Security Income Program and does not have a direct impact on the state budget or general fund. The last increase to the personal needs allowance was nearly 16 years ago, when the allowance was increased from \$30 to \$50 in 2007. The monthly needs allowance is crucial because it allows individuals residing in adult foster homes, adult residential care homes, domiciliary homes, and other long-term care facilities to purchase necessary items. With the rising costs of goods, the \$50 has become a barrier to providing personal items such as basic toiletries, linens, meals, and snacks. This modest \$25 increase is long overdue and will help so many people achieve or continue their self-determination and independence.

"For these reasons, I stand in strong support of House Bill 1974, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to thank the members of the Filipino Caucus that have been advocating on behalf of this service that is provided largely by our Filipino population, that takes such good care of our *kūpuna* in the community at a cost that's much lower than institutionalizing our *kūpuna*. And for this amazing service that they have provided us, they have not had any increase in their reimbursement from the state for 16 years, despite the cost increases.

"So, while it's sad that it took so long, I'm glad that this year, between this and some other measures, we are finally giving them their due. And I just wanted to give a special thanks to the representatives from District 4, from District 36, 40, and 29 for their strong advocacy for all of these measures. Thank you."

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

"In support, thank you. This bill basically helps caregivers and foster caregivers for those who are *kupunas* and adults that need care. This bill is going to give them more money, and that's definitely a need in our community. In Waipahu and 'Ewa Beach, we have many care homes that provide such love and compassion towards these people. So, thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I'd like to adopt the words of the chair of Human Services as if they were my own. Also, in appreciation of the advocates, the many care home operators in lower Kalihi. Also noting that the State of Hawai'i is aging. We are aging faster than other states and other communities, and this is going to be an increasing sector of our economy. Paying more attention to them in this session and in future sessions is essential. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SOCIAL SERVICES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Holt, Kong, and Nakashima being excused.

H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, SD 2:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, SD 2 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to thank the chair of Human Services for her continued support and hard work and the rest of the members who also supported this measure as well.

"Mr. Speaker, I stand in strong support of HB 2216, a vital piece of legislation that seeks to alleviate the burdens faced by our caregivers here in Hawai'i, many of whom are of Filipino descent. This bill is about the very fabric of our community, the well-being of our *kūpuna* and disabled population, and the fundamental values of compassion and support that define us as a state.

"As we all know, the cost of living in Hawai'i has escalated over the years, making it increasingly challenging for caregivers to make ends meet. The disproportionate prices of housing, food, and other essentials weigh heavily on their shoulders, threatening their ability to provide the care and support our most vulnerable so desperately need.

"Our care home providers are not just caregivers, they are pillars of our community, integral to the fabric of Hawai'i. They deserve more than just our gratitude, they deserve tangible support, the kind that allows them to provide the highest quality of care to *kūpuna* and our disabled population, without worrying about financial strain.

"So, Mr. Speaker I urge this body to pass HB 2216. Let us send a clear message that we value the dedication and sacrifice of our caregivers, that we are committed to ensuring that they have the resources they need to continue their invaluable work. *Mahalo.*"

Representative M. Mizuno rose to speak in support of the measure, stating:

"I rise in strong support. How would you feel if you never got a pay raise in 16 years? Our care home providers have not received a pay increase since 2008, when former representative John Mizuno first introduced legislation to adequately compensate our valued caregivers.

"Care home operators are an essential part of the state's long-term care system. They provide over 8,300 beds for our elderly and disabled, double the number of beds nursing homes provide. They provide a home-like setting for our *kūpuna* and provide not only physical care, but emotional support and companionship, where our *kūpuna* become part of a family. This compassionate care gives our *kūpuna* purpose, companionships, hope, and the love of being part of an *'ohana* throughout their golden years.

"People sometimes forget that caregivers work 24 hours a day. If you break down their compensation by the hour, they are by far the lowest paid employees in the state.

"We all see the inflation at the grocery store and the steady increase in cost of living. Our caregivers have been struggling with these increased costs for 16 years, to the point where many have reached a breaking point. This increase is long overdue, and I'm grateful to be a co-author to this bill to give the caregivers a pay raise.

"For the foregoing reasons, I ask all members to vote in support of House Bill 2216 to give a pay raise to our community caregivers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Representative Chun rose in support of the measure and asked that the remarks of Representatives Lamosao and M. Mizuno be entered into the Journal as his own, and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like also to adopt the words of the representative from Waipahu and Kalihi as my own words," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Martinez continued, stating:

"And with additional comments. Today I stand before you to advocate for our collective support on the crucial legislative measure, HB 2216, HD 2, SD 2. This measure seeks to address the necessary pay increase of home caregivers who provide care and the living space for adults with foster care needs and those with adult disabilities.

