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## THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:03 p.m., with Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Kong and Sayama, who were excused.

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

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Quinlan introduced Kahuku High and Intermediate School Career and Technical Education student ambassadors: ShaDen Niu and Melia Taeu; Uila Fotu Vendiola, program specialist; Alvina Niu, CTE teacher; Donna Lindsey, principal; and Matt Ho, complex area superintendent, Windward O'ahu District, Castle-Kahuku.

Representative Morikawa introduced from Kekaha Elementary School: Joseph Hicks, principal; Chelsie Ruiz; and Kaua Mata.

Representative Kahaloa introduced Pāhoa Elementary School students: Ella Pagan-Johnson, Kaikane Primacio, Chad Haili, and Hekili Primacio; and teacher, Channa Uyetake; Keonepoko Elementary School students: Delilah Hanato, Shyla Mata, Cal Morgan, Khloe Tranilla, and Emily Hartong; and teacher, Sarah Hooihuli; and from Hawai'i District, Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa Complex: Christopher Ho, school renewal specialist; and Stacey Bello, complex area superintendent.

Representative Onishi introduced Waiakea High School students: Kelcy Koga, Patti Nishimoto, Yannabah Weiss, Luhan-Nevaeh Purdy, Kaimi Santos, Micah Kalauli, Ricame Akiyama, and Reiley Udo-Tao; and Hilo High School students: Luke Eclipse-Ujano, Deana Anelalani Gapusan Lagronio, Kylan Reid Kaneko, and Rianne Angeliq Kealoha Empaynada.

Representative Takayama introduced students from Palisades Elementary School; Gavin Tsue, principal; and Keith Hayashi, superintendent, Hawai'i State Department of Education.

Representative Lamosao introduced Waipahu High School students: Nicole Lokebol, Mhyzel Althea M. Mateo, Roldan Pineda, Jayce Nakamura, Riley Salamat, and Lotus Yasuda; and their advisors: Steven De Silva, Eunice Fukunaga, and Jesstine Kahauolopua.

Representative Kitagawa introduced Kāne'ohe Elementary School students: Cade Yamada, Tyce Yamada, Kilinahe Park, and Reagan Gammon; and teachers: Kumu Māpuana Leong and Kumu Kalei Tim Sing.

Representative Perruso introduced HPU nursing students: Janaira Cabias, Charlenee Caraang, Sherwin Caraang, Rowan Eugenio, So Young Guerrero, Cathlyn Osorio, Arvy Quelnan, Manoelle Salomon, Whitney Speegle, and Trini-T Ulep; and Leeah Javier, professor; and students from Leilehua High School Agricultural Systems Program: Beverly Mandok, Zoey Harerra, and Leah Bautista.

Representative Matayoshi introduced Kailua and Kāne'ohe residents: Alika Rivera, Debra Bohol, Annette Chiyo Tashiro, Donald Sakamoto, Ann Elizabeth Lemke, Sean O'Connor, Katrena Kennedy, Randy Kennedy, and Bill Hicks, Kailua Neighborhood Board chair.

Representative Ichiyama introduced her student shadow from Waipahu High School: Kai Valle.

Representative Gates introduced Wai'anae Elementary School students: Legion Raspontnik, Amanda Cabahit, Audrena Berano, and Brooke Berano; Donna Soriano, 2024 Nānākuli-Wai'anae Complex Area Teacher of the Year; and Sheldon Konno, principal; Wai'anae High School students; Leihoku Elementary School students: James Yamada, Gianna Hernandez, Amber Rose Gaison, Evan Domingo, Hanayo Mangrobang, and Kaliyah Narvaes; staff: Kim Beach, Laurie Simbahan, Kim Hollingsworth, and

Monica Manegdeg; Rebecca Gebreyesus, principal; and Disa Hauge, complex area superintendent, Leeward O'ahu District, Nānākuli-Wai'anae.

Representative Matsumoto introduced Robert "Bob" Davis, complex area superintendent, Central O'ahu District, Leilehua-Mililani-Wai'alua.

