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THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Friday, March 22, 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 Speaker Saiki presiding.

The Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan, who were excused.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 341) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 341, transmitting S.C.R. No. 13, SD 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT AN IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE IN GAZA," which was adopted by the Senate on March 21, 2024.

INTRODUCTIONS

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

Representative Garcia introduced Ulu A'e Learning Center students: Ezekiel Abbey, Carson Leong-Kailihiwa, Nakili Enos-Tamanaha, Aukana'i Bartels, Rev Tagupa, Rocco Silva; teachers: Kamaka Cardines and Tyler Tagupa; and Phil and Diamond Izon from Alaska.

Representative La Chica introduced advocates and *keiki* from Hawaii Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance and Hawaii Children's Action Network; her husband, Cricket La Chica; children, Foggy and Ricki; and Mililani resident, Jamie Dettwiler.

Representative Woodson introduced his staff: Lauren Caldwell, Corrie Sanders, and Annika Edwards.

Representative Evslin introduced staff from Kauai County, Council Services Division: Christiane Nakea-Tresler, Allison Okasaki, Jenelle Agas, Randall Machado, and Jade Fountain-Tanigawa, county clerk; and his staff, Mary Sipalay.

Representative Gates introduced Paul Kepka, principal, Kamaile Academy; and the Charter School Commission Pre-K team.

At 12:10 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1277-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3312, 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. 3312, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GESTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1278-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2710, 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. 2710, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CULTURE AND ARTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1279-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2322, SD 1, HD 1 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. 2322, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WATER QUALITY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1280-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2461, SD 2, HD 1 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. 2461, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1281-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2513, SD 2, HD 1 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. 2513, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WASTEWATER SYSTEMS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1282-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2502, SD 2, HD 1 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. 2502, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERATION OF WILDFIRE SUSCEPTIBILITY MAPS FOR HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Perruso, for the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1283-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2284, SD 2, HD 1 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. 2284, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A WILDFIRE FORECAST SYSTEM FOR HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1284-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3194, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3194, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Poepoe 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. 3194, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Poepoe voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1285-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3265, 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. 3265, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FILM INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1286-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2497, 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. 2497, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1287-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2081, 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. 2081, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

"In strong support, Mr. Speaker. Just a brief comment that, as a very strong advocate for aviation and space, this bill will definitely increase our ability to diversify our economy. And also, the space economy is slated to become a trillion-dollar industry within the next decade. So, hopefully this will allow Hawai'i to lay the groundwork so that we can take part in that. Thank you."

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

"Mr. Speaker, may I have the former speaker's words entered into the Journal as my own," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Because what she said is truth. In support. Because this is a no brainer in terms of diversification of the economy. We have the potential geographically, we have the potential in terms of the political will probably is lacking, but we have the capacity to bring in the private sector. We have the capacity to bring in the money to do this, and we're just sitting, kind of on our hands. So, this pushes the ball a little bit forward.

"If you recall, there was a, with the former senator, Kai, from the Big Island, and I had the aerospace caucus going, and I know there is one that's going on now, which is very, very important to the future of, probably not only our economy, but probably what's going on with the world of the Pacific, *vis-à-vis* space exploration as well as Xi Jinping and other sorts of things.

"So, this is a new innovative, creative way. The think that when I call upon being entrepreneurial and innovative, Mr. Speaker, this is the area where it's at. And we've been really kind of paranoid schizophrenic in regard, well we love you DBEDT, keep on going, and then we take Crisafulli and we knock him out, we retire Crisafulli, and then we keep a position, but we don't fund it, or we fund position, and we don't fill it. Mr. Speaker, this bill at least gives us some momentum in the right direction. And I would urge everybody to keep their eyes on what goes up in the sky can be a winner for us. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2081, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1288-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2974, 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. 2974, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong support."

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

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

Representative 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. 2974, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, and Perruso voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1289-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2726, 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. 2726, 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 Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1290-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3365, SD 2, as amended in HD 1, 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. 3365, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PLANT CARE COMPONENTS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1291-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3183, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3183, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you. I just wanted to get ahead of this, because I think I saw a minority member standing up. In support. I just wanted to note that, this would basically take what we did at the state level, which is a pilot project specific to electric vehicles only, and it does have a fee that you can opt into, which will cap and mean you do not have to pay a road usage charge. So, I would note that because the cap is in there, it benefits rural drivers. Because if you drive more than what the average is, you can opt in to the cap, which means you do not pay the road usage charge. Whereas if you drive less, if you opt in to the cap, you will pay more than you would pay if you opted back in to the road usage charge. So, it benefits rural drivers and only applies to electric vehicles. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. Thank you to the representative from Hilo. But I do want to say that the whole reason why the state has been pushing EVs is to fulfill this goal we have of shifting towards renewable energy. And so, we were supposed to create incentives for people to get EVs, and here we go charging them. So, no vote."

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

"Mr. Speaker, strong opposition. This is a free lunch for the EVs. Fifty bucks a year for an EV. I mean, my goodness, I drive an old car and I've got to fill it with a lot of gas and I pay a lot of taxes on that. To say \$50 caps it, basically, we're trying to incentivize all you guys who have petroleum running cars, we're going to get rid of you and we're going to give these guys the benefit of the doubt. We've given them free parking at the airports, we've given them rebates. But for those who can afford it. Which now, I think if you look at what's going on in Detroit, they're saying we're producing these EV cars and nobody's buying them. This is forcing down the throat this electrical phenomenon. Which in this case, \$50 is a drop in the bucket. It should be where we take all of the cars who pay the fees and divide it into an average and make them pay. To tell me that I only pay \$50 a year for my car is a joke. So, this is a free lunch for the EV crowd. Thank you."