"Last session, the representative from Waipahu and I authored a bill to increase their pay, however, it did not move forward because the bill was not financed. Then, during the interim, the Senator from Puna and I met with the different stakeholders in the care home industry. We met with the representatives from the Department of Human Services and, of course, with the Finance chair for this bill. Then, during the beginning of this session, I authored another bill that would address this issue. However, even if my bill was not heard or scheduled from the chair of Human Services, I still stand in support of HB 2216, because at the end of the day, these care givers really need the increase in pay, and it's been about 14 years.

"Caregiving is imperative. I helped to establish a local union for the adult home caregivers, and it is my duty to advocate for their needs. As many of you are aware, caregivers play an indispensable role in our society, providing essential support and care to our loved ones in their time of need. However, it's essential to recognize that a significant portion of these caregivers are Filipinos and are also from the communities from 'Ewa Beach, Waipahu, Kalihi, and Honolulu, and others, and have been marginalized for too long.

"Through thoughtful collaboration and bipartisan effort, we can enact positive change and uphold the values we hold dear. I urge each of you to consider the vital contributions of caregivers and join me in supporting this measure for the betterment of our community. Our caregivers work tirelessly, and they deserve a much-needed increase yesterday. *Mahalo*, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support, brief remarks. If I may have the words of the representatives from Waipahu and Kalihi Valley inserted as if they were my own as well. In strong support. This measure and the one before has long been priorities of the Health and Human Services Committees, so I want to thank all of those folks who did work on these two important measures. Thank you, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"In strong support. I'd like to adopt the words from representative from Kalihi. And I just said it's about time and I wish they get even more of a bigger pay raise. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support. I'd like to thank the Mizuno family who kicked this off years ago. And I always worked with John when he did this. And now, I would like to say in a complimentary way that if you would add the words of the representative from Kalihi, with the same name, with the same purpose, that she keep doing this year by year. Thank you, Mr. Speaker," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, SD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CARE

HOMES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Holt, Kong, and Nakashima being excused.

H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, SD 1:

Representative Nakamura moved that H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, SD 1 pass Final Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support, brief remarks. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to thank the chairs of Consumer Protection & Commerce and Finance for working on this measure. This is an important measure that will increase access to services for mammography to detect breast cancer in women. This is a very tricky area of the law, Mr. Speaker, an area that includes state mandated health insurance benefits where we see the intersections of overlapping authorities from the federal Affordable Care Act, our groundbreaking state Prepaid Health Care Act, and the unique one and only ERISA exemption that is provided to the State of Hawai'i for our Prepaid Health Care Act.

"This measure is wading into the area of essential health benefits but does it in a way that that complies with both the federal Affordable Care Act and guidance coming out of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services by ensuring a base level of coverage for breast cancer screening under current insurance mandates, based on coverage for other radiological exams. As we continue to move forward with other health insurance mandates that this body is considering, I think that we need to take a very cautious approach like the one taken in this measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TITLE 24, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES," passed Final Reading by a vote of 48 ayes, with Representatives Holt, Kong, and Nakashima being excused.

At 12:36 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bills passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, SD 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ward: "Mr. Speaker, brief reminder, tomorrow's luncheon with Bishop Silva is in Room 423. And the RSVP for lunch is with Representative Kong, who is not here, but his office will be taking reservations. Thank you."

Representative Lamosao: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to remind the body that May 4th is the Filipino Fiesta in District 36 at the Filipino Community Center. So, if you are free that day, please make your way to Waipahu for some festive Filipino festivities. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Kila: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last week Thursday and Friday, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor invited folks to support the Hawai'i Food Bank through their initiatives. And also in that same capacity, she invited local businesses to partake in the food drive by allowing us to support them on the 5th floor. I want to extend a huge *mahalo* to the Office of Lieutenant Governor for not just supporting the Hawai'i Food Bank but supporting our local businesses as well. With the business from House District 44, the business of the many folks in the Legislature in both chambers, by staff as well, was greatly appreciated. So, thank you folks so much."

COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

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

S.B.

Nos. Re-referred to:

63, Jointly to the Committee on Health & Homelessness and the
SD2, Committee on Labor & Government Operations, then to the
HD3 Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the
Committee on Finance

3103, Jointly to the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
SD2, and the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, then to
HD2 the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, then to the
Committee on Finance

OPEN JOURNAL

At this time, Representative Morikawa moved to keep the Journal open until midnight this legislative day for the purpose of receiving Conference Committee Reports for H.B. No. 1800 and H.B. No. 1911 and accompanying drafts, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried. (Representatives Holt, Kong, and Nakashima were excused.)

RECESS

At 12:37 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives stood in recess until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, April 23, 2024. (Representatives Holt, Kong, and Nakashima were excused.)