Representative La Chica introduced Neil Blomberg, principal, Kanoelani Elementary; and Tracy Takazono, Eli Danielson, Lia Hashimoto, Mary Krutsinger, and Caroline Krutsinger.

Representative Woodson introduced complex area superintendents from Maui District: Desiree Sides and Rebecca Winkie; students from Maui Waena Intermediate School; Jacquelyn McCandless, principal; and students participating in the Education Week 2024: HawaiiKidsCAN Student Career Pathway Expo.

Representative Hashem introduced students from Kalani High School; and Bryan Silver, robotics instructor.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS  
(FLOOR PRESENTATIONS)

The following resolution (H.R. No. 218) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 218, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE 2024 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR SCHOOL COMPLEX AREAS IN THE HAWAI'I DISTRICT, MAUI DISTRICT, AND KAUA'I DISTRICT AND COMMENDING THE 2023 HAWAI'I SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR," was offered by Representative Woodson.

Representative Woodson moved that H.R. No. 218 be adopted, seconded by Representative Todd.

Representative Todd honored outstanding teachers who work tirelessly in and out of school to provide a high-quality education for our *keiki*, ensuring they are well equipped to excel in pursuit of their goals; commended Ms. Francisco for exemplifying how insurmountable challenges faced by immigrants in Hawai'i can be overcome with a strong work ethic and dedication to one's passion and profession; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Pinky Grace Francisco, Ka'ū High School and Pāhala Elementary School, Ka'ū-Kea'au-Pāhoa Complex 2024 Teacher of the Year.

Representative Nakashima recognized Mr. Pike for providing culturally relevant education and elevating the voices of his students; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Christopher Pike, Chiefess Kapi'olani Elementary School, Hilo-Waiākea Complex 2024 Teacher of the Year.

Representative Poepoe acknowledged Mr. Gonzales as an inspiration and innovator with a novel approach to integrating STEM into his classroom; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

David Kawika Gonzales, Kaunakakai Elementary School, Hāna-Lahainaluna-Lāna'i-Molokai Complex 2024 Teacher of the Year.

Representative Nakamura recognized Ms. Kitamura as a dedicated educator who has spent years developing a health academy and teaching students health and nursing skills; thanked her for her role as an advisor fostering team spirit; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Kara Kitamura, Kapa'a High School, Kapa'a-Kaua'i-Waimea Complex 2024 Teacher of the Year.

Representative Perruso honored Ms. Caraulia as a dedicated counselor who has spearheaded initiatives such as implementing social and emotional learning programs, resulting in significant improvements to student safety

and enhanced emotional well-being; and congratulated and introduced honoree who was seated on the Floor of the House:

Brittanie Caraulia, Helemano Elementary School, 2023 Hawai'i School Counselor of the Year.

Representative Perruso also congratulated and recognized 2023 Teacher of the Year honorees who could not be here today:

Jennifer Iaban, Honoka'a-Kealakehe-Kohala-Konawaena Complex;  
Melanie Teraoka, Baldwin-Kekaulike-Kūlanihāko'i-Maui Complex;  
Laura Cummings, Castle-Kahuku Complex;  
Marina Higa, 'Aiea-Moanalua-Radford Complex;  
Jessica Peterson, Pearl City-Waipahu Complex; and  
John "Parker" Sawyer, Public Charter School Teacher of the Year

Representative Perruso then thanked guests of the honorees who were seated in the gallery:

Pinky Grace Francisco: Stacey Bello;  
Brittanie Caraulia: Noah Caralilia and Suzan Kauina; and  
David Kawika Gonzales: Daniel Espanolia and Rebecca Winkie.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 218 was adopted, with Representatives Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

The following resolution (H.R. No. 219) was announced by the Clerk and the following action taken:

H.R. No. 219, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE GENKI ALA WAI PROJECT FOR ITS EFFORTS TO HELP RESTORE AND REVITALIZE THE ALA WAI CANAL," was jointly offered by Representatives Nishimoto, Saiki, and Tam.

Representative Nishimoto moved that H.R. No. 219 be adopted, seconded by Representative Tam.