Representative Todd rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, still in support. I think a lot of folks would be shocked at how little fuel tax they currently pay. A vast majority of folks, particularly in the urban core, pay significantly less than \$50 to the state. I would note that this is exclusively a bill that deals with the county. Some counties have higher fuel taxes, some have lower fuel taxes, Maui and Hawai'i Island having more significant. Which again, would definitely benefit rural drivers.

"But the intent of the pilot program is to collect that data so that we can arrive at that correct amount, if this is something that is applied after 2028, when this program would lapse. But we need to collect that data so we know what the appropriate figure is. This is kind of a guesstimate right now, but it could end up being a little bit more, it could end up being a little bit less. But until we collect that data, we're not going to know for sure. Thank you."

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, still in opposition. For those of us who buy gas in Honolulu or on the island of O'ahu are up to 25% to 35%, just in taxes. It could even be higher, it could be even 40%. But in some places, like New York, it's 50%, San Francisco, even higher than that. It's a very highly taxed because

everybody drives, it's a good place to get money. But with this free lunch for the EV's, I think it's out of whack. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3183, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ROAD USAGE CHARGE PROGRAM," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1292-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2518, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2518, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

Representative 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. 2518, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL ENERGY EXPLORATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato and Kapela voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1293-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2770, HD 1 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. 2770, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1294-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3021, SD 2, HD 1 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. 3021, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1295-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3128, SD 2, HD 1 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. 3128, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACT 212, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2021," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1296-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2605, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2605, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"With reservations, brief comment. I would have voted no if the bill was in its original form, but I want to thank the Health chair for removing the language as it relates to abortion services and certain preventative vaccines. So, with reservations."

Representative Ward 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. 2605, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1297-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2837, SD 2, HD 1 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. 2837, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE OAHU REGIONAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1298-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3125, SD 2, HD 1 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. 3125, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In opposition. This bill authorizes minors who are 14 years of age or older to consent to medical care and services for sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and family planning services, including the prevention of sexually transmitted infections. It requires confidentiality policies and practices for insurers and healthcare providers. This is basically allowing kids to make medical decisions without their parents being notified or without their parent's consent. I believe that parents should be involved in the medical practices of their children, so I'll be voting no."

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

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

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

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

Representative Ward 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. 3125, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE FOR MINORS," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kong, Matsumoto, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1299-24) recommending that S.B. No. 572, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 572, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 572, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1300-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2556, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2556, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH COURT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1301-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2512, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2512, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Mr. Speaker, I'm in opposition to this. We've just gone through a few emergencies and we're still suffering from the Maui wildfires. Either there's a sense of distrust with the governor in terms of how he's allocated funds, I don't know why we want to hamstring or delay, I guess maybe not hamstringing, his ability to power, which governors since statehood have been able to move funds around and to declare an emergency.

"The only time I heard a declared emergency on this floor was when Mayor Caldwell stood up when Governor Lingle proclaimed a homeless crisis, and he was vehemently rebuked by Cynthia Thielen, who stood here and said, how dare you say these people on the poor do not deserve emergency? The point is, when you have emergency, you move funds, you move quickly, and you move it effectively.

"With a bill that says, well, you know, you got to go through a consensus model. Which is good, our job is checks and balances as the Legislature. And the minority, our job is to be the loyal opposition. But in this case, I'm for the governor. Why I want to slow him down if it's an emergency? Unless this is make believe and we don't really believe when there's an emergency that it's a real emergency, Mr. Speaker. So why slow down the governor's ability to move funds to make sure that wildfires or homelessness or anything else is delayed? I just don't understand. For those reasons, Mr. Speaker, this is not a good bill. Thank you."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2512, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POWERS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1302-24) recommending

that S.B. No. 2836, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2836, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAUI'S PERMANENT HOUSING RECOVERY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1303-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2503, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2503, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EQUITY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1304-24) recommending that S.B. No. 578, SD 3, HD 1 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. 578, SD 3, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1305-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2319 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. 2319 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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. 2319, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3, OF THE HAWAII STATE CONSTITUTION TO INCREASE THE MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR STATE JUSTICES AND JUDGES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato and Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Ganaden and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1306-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2557, 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. 2557, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

Representative Hussey-Burdick 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. 2557, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGAL REPRESENTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Hussey-Burdick voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1307-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2832, 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. 2832, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC CODE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1308-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2286, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2286, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTERNSHIPS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1309-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2289, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2289, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KALAUAPAPA," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1310-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2443, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 2443, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Amato rose and asked that the Clerk record a no vote 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. 2443, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato and Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1311-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2362, 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. 2362, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ORNAMENTAL GINGER," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Gates, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1312-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3026, 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. 3026, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PESTICIDES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Gates and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1313-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2159, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2159, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Gates and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1314-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2960, 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. 2960, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FARMERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Gates and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1315-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2560, SD 2, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2560, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INVASIVE SPECIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1316-24) recommending that S.B. No. 1099, 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. 1099, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1317-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3007, 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. 3007, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIRING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Marten and Todd, for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1318-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3002, 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. 3002, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ACT 214, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2013," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1319-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2122, 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. 2122, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1320-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2066, SD 2, 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. 2066, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"In support. I'd like to thank the members of this body for introducing a bill that would help decrease red tape and regulation for increasing housing in Hawai'i."