ADJOURNMENT

At midnight, the House of Representatives adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated April 22, 2024, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the Senate to the following House Bills:

H.B. No. 679, Evslin/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 2 Aiu, Miyake, Morikawa, Matsumoto

H.B. No. 2159, Takenouchi/Tarnas/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.;
HD 2, SD 2 Amato, Takayama, Garcia

H.B. No. 2183, Marten/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 2 Ilagan, Takayama, Garcia

H.B. No. 2184, Tarnas, Chr.;
HD 1, SD 1 Ilagan, Takayama, Souza

H.B. No. 2420, Tarnas/Nishimoto, Co-Chrs.;
HD 2, SD 2 Holt, Kila, Ward

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S.B. No. 1170, Evslin/Aiu, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Miyake, Morikawa, Matsumoto

S.B. No. 2284, Ichiyama/Todd/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 La Chica, M. Mizuno, Souza

S.B. No. 2285, Takenouchi/Marten/Nakashima/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 3 Amato, Alcos

S.B. No. 2439, Tarnas/Nishimoto, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Holt, Ichiyama, Souza

S.B. No. 2502, Ichiyama/Todd/Poepoe, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 La Chica, M. Mizuno, Souza

S.B. No. 2601, Tarnas/Nishimoto, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1 Holt, Ichiyama, Souza

S.B. No. 2615, Matayoshi/Tarnas/Garrett, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 3 Martinez, Alcos

S.B. No. 2948, Evslin/Ichiyama/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Kila, Kitagawa, Matsumoto

S.B. No. 3103, Lowen/Matayoshi/Nakashima/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 2 Perruso, Ward

S.B. No. 3109, Tarnas/Nishimoto, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 2 Holt, Kila, Ward

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S.B. No. 2974, Holt/Lamosao, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Kong, La Chica, Pierick

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S.B. No. 116, Tam/Kila, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 1 Martinez, Alcos

S.B. No. 1511, Todd/Yamashita, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 2 Kitagawa, Nishimoto, Garcia

S.B. No. 3312, Tam/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
SD 1, HD 2 Martinez, Alcos

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H.B. No. 982, Takenouchi/Tarnas/Kitagawa, Co-Chrs.;
HD 1, SD 2 La Chica, Garcia

House Communication dated April 22, 2024, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bills:

S.B. No. 63, Belatti/Matayoshi/Nakashima/Takenouchi, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 3 Alcos

S.B. No. 795, Holt/Lamosao, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Kitagawa, Pierick

S.B. No. 2520, Tarnas/Nishimoto, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Kitagawa, Takayama, Souza

House Communication dated April 22, 2024, 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 Speaker has this day appointed as conferees on the part of the House for the consideration of amendments proposed by the House to the following Senate Bill:

S.B. No. 3202, Evslin/Ichiyama/Tarnas, Co-Chrs.;
SD 2, HD 1 Kila, Morikawa, Todd, Matsumoto

House Communication dated April 22, 2024, 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 agreed to the amendments made by the Senate and passed the following House Bills on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 1578, HD 2, SD 1
H.B. No. 1974, HD 1, SD 1
H.B. No. 2216, HD 2, SD 2
H.B. No. 2393, HD 1, SD 1

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The following miscellaneous communication (Misc. Com. No. 1) was received by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Misc. Com. No. 1, dated April 22, 2024, extending the filing deadline for conference committee reports and conference drafts for H.B. No. 1800 and H.B. No. 1911 from 11:30 p.m. on April 22, 2024 to 11:30 p.m. on April 23, 2024 as follows:

"HAWAI'I STATE LEGISLATURE
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STATE CAPITOL
415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813
April 22, 2024

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House and Senate Members
FROM: President Ronald D. Kouchi
Speaker Scott K. Saiki

RE: Extension of Budget Decking Deadline

On December 21, 2023, we issued the 2024 Legislative Timetable, which designated April 22, 2024 as the deadline to file the budget bill to deck for Final Reading ("Budget Decking").

While members of the Senate Committee on Ways & Means and the House Committee on Finance have been earnestly and diligently working to finish work on the budget on time, additional time is necessary to complete negotiations. As it would be contrary to the interests of the State of Hawaii to allow the budget to remain incomplete due to an internal legislative deadline, we hereby extend 2024 Budget Decking to April 23, 2024 at 11:30 p.m. for filing conference committee reports and conference drafts for the following bills:

HB 1800 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
HB 1911 RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY

The other time deadlines established pursuant to Rule 11 of the 2024 Joint House and Senate Committee on Conference Procedures, namely conclusion of negotiations by 6:00 p.m. and availability of conference committee reports by 9:00 p.m., shall remain in place.

This deadline extension is made pursuant to the authority granted to us as the presiding officers of our respective chambers and by Rule 13 of the 2024 Joint House and Senate Committee on Conference Procedures.

/s/ Ronald D. Kouchi
Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate

/s/ Scott K. Saiki
Scott K. Saiki
Speaker of the House"