Representative Nishimoto congratulated the Hawai'i Exemplary State Foundation and its Genki Ala Wai Project for their innovative approach to addressing environmental change in our waterways and empowering the community to shape its own future; shared how they have been making significant strides towards their mission of restoring and revitalizing the Ala Wai Canal, making it fishable and swimmable in seven years, showing a noted improvement in water quality and increased biodiversity; and thanked them for inspiring hope and possibility for a cleaner and healthier future.

Representative Tam thanked the Hawai'i Exemplary State Foundation and its Genki Ala Wai Project for their pursuit in the restoration and revitalization of the Ala Wai ecosystem; recognized their collaboration with various schools, businesses, and organizations in Hawai'i to a cleaner and brighter future; highlighted their determination and accomplishments; and congratulated and introduced honorees who were seated on the Floor of the House:

Dr. Kenneth Kaneshiro, President and CEO, Hawai'i Exemplary State Foundation;  
Mary Ann Kobayashi, Educational Coordinator,  
Hiromichi Nago, Technical Advisor;  
Chikako Nago, Business Liaison; and  
Fumiko Sato Chun, Community Liaison.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and H.R. No. 219 was adopted, with Representatives Hashem, Kong, Quinlan, and Sayama being excused.

At 12:33 p.m., the Chair declared a recess to allow the members to meet and congratulate the honorees.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

At 12:41 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1164-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2718, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2718, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1165-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2553, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2553, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1166-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2288, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2288, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1167-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3070, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3070, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING PERIOD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1168-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2652, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2652, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2652, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE BUDGET," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1169-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2787, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2787, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

IMMIGRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1170-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2715, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2715, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representatives Tam and Hashem, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs and the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1171-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2731, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2731, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1172-24) recommending that S.B. No. 116, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 116, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1173-24) recommending that S.B. No. 541, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 541, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. I was a little confused with this measure. Any measure trying to say that Reconciliation Day should be the day of the illegal overthrow is a little interesting to me. I just did a little bit of background on the measure to ensure the members that it was not introduced by the Senate majority leader. It was a short form bill. But if we want to honor Queen Lili'uokalani, we can choose another day or call it something else. But, in opposition, thank you."

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

"Yes to the bill, with a speech. I would like to agree with the former representative. I think that the title of the day is a little bit different than the actual historical day. So, I'm in support of honoring, basically acknowledging what happened in the past, but maybe that title is just not the best title for that day."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 541, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Holt voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1174-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2841, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2841, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER SAFETY DAY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representatives Marten and Belatti, for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1175-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3279, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3279, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 3279, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1176-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2529, SD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2529, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROVIDER ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM," passed Second Reading and was referred jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1177-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2017, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2017, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF A CHILD AFTER DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1178-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2216, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2216, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2216, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1179-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2217, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2217, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO REPORTING PERIODS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1180-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2405, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2405, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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.B. No. 2405, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1181-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2439, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2439, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIMITATION OF ACTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1182-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2591, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2591, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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.B. No. 2591, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL SITES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1183-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2601, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2601, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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.B. No. 2601, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL ABUSE OF MINORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1184-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3009, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3009, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker, brief comment. Absolutely in support of supporting the Department of Law Enforcement in continuing their training. I think there are continuing issues with regards to the way that the Department of Law Enforcement currently contracts with private contractors for the entrances and exits of Judiciary buildings and here at the Legislature. We hope that this continued training will allow them to work with those contractors to serve for, not only our safety, but the safety of all judicial staff."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3009, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1185-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3243, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3243, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1186-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2758, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2758, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1187-24) recommending that S.B. No. 1590, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1590, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1188-24) recommending that S.B.