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

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

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

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

Representative Hussey-Burdick 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. 2066, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1321-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2475, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2475, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1322-24) recommending

that S.B. No. 3191, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 3191, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1323-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2351, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2351, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1324-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2685, 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. 2685, 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 a no vote for him, and the Chair "so ordered."

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

Representative Ganaden 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. 2685, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABUSIVE LITIGATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Ganaden, Garcia, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1325-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3157, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3157, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Poepoe 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. 3157, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DIRECT NEGOTIATION FOR PUBLIC LAND LEASES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, Perruso, and Poepoe voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Hussey-Burdick, and Kapela voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1326-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2937, SD 1, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2937, SD 1, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO LEARNING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1327-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3139, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 3139, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRISIS SERVICES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1328-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2305, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2305, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Tarnas and Nakashima, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1329-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2861, 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. 2861, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE LISTING AGREEMENTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1330-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2182, 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. 2182, 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 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. 2182, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN STEWARDSHIP," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Nakashima, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1331-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2908, 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2908, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Ichiyama and Nakashima, for the Committee on Water & Land and the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1332-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3344, 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 Committees be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3344, SD 2, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

Representative Perruso 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 Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 3344, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDFIRES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Hussey-Burdick and Perruso voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1333-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2516, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2516, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1334-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2285, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2285, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1335-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3239, SD 2, HD 1 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3239, SD 2, HD 1 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."

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. 3239, SD 2, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL DEBT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Nakashima and Tarnas, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce and the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1336-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2922, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, 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. 2922, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1337-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3237, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3237, SD 2, HD 2 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. 3237, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1338-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3234, 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. 3234, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STABILIZATION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Nakashima, for the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1339-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3335, SD 2, HD 1, as amended in HD 2, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3335, SD 2, HD 2 be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. This bill is a reasonable and moderate and measured approach to regulating the legal use of cannabis by adults in Hawai'i. Legalizing cannabis for use by adults will actually have significant public safety and public health benefits for our community. It will better protect youth from drug use through education and investment in youth programs. It will reduce drug violence. It will promote public safety by allowing people to buy from legitimate businesses, not on the illegal market. It will ensure that the cannabis products purchased are safe, free from contaminants like fungus and mold, or even worse, methamphetamine and fentanyl. It will allow us to tax and regulate cannabis products, which currently provide no tax or revenue to the state.

"In states that have legalized cannabis, the facts are, teen cannabis use has gone down, not up. The rates of psychosis-related diagnoses and prescribed antipsychotics have gone down by a statistically significant amount in legalization states compared to prohibitionist states. There has not been an increase in fatal accidents attributable to cannabis alone in states that have legalized cannabis, because the drivers actually have alcohol and other substances in their system. You can't attribute it just to cannabis.

"If we continue to criminalize cannabis, we will continue to keep cannabis production and sales in the illegal, unregulated market, which continues to cause real harm to our community because the product is not tested and can

be contaminated with seriously harmful substances. We have specifically set up a system in this bill to manage all psychoactive cannabis products in this new authority. Because right now, hemp-derived psychoactive products are totally unregulated and available in stores and on the street today. This bill addresses this loophole to protect the public.

"This bill also allows 18 months to set up rules, provide opportunity for other businesses to be established in production and retail. This new regulatory framework is designed to attract the legacy growers to participate in the regulated market. As we heard in the hearings on this bill, the regulated market today can offer cannabis at the same price as it is sold on the unregulated market.

"This system can work well. Let's give it a chance. Health and safety regulations, lab testing, potency labels, and taxation are only possible with legalization. It is time to legalize cannabis for adult use in Hawai'i. And I would encourage members to support this measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. I continue to be in strong opposition to this bill for many reasons, and I would like to just share a few of those. The Attorney General's Office stated the following during testimony in the most recent hearing. The Attorney General Lopez has made very clear that federal illegality, the growth of the illicit market, driving while high, and concerns regarding public health, and protecting children are serious issues associated with legalization. No effort to legalize cannabis, however carefully planned and well intentioned, will be without such problems and risks. As the chief legal and law enforcement officer for the state, it is extremely concerning to hear from the attorney general this level of concern over so many aspects of legalized marijuana.

"The Department of Health's testimony also highlights clear concerns regarding the legalization of marijuana, and how legalization will not help individuals reach their full health potential, but will in fact have negative impacts on the health of the public. They also mentioned that marijuana can provide medical benefits for certain medical conditions, which is commonly stated by supporters as a reason to pass this bill. However, the reality is that patients who need marijuana for medical reasons or conditions can already get access to it through the state's legal medical cannabis program. Legalization is not required to continue our state's medical cannabis program.

"As I mentioned last week, it is foolish for us to think that this bill has enough safeguards and regulations that youth will not have greater access to marijuana once it is legalized. We cannot stop the use of substances like alcohol, tobacco, and vaping for our youth, even though these are adult use only products. The reality is that legalization allows easier access for youth to get marijuana, including in the form of edibles and gummies. This increased access and use, as stated by the Department of Health in testimony, can lead to mental health and substance abuse concerns.

"The Department of Health shared data in testimony that adolescents and young adults who use cannabis daily or near daily are more likely than non-users to develop future psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia, as well as develop cannabis use disorder, which is an addiction to cannabis that causes a psychiatric disorder, including mood, anxiety, and personality disorders. They also share data to suggest that adolescents and young adults who use cannabis are more likely than non-users to have suicidal thoughts or attempt suicide.