No. 2079, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2079, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE IMPORTATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1189-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2329, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2329, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1190-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2401, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FERAL CHICKENS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Amato voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1191-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2413, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2413, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1192-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2419, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2419, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL BIOSECURITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1193-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3025, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3025, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEMP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on

Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1194-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3329, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3329, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTLE FIRE ANTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1195-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3361, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3361, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE FUEL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representatives Hashem and Tarnas, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1196-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2094, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2094, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1197-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2695, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2695, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Pierick rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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.B. No. 2695, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRIVACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1198-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2511, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2511, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1199-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2727, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2727, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1200-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2977, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2977, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1201-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2992, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2992, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Belatti, Hashem, Kong, and Sayama being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1202-24) recommending that H.R. No. 23 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1203-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 34 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Representative Nakamura moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 23 and H.C.R. No. 34 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In strong opposition. I don't know if the members, Mr. Speaker, have read this resolution, but I just find it purely hypocritical that in recent weeks, the words 'right-wing' has been stricken from the record here on the floor because it was inappropriate. Here in this resolution, on pages eight to nine, it says, whereas, disinformation and digital hate speech have been linked to acts of violence, including various mass shootings. Whereas, just under half of those deaths caused by right-wing incidents were committed by people who showed support for white supremacy.

"This is a purely partisan resolution. And the fact is that there have been multiple mass shootings conducted by left-wing individuals as well. So, this premise is just completely unfounded. On page two, it continues with its partisan rhetoric, whereas, disinformation and digital hate speech have also been linked to the insurrection that occurred at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. There has never been a declared official insurrection that took place on January 6th. This goes to motive, if anything.

"I'm going to continue. Whereas, a 2021 Washington Post investigation found that right-wing extremists have been involved in 267 plots or attacks in the United States since 2015, resulting in 91 fatalities. Yet it fails to talk about all the other left-wing groups, Antifa, Black Lives Matter, that have burned down cities and also killed people as well.

"So, this resolution is one that should not be passed by this body. And I would urge my colleagues with common sense to vote no. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition. First reason is because this is a piece of left-wing propaganda during an election year, and we're buying into what's going on at the national level, and this is the state level. This is just totally unfair. But let me be very clear, everybody in this room is against hate speech, against violence and other things that verbally start out. I mean, no one is for that. But this one is targeted against your minority.

"Remember, we're only five people. You guys are 45 people. And when you're down, we want to kick and stick our foot on your neck again. So, procedurally, this is totally unfair. Also procedurally, suddenly, at 7:30 in the morning, we get this thing, finally, we get it on the agenda. Why so late and why so secretive?

"But as my colleague said, it's very unbalanced and unfair. Everywhere it says right-wing extremism, it should say left-wing extremism. Who shot Representative Scalise when he was playing softball? It was a left-wing guy. I mean, let's be fair. I mean, this is a political resolution which doesn't belong in this body. And when the word bribery came up, we can't even say bribery. Now we're saying left-wing, now we're saying right-wing, you cannot say it, Mr. Speaker? I think we're being hypocritical.

"The point is, there's extremes on the left, there's extremes on the right, and this kind of buys into the national narrative where everybody, including our president, every chance he gets, he says, beware of the right-wing extremism. And these on the right side of the Democratic Party are just pushing a narrative, which is at the national level, which we do not belong in at all, according to this resolution.

"The other irony is that the whereases don't even match the be it resolved. All the whereases are what's going on in the mainland. Give me the empirical ratings of what's going on here locally in terms of hate speech. As I said earlier, we can't even say bribe and we get called out of order. In fact, if this speech, if this reso was a speech, you, Mr. Speaker, or the other Speaker would call us out of order. Because it's so partisan and it's so accusatory, it doesn't fit with our rules. But yet here it's a reso on the floor, and we're acting as if it's a formal, acceptable thing. Again, a national issue which we're taking up here locally for the sake of what's an election year in 2024.

"One of the funny things is that we're going to make a plan for our departments to how to become word police and safe havens for speech, but we can't even make a plan for the wildfires on Maui and make sure that that doesn't happen again. But we're going to make sure the word police in the State of Hawai'i are relevant.

"Mr. Speaker, there's just so many reasons it doesn't belong here. A resolution is for something that's good and helpful. This is hateful and it impugns the minority. None of us are in this hate speech mode, none of us are doing this stuff. But it's a national issue which you're trying to foist off on us, as if we are the guilty party. And remember, there's only a few of us. And you guys got 45. Why when we're down, do you want to step on our neck? That's the great irony.

"This, in the end, may end up biting you just the same way that Hillary Clinton called all of those who vote Republican as deplorables. You're calling all the Republicans in Hawai'i, you guys are the white extremists, and you're the ones who are the ones who are doing all of this hate speech.

"Mr. Speaker, this is a bad resolution. Mr. Speaker, I'm surprised you even put it on the agenda. These are the things that if, again, as we said, if we speak on them, we get termed out of order. This thing formalizes something that is really hate speech. And that's the great irony. This reso does exactly what it says that shouldn't be done in the State of Hawai'i, and we're doing it right now on the floor of the House. So, I'd love to hear some justification why the minority and the Republicans are so bad for the people of Hawai'i. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

At 12:53 p.m., Representative Nakamura requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:54 p.m.

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

"Mr. Speaker, based on what my colleague said, no vote."

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

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

Representative Garcia rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Second time, still in opposition. I forgot to include in my first time speaking something that I would consider hate speech by some of the left-wing members here in this building. On March 17th, Senator Karl Rhodes tweeted, 'Trump says Presidents have total immunity. So if Biden has Trump assassinated, that's ok?' Talk about pure hypocrisy. No vote."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm reading the be it resolved and its, state departments, agencies are urged to address disinformation and digital hate speech, developing public safety plans to protect public institutions and employees.

"I'm in opposition. I mean, I'm in support of that be it resolved because I asked for that. I was threatened online. I have threats to me. And this House, Sergeant-at-Arms, Attorney General's Office, did not follow through. I still sit here feeling very unprotected, very unsafe in my own home back on Maui since the wildfires and things that occurred to me during the wildfires. I brought it to the attention of this House, to Speaker and others.

"So, I agree with the be it resolved, but this is my own community who did this to me. These weren't right-wing people. These are just, I don't know what happened. But today I still sit here very threatened and I'm shaking inside, still very upset with what occurred. And I had gotten no help till today. So, I do agree that we shouldn't be naming people on the other side of us, because it happened in my own hometown from my community members."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, also in opposition. But I want to add a footnote to my no. And that is, I would gladly become a yes if it said, in balance, left-wing extremists and right-wing extremists. Let's be balanced. Americans are far left and they're far right, we know that. But this reso picks out one and gives selective examples to where these are the bad guys.

"Because 2024 is going to be a really hard-fought election. This kind of gets in and it poisons the well here in Hawai'i, by this body speaking out for saying right-wing extremists are marching on the election already. This is like right out of the DNC narrative. If you can pass this around every state legislature, hey, great, get that imagery out there so people won't vote Republican or conservative.

"For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, if it said left-wing extremist and right-wing extremists, I'd say I'd vote for the thing and I would speak for it. It's a shame what we just heard about the representative from Maui. That should never be the case. Hate has no place to do in democracy, in politics. Unfortunately, fear mongering like this reso is part of what people do, and it's unfair. Thank you."

Representative Kila rose to speak in support of both measures with reservations, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, reservations. And I just want to add that there are six minority members in the House, not five."

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

"In support. I strongly support this measure because I think it is accurate to say that many members have experienced the negative effects of disinformation and digital hate speech. And I think that it is within our power to work with our state departments and agencies to make sure that all

of our workplaces are safe, and that there are plans in place and measures in place to provide for safety.

"Mr. Speaker, I think that we have not done enough in our current context to really understand and address the effects of activity on social media. And that we need to start taking that space seriously and to talk about how it affects our collective safety, working in our capacity, but also trying to protect other public workers. So, for those reasons, I support this measure."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support. And thank you to the representative from Nānākuli for acknowledging that there are six of us. Perhaps that's one of the basis of the problem and perhaps why this bill was introduced. Because there is no acknowledgment, I think a lot of times, that there are six of us and I am a Republican. So, who knows if that was what the representative from Hawai'i Kai misspoke.