"Since I've been elected to office in 2018, we have heard and passed numerous bills trying to address our mental health crisis in the state, as well as reduce our alarming youth suicide rates. Many of us have also fought against our youth vaping epidemic. We shouldn't legalize another substance that puts our *keiki* at risk. We shouldn't pass a measure that goes against everything we have been fighting for over the last few years in regards to these measures. And we shouldn't make it easier for our kids to get access to substances that can have long-term negative effects on their lives and the lives of those around them.

"Legalization of marijuana has so many concerns to the public and safety, and as I mentioned last week, has no economic benefit to the state as it will

not put money into our general fund, but instead puts money directly into two special funds created in this bill. Let's not pass a measure that does more harm than good. Thank you very much."

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. Is it possible to record the speech of last week in the Journal? Just proceed with new ones? I don't want to go over it again, but I want to remind people that when we say the black market is going to not proliferate. I think if we look at even the medical marijuana card holders, 70% to 80% of those people are going to the black market because of, otherwise, some of the gaslighting says, well, we got prices that are as cheap in the dispensaries as they are on the streets. People vote with their wallets and that shows that that is not exactly true. Why would they be going to the black market?

"The other thing is that legalization is already here. There's no place you can't get marijuana, Mr. Speaker. If you get it, as the prosecutor says, you get a slap on the wrist, you get a parking ticket. So, this thing about we got a rush to get marijuana in and all that. And even if you got expungement as the big issue, feeling sorry for the victim, we can do that without legalization, Mr. Speaker. But the black market issue is a very, very big one.

"And the whole point of let's let all this stuff out of the bag, it's benign. Look what happened to Oregon, Portland. It became a toilet of drugs and crazy people. And now when they decriminalized by law, anything, any drug goes, now they've reversed that, Mr. Speaker. Because they've seen it and they've learned from their experience. That's what adults are. That's what human beings are, we learn from experience. That's why there's erasers on the end of pencils. When you make mistakes, you make and learn from the feedback. Do we think we're not going to be the Colorado or the consequences of California, where the cartels come in and it becomes really a black market?

"And I want to end with what Governor Lingle has talked about. She says, we're going to allow all these little pot shops to pop up in neighborhoods that are the poorest. And she noted, she says, there's a reason why we don't allow liquor stores, prohibited next to public housing. We've got them probably on their way because marijuana and marijuana usage is centralized. And this is a geographical bias in poor people.

"Who are the people who smoke nowadays? Not middle-class or upper-class people. It's the poor people who smoke. And for the marijuana consumers, it's the same group. So, we're going to punish those people who are having a hard time, struggling to exist. And a lot of those, as you know, are the ALICE families, asset limited income challenged earners who are the working poor in the Hawaiian community, 63% of the community. Which is an embarrassment in a thing of its own.

"So, Mr. Speaker, this is the worst thing that we could do. And when those people sing the praises of marijuana because of the money, and I'm going to meet with the Japanese consul general, to see if it's true what the prosecutor said, if we legalize marijuana, the amount of tourists that come and the amount of spending from Japan could be hit. Right now, they're at about \$2 billion. Even a percentage of what we get in terms of this great refund of \$39 million we get in the first year, then we go up to \$400 million, that's going to be chicken feed, Mr. Speaker. This is economically, psychologically, sociologically, legislatively a bad deal. It's against the people of Hawai'i. We got to learn from the mistakes of others and not do it, Mr. Speaker. I think when judge said the odor of mendacity for marijuana is prevalent in so many of the speeches that says this is the best thing since sliced bread. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support. There is so much hyperbole and misinformation about marijuana being spread, especially by law enforcement officials who want to influence law making instead of enforcing law. Instead of trying to convince you why marijuana is okay, I'm going to discuss the unscientific, unfounded 50-year-old propaganda arguments we have all been hearing.

"Some say it will cause more traffic fatalities. The attorney general misleadingly spread fatality data that lumped in marijuana with alcohol and presented zero evidence on weed alone causing a single death. Let me be clear, officials like the attorney general and county prosecutor, even the former governor, presented inflammatory, statistically biased arguments to this body. Their biased numbers cannot be part of any rational discussion.

"Some say it affects brain development until age 25. While this may be true, the bill specifies not for kids. Not for kids. Putting age restrictions on kids is a proven technique that demonstrably worked for reducing tobacco use. So why do some assume this won't work for marijuana? Even make it age 26 and up if you want. Look, I am a mother of four. If you really care about the *keiki* as I do, and I know you do, and if kids on drugs are the concern, then instead let's pass massive anti-meth and anti-fentanyl taskforce funding. Let's fix real problems.

"It is well documented that teen use of dangerous synthetic Delta-8 THC is higher in states without legal marijuana. And you can buy Delta-8 at a convenience store. Why don't we protect *keiki* by eliminating access to Delta-8? How about we stop teenage drinking and flavored tobacco smoking? I was one of the introducers last year of HB 833 to ban flavored tobacco, which couldn't even get a hearing. Similarly, this year, HB 1778 died. Let's solve the real problems and not point the blame at marijuana.

"Some say there will be overdoses. Overdoses? If a kid drinks a bottle of alcohol, they can die. A Tylenol overdose will destroy a liver. And let's be honest, too much weed does cause intoxication and altered perception, and for some, anxiety. But no one dies from smoking a joint. No one. Do you get uncomfortable if you smoke too much or eat too much weed? Yes, but you don't die.

"Some say marijuana causes increased heart attacks and strokes. This is true of any burned, inhaled plant, including tobacco, and alcohol is far worse. Are we Puritans from the 1600s that must control everyone's activities? Should we start burning witches too? This body is supposed to stand for body autonomy rights. It's time to decide if you really do. Unfiltered marijuana is no worse than unfiltered tobacco. Both contain tar. So, are you going to ban tobacco? So far, we can't even ban flavored vapes. Indeed, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop recommended bong water pipes for marijuana. Doctor Koop was a logical man of science.

"Some say dispensaries will be robbed and there will be an increase in crime. By that flawed reasoning, we should eliminate all liquor stores and banks. Some say it is an election year, we'll all lose our seats if we pass the bill. Wrong. A majority of people statewide support legalization, so that is just fear mongering to influence other legislators. In my district, two thirds of the people want legalization. And in this representative form of government, I work for my constituents, so I'll vote yes.

"Some say it is illegal at the federal level, so it will jeopardize federal funding. This is just wrong. Show me one state that has lost federal funding by legalizing weed. President Biden has been laying the groundwork to ease federal restrictions since 2022. Even HHS Secretary Becerra is working to change it to a Schedule III status. What is a Schedule III? The DEA says Schedule III chemicals have a 'moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence.'

"So, let's quit exaggerating Reefer Madness fear propaganda and stick to facts. I agree with our President and Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris, who said nobody should have to go to jail for smoking weed."

Representative Perruso rose to yield her time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Amato continued, stating:

"Thank you. Some say we already have medical marijuana. Even as a stroke survivor with chronic pain, my health insurance will not cover a 329 card, and the 329 process is unattainable for many, funding black-market gangsters. My health insurer will not even give me a 329 examination to get a card and won't cover marijuana as a prescription, but it is willing to hand me opioids like they are candy. This is bizarre at best, and it's dangerous. Personally, I would rather have people enjoying a relaxing joint than see addicts dying from alcohol, fentanyl, or unsafe, unregulated, laced black-market drugs. My science team tells me that mold on weed produces aflatoxins, which are vigorous, cancer-causing agents. People will use

marijuana, so we owe it to them to give them safe, tested, inspected marijuana and prevent cancer.

"Some say this bill is cash negative. Finance can fix this so it's cash positive by altering the taxation rate, 22% should do it. Some say it will make people lazy. There is zero evidence of this. This 1930s racist argument was reaffirmed by Reagan's War on Drugs, which resulted in excessive levels of imprisonment and enforced drug detention centers, and politics with disproportionate impacts on vulnerable poor, minorities, and women.

"Far too many in Hawaii have been sent to jail for simple marijuana possession at an enormous cost to our state in lost wages, family disruption, incarceration costs, and income tax revenue. If you could prevent needless suffering, maybe even save one life or keep one family together by passing this bill, would you do it? I would. Decriminalization was gutted in this building just last week. No one should go to jail for smoking a joint. Except, apparently adults in Hawai'i with a four-gram fatty.

"Some say it's a gateway drug. I challenge anyone here to cite a refereed scientific paper on this. I know many people who will only smoke weed and not drink alcohol. In fact, in Colorado after legalization, opioid deaths were reduced by 6.5%, violent crime was reduced, and critical state revenue was created after legalization. Again, if you could prevent needless suffering, maybe even save one life by passing this bill, would you do it? I sure would. So, I am voting yes.

"The Honolulu prosecutor said this isn't the 3% THC weed from Woodstock. That is the one true thing I heard from him. And Woodstock was not about dirt weed. Some people are about 50 years out of touch.

"Some say it causes psychological problems. I challenge you to show me two refereed scientific studies that agree on this fake propaganda statement. The days of 1936 Reefer Madness propaganda are over in most of the United States. Didn't we learn anything from 1920s prohibition, fueling guns and gangsters, or the unintended consequences of the Reagan War on Drugs? Prohibition in Hawai'i will continue to funnel money to organized crime and strengthen dangerous illegal dealers. We can have safe, inspected, regulated, profitable marijuana, and save lives doing it.

"Whether it is reproductive rights, housing, or marijuana, I promised my district that I would legislate from the heart, using science as my guide, and most importantly, vote the way they tell me. So, I must vote yes. It is the wish of the people of my community.

"I know feelings are running high, but please consider my words and stick to facts in this close vote. I hope even one of you will switch from a hard no to a yes, or yes with reservations for legalization. Save one family, save one life today. *Mahalo.*"

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was going to mostly stand on my testimony from last time, but these are going pretty long. I'm just going to hit some of the highlights and respond to some of the points brought up today. In opposition. The first is the price tag. It's \$39 million in a year where we are talking about cutting budgets to departments, to social programs. Granted, the proponents of this bill would have you believe that most of this money would be made up. But even if they're right, we would be fronting the \$39 million to establish this program. And I think that's \$39 million that we just simply do not have.

"On the item of black market, other states who have legalized marijuana recreationally have seen a huge boom in the black market. I've heard from previous speakers that we want to tax them, and the taxes are going to make it up, but that the prices are going to remain the same and competitive with the black market. Mr. Speaker, those two are in opposite. The reason why the black market is able to sell marijuana for cheaper is because they are not subject to the tax. So, if you make the tax what it is in the bill or if you even raise it, as certain speakers have suggested, that's going to differentiate the price even more. I think that in order to get the money back through this bill, we're going to get it back through taxes. So, it's virtually impossible to sell legal weed and get our money back and compete with the black market. You can't have your cake and eat it too, the taxes make it impossible to do that.

"The dangers to drivers, I have heard the previous speakers, one of the previous speaker's speech that, yes, most or a lot of the drivers that were arrested for driving under the influence of marijuana were also intoxicated with alcohol as well. That might be true. But I strongly, I do believe that if you are high and drunk, you are more likely to cause an accident rather than just drunk. So, I'm not sure why we're adding marijuana into the mix. I think that the increase in vehicle incidents with people who are driving high does make a difference. I think that we did see a rise in the Rocky Mountain area.

"The impact on tourism, I'm not going to go too much into it. Everyone knows that marijuana smells pretty terrible when it's smoked. I want to point out that it's already illegal to smoke marijuana pretty much everywhere right now, but it's still happening. If we normalize recreational marijuana, we're going to see an increase in those areas. Even though we're saying, no, no, don't smoke in the parks, don't smoke in the beach, we are still going to see an increase in it, especially due to normalization.

"The point I really want to hit, Mr. Speaker, that I did not go over last time, is this is going to require a lot of law enforcement. And I think everyone acknowledges that, including the bill's introducers and the bill's proponents. In order to make this bill work, we're going to need, I counted 17 law enforcement to hire just for this program. Right now, HPD on O'ahu is at 20% vacancy, we have 425 vacancies, at last count. On Maui, we have a 30% vacancy with 165 vacancies. On Hawai'i Island, we have 89 vacancies.

"If we're not able to fill the vacancies we have, we're missing hundreds and hundreds of officers. And yet this program proposes to hire 17 more on top of the ones we're not filling yet. I don't believe that's going to happen. And if that doesn't happen, in order to effectuate this program, to make sure it's done the way the bill's introducer would like it to be done, we're going to need to start pulling officers from other places. And officers are already stretched so thin, they're having trouble responding to 911 calls. I'm personally afraid of the danger it's putting our community in if we need to pull officers off the beat or out of other divisions in order to staff this cannabis office. I don't believe that that's the right thing we should be doing for our community, and I really do believe that it's going to make Hawai'i a more dangerous place.

"It is still federally illegal, even if they did move it down to a Schedule III drug, we're not selling ketamine on the streets. I think that even a Schedule III drug is dangerous. It should not be recreationally available, so I don't believe that's a valid argument. It's true that no president so far has cracked down on any states that have legalized marijuana, but presidents change all the time, we're about to have a presidential election. There's no way to tell in the future whether Hawai'i joining in with the other states is not going to have negative repercussions on our state."

Representative Garrett rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Matayoshi continued, stating:

"Thank you, almost done. The last point I want to make, Mr. Speaker, is that we seem to be creating a problem with this bill and then trying to use the tax revenue to solve that problem. And I know other people will say that the problem's already here, but I really believe that we're making it worse and then using all the money for programs to make it better. It just doesn't make sense to me. So, thank you."

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, in opposition. Let me summarize what I said last time about this being a public health disaster. We have numerous, dozens, maybe even hundreds of refereed scientific journal articles about the bad health effects of marijuana. Certainly, marijuana affects the brain and mental health, addiction, hallucinations, depression, anxiety.

"It also changes the brain structure, not just the brain functioning. Marijuana, especially amongst heavy adolescent users, changes the brain structure. Changes in areas involving attention, memory, decision making, and motivation. We don't have a precise way, even with our best scientific diagnostic electronic equipment, to detect how many brain cells die. And of course, that's partly because brain cells die normally every day, but they're regenerated. What happens is that you have, quote, amongst heavy users, an irreversible intelligent quotient, IQ loss up to eight points, as well as motivational mood changes.

"This is a powerful drug that has great effects on the brain. As such, it decreases job performance, it decreases academic performance, and increases dropouts. When you take marijuana, you will affect everything from motor skills to memory to attention, problem solving. This is all not good for job performance and for academic performance. So, I repeat, we have much evidence that this is a public health disaster.

"On the point about the \$39 million mentioned from the representative from Kaneohe. Attorney general iterates that she would recommend \$10 million for cannabis regulation special fund, \$10 million for cannabis social equity special fund, \$5 million for public health and education. I would note on this point, we already spent \$7.5 million for tobacco prevention and control. But this money mostly comes from the biggest ever tax legal settlement in Hawai'i history, which brought in \$40 million-plus the prior fiscal year ending FY 23 and is expected to bring us over \$1.2 billion in the next 25 years. But even with all of that money, and even with the \$7.5 million spent on tobacco prevention and control, many people, of course, see tobacco as a big problem, especially the vaping issue. So, what we are facing is dollar needs that grow upon us.

"I would mention Oregon. Oregon spends millions of dollars every year on public safety enforcement. So, in 2022, they had a special one-time emergency fund of \$22 million allocated for law enforcement. And guess what? When applications went out, applications came in at \$12.8 million more than the \$26 million. So, the needs grow for all these special funds. Whether it be public health education, nuisance abatement, law enforcement special fund, *et cetera*. All of this is a bit like a deep, deep, dark, empty pit that calls out for money. And we cannot solve all of these problems with money because so many of the ill effects of marijuana cannot be measured precisely. I'll quit at that. Thank you very much."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With reservations with brief comments. Well, it doesn't really take a genius to see that this bill and issue is very contentious, both on a social, financial, and perhaps moral front. First, I just want to note my concerns of this bill and issue. As the chair on Labor & Government Operations had noted, this bill would create a significant financial burden on the state. And this year, with the Lahaina wildfires, as well as the hazard pay from Covid-era kind of looming on the Legislature's budget, I struggle to see how we will be able to pay for the upfront costs to administer this extensive regulatory regime. The Council on Revenues just released another projection which noted that economic projections will remain relatively stagnant at 4%. And so, again, there are significant financial concerns for this body to consider.

"Next is the 18-month transition period, which the chair on Judiciary had noted. On page 30 of the attorney general's report, it noted that this 18-month period was based off of the Massachusetts model, I believe, but it also noted that it would welcome a longer transition period. Mr. Speaker, I believe that the 18 months, while well intentioned and well researched, is insufficient to create a robust regulatory regime, as this bill envisions. And hopefully, through an extended transition period, we would be able to inform the public, really, through the education campaign that this bill creates, the risks of marijuana use as well as establishing a robust campaign to, again, educate the public on this matter.

"I do have a few more points. As also was noted by the Labor & Government Operations chair, recruitment and hiring is also an issue. Again, this creates numerous full-time positions within various departments. And according to DHRD's 2024 vacancy report, we still have 27% on average vacancy rates in civil service positions across the State of Hawai'i. And of the positions filled, 39% are retirement ready. Mr. Speaker, I struggle to understand how the state would be able to fill all these positions that this bill

creates within an 18-month period to effectively carry out the regulatory structures listed.

"Finally, I do have some personal concerns relating to self-grown cannabis plants. I have no problem with parity and fairness, treating recreational cannabis with any other recreational substance such as alcohol or tobacco. But the fact of the matter is, I don't think we allow the general public, the consumer, to grow their own tobacco products to create and consume or sell any of their homegrown, perhaps alcohol products as well. So, I do have some personal concerns there.

"Now, all these concerns being said, I do support this measure in some ways as well. Like the chair on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs said, and as the AG noted, this creates a robust and reasonable regulatory regime for adult-use cannabis. Having visited three cannabis production facilities in the state and a dispensary on O'ahu, I have been thoroughly impressed with the quality of these facilities, the safety, the security, and the professionalism of the staff there as well. This bill provides parity for medical and recreational cannabis, I believe. And so, I am fairly certain that if this bill is thoroughly implemented, that there will be sufficient safety measures there.

"This will also improve consumer protection significantly. Again, currently, this marijuana recreational use is completely unregulated. Consumers do not know what they're putting into their body when they consume marijuana. This could be on various fronts, such as mold or extremely high THC levels, which could pose safety hazards to the consumers. Much like tobacco and any other sin products, we need to make sure that marijuana is well regulated and managed for the consumer safety as well."

Representative Ilagan rose to yield his time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Sayama continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Finally, I will be brief, I'm sorry. This bill also institutes a number of public health protections. As the AG noted in their draft report, this bill implements extensive, well-funded public health protections, including mandatory public-education campaigns to inform the public about the new laws and the continuing risks to public health posed by cannabis and financial assistance for public health services such as addiction and substance abuse treatment. It goes on to establish a number of special funds and grant programs that supplement financially the number of nonprofits that address these social ills from other substance abuse as well.

"Finally, Mr. Speaker, I do want to note, again, that while the attorney general in their report noted that they do not support the legalization of adult use cannabis, they say, 'I am proud of what we have presented here today. This is a reasonable, moderate bill that sought to balance a myriad of interests with significant known and unknown risks.'

"Mr. Speaker, we rarely vote on any measure here with certainty. There is always going to be risks involved. But from a consumer protection point of view, this bill would help the public. This will make consumption of recreational marijuana safer. And with that, again, I stand with reservations. Thank you."

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

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support with reservations. In support largely for many of the reasons articulated by our chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs. And I would like to thank the chair for doing the tremendous work that was undertaken to craft such a moderate and reasonable bill that looks out for public safety, health, and the welfare of our people.

"I also support this bill because of many of the reasons outlined by people who are opposed to it. Because of the fact that cannabis presents a harmful, dangerous effect to our residents, our community, and mostly because of the harm that it can cause to the youth. And I've always approached this area of

cannabis regulation from that perspective. How do we craft laws that protect public health, safety, and our youth?"

"Mr. Speaker, my reservations, though, come from the fact that there are federal actions that affect this public safety, health, and welfare. Federal actions that we must respond to as a legislative body. And these are actions that we don't have any control of. It was the president of the other party in 2018 that legalized and removed hemp, defined as cannabis, with low concentrations of the psychoactive compound Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol from the definition of marijuana in the Controlled Substances Act.

"This action by the president of another party has led to a situation where in this state, we have legalized the purchase of very dangerous cannabis products. Products where you can walk into Ala Moana and purchase things like Green Roads CBD Puffs Melon Ice or Green Roads CBD Puffs Lush Ice. How about CBD Puffs Mixed Berries that have tremendous amounts of cannabinoids in them? You can also go in to these legal sites and purchase hemp-derived cannabis products. Edibles, Mr. Speaker, like fruit drops. How about lemon drops, CBD gummy bears, or CBD assorted rings. There is no regulation stopping anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing these products. These products are used, and if seen by law enforcement, cannot be stopped by law enforcement.

"So, it is this measure that looks to regulate the hemp market, the illegal illicit black market, and yes, even strengthen the medical cannabis market that is going to protect the public health and safety of our people. Because of the state of federal laws creating a state of deregulation and lack of regulation and lack of testing, not just in our state but in many, many states. And it was nice to hear, when this bill was heard, to get confirmation that the attorney general is also very concerned about this area of hemp-derived cannabis that is uncontrolled, unregulated, and untested in our community.

"Mr. Speaker, another reason why I support this bill with reservations is because there is another impending federal action that may take place, where if cannabis is de-scheduled to Schedule III, it could cause chaos even within our medical cannabis market. So, this bill, as it stands now, where it can move to the Finance Committee and other issues be addressed so that the House comes out with a position on how to best regulate cannabis. We don't need to take the bill wholesale from what the Senate did, and we've already amended it, we don't need to take the bill wholesale from how the attorney general amended it. The title says, 'relating to cannabis.'

"If this body is truly interested in regulating and protecting our community, especially our youth who are vaping at higher numbers, and some of these hemp-derived legal cannabis businesses in our community are selling vape cartridges that are getting into the hands of our youth. If you're really serious about it, let's continue to move this bill and find a way to have a House position that regulates, tests, taxes. We already tax these hemp-derived cannabis products at 4%. Let's figure out a way that we can tax them more, as this bill currently does. And let's figure out a way to really determine our own destiny with legislation that can continue to be worked on. Because, you know what, we have April still to go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. So, we've already voted on this measure. Twenty-three of us voted no already, and some of us voted with reservations, and some of us voted yes on a previous day. So, this message is mainly for, obviously I'm addressing you, but those who are hearing me, it's mainly for those who are trying to switch from a no vote to a yes with reservations. Our primary elections are coming up in five months in August, and there are many people, political action committees, donors, and candidates, who are waiting for that no vote to switch to a yes vote with reservations."

Representative Belatti rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order, Mr. Speaker."

The Chair addressed Representative Pierick, stating:

"Representative Pierick, please confine your remarks to the substance of this measure. Thank you."

Representative Pierick: "Thank you. I'm talking about the implications of somebody voting yes with reservations on this bill."

Speaker Saiki: "No. Please confine your remarks to the content of this measure."

Representative Pierick continued, stating:

"I'm against this bill, and I encourage everybody to vote no against it. Thank you."

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

"In opposition. Thank you. I want to thank the speakers who have spoken thus far, both for and against it. I want to speak, there's been lots of numbers thrown around of fatalities and of children, from both sides, and the impacts it will have on Hawai'i's residents. But I want to speak from a personal standpoint.

"I was born and raised in public housing programs here in Hawai'i, and this was prevalent. It was all around us growing up. Cigarette, weed, I mean, everybody did it in public housing. And the influence came upon me and my siblings at a very early age. And the reason why I'm voting no today is because I've seen the impact that this has had on my family and the impact that it's had on families around me in public housing and friends.

"And some may say, well, this isn't a gateway drug. Well, to some people, it could be. Just like with alcohol, some people are very tolerant, some people are not tolerant. Some people can drink a whole six pack and be okay, some people will drink two beers and not be okay. Same with marijuana. Some are tolerant, some are not.

"But I do believe, Mr. Speaker, that the medical cannabis industry should be expanded here in Hawai'i. I do believe that more people would be a lot better off if they had access to medical marijuana versus all the opioids that are being used, antidepressants which are being used. But I don't believe that full legalization will be good for society at large.

"I've talked with my family and friends about this recently who still smoke weed on a daily basis and even they say, Diamond, please vote no against this, because they know the impacts it will have on the children of Hawai'i.

"And I just heard the previous speaker or a couple previous speakers ago say, what about these Delta-9 vapes and all this stuff which are currently being sold and the impact that that's having on children currently in schools. We argue all the time about banning flavored tobacco, big rallies up here about banning flavored tobacco. Yet we're going to legalize marijuana. And we think that these vape pens, by the way, there's full THC, just go to California, Washington, Oregon. You go to these stores, all these flavors mixed berry, cherry, strawberry. And we think that those items are not going to be in the hands of our *keiki*? We can't even control flavored tobacco products. Teachers are coming to us saying they're having behavioral issues in school because they're hooked on nicotine products. And if Delta-9's a problem currently, what makes us think full THC pens and edibles and other stuff will not get in the hands of children today. It's just impossible. That's the first reason.

"Second reason is this, I surveyed my district and the overwhelming majority, Mr. Speaker, over 65% who responded said they do not support the full legalization. So therefore, I would urge my colleagues to remember our state motto, *ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono*, the life of this land is perpetuated in righteousness. So, cannabis isn't an evil plant, but it's how we use it and how we regulate it. And this bill, in my opinion, is not good for society. No vote."

At 1:26 p.m., Representative Pierick requested a recess and the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:28 p.m.

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

"*Mahalo*, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support. Mr. Speaker, as your chair of Agriculture & Food Systems, I look at cannabis and hemp as the plant it is. But when we consider SB 3335, we must ask ourselves one fundamental question, why? Why should we strongly regulate and tax cannabis here in the State of Hawai'i? The answer is simple, because tens of thousands of

pounds and millions of dollars are already being exchanged each year illegally in Hawai'i through the illicit market.

"With the feds legalizing hemp products in 2018 through the Farm Bill act, we now have hemp-tuaries in our communities and selling illegal products that we see as illegal, but is not illegal on the federal level. And that is my fear, Mr. Speaker. If the federal government legalizes cannabis, it puts Hawai'i residents and consumers at a disadvantage because they will be operating under federal rules rather than state frameworks that are unique to our communities.

"Right now, cannabis is sold indiscriminately on street corners, in schools, homes, businesses across the island. It's sold to anyone willing to pay, kids included. There are no safeguards right now. There are no rules. Cannabis can be tainted with fentanyl and other drugs, incorporated into edible products that look like candy.

"Opponents of SB 3335 have raised concerns that cannabis will be sold on every corner or lead to more criminal activities in our communities. Well, Mr. Speaker, I too share those concerns. I'm concerned that cannabis can already be sold on every street corner, that cannabis is already being sold by criminals. I'm concerned that these same criminals