"I do agree with the representative from Wahiawā, and I would like her words to be inserted into the Journal as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Souza continued, stating:

"And also have my own comments. I think that disinformation, hate speech, it's obviously very rampant. We see it all over social media. Members of this body, allegedly, are the ones pushing a lot of times for disinformation and hate speech. We see different things happening. Different posts, different videos being shown. We have cameras on us right now, which is basically from one party on this floor, that is utilized to harass members. That's my experience.

"And so, when we look at a bill like this, it's because people are frustrated and we need a solution. And so, I understand that there's fringe parts of both parties. There's fringe right, there's fringe left. So, I do agree with the representative from Hawai'i Kai in that aspect. But I also think that we need to be accountable as members. And I think that this resolution doesn't go far enough. We need to police ourselves. We need to show *aloha* out there and then our community members will follow.

"And so, I think that this resolution is a good start. I think that it could potentially address all fringe aspects of different political parties. But I do stand in strong support. And I think that the representatives on this floor need to take accountability for their actions as to why this particular measure has come to fruition. And so, as a representative from Kapolei-Makakilo, I would encourage my neighboring representative to take some accountability for his actions as well. Thank you."

Representative Garcia rose, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, excuse me. I would like to request that the comment that was made, which was not germane to the bill at hand, about the neighboring representative taking responsibility for his actions. Number one, that that imputes motive. Number two, saying that the rep from Hawai'i Kai was alluding to the fact that she is somehow not a Republican is not in any way what he said, and that was taken out of context, so those things could be stricken from her speech because they do not pertain to the resolution at hand."

The Chair then stated:

"At this time, I won't be striking any speeches, I'm allowing them to--"

At 1:02 p.m., Representative Garcia requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:04 p.m.

Representative Souza rose, stating:

"Point of order and a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I just want to say that my comments were germane to this bill, and that's why I'm in support of this legislation. And I did mention that perhaps the representative from Hawai'i Kai was not alluding to the fact that I was not a Republican. But I think just even saying that there's five of us, I think that's problematic. Thank you."

Representative Quinlan rose to speak in support of both measures with reservations, stating:

"With reservations, Mr. Speaker. While I fully support the intent of this measure, words do matter. And I think that's the problem that we're trying to grapple with right now. There are some words in the resolution that make me a little uncomfortable on behalf of the community that I represent. But there have been some words said by people in this room that have also made me very uncomfortable.

"And as representatives of the public and as guardians of the public trust, it is so important that we measure our words. It is so important that we say exactly what we mean to say and leave no room for ambiguity. Because we are leaders, and when we go in a direction, Mr. Speaker, people will follow us. *Mahalo*."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 23, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION DECLARING DISINFORMATION AND DIGITAL HATE SPEECH AS THREATS TO DEMOCRACY AND URGING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THESE THREATS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila and Quinlan voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Belatti, Evslin, Gates, Hashem, Holt, Ichiyama, Kahaloa, Kong, Lamosao, Lowen, Nishimoto, Onishi, Sayama, and Todd being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 34, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING DISINFORMATION AND DIGITAL HATE SPEECH AS THREATS TO DEMOCRACY AND URGING DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ADDRESS THESE THREATS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila and Quinlan voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Cochran, Garcia, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Aiu, Belatti, Evslin, Gates, Hashem, Holt, Ichiyama, Kahaloa, Kong, Lamosao, Lowen, Nishimoto, Onishi, Sayama, and Todd being excused.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Kobayashi: "Mr. Speaker, at the appropriate time, may we have a moment of silence for Ted Sakai, former director of Department of Corrections on two occasions in the 1990s and 2010s. Thank you."

Vice Speaker Ilagan: "Thank you. We will take a moment of silence after our adjournment."

Representative Matsumoto: "Thank you. Just a reminder that the Easter baskets is coming up next week. So, make sure that you gather all of your things. We have five organizations that we are supporting this year, and so we need those baskets to come on in. So, just a reminder that that's coming up on the 27th. Thank you."

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 1:07 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, March 20, 2024. (Representatives Aiu, Belatti, Evslin, Gates, Hashem, Holt, Ichiyama, Kahaloa, Kong, Lamosao, Lowen, Nishimoto, Onishi, Sayama, and Todd were excused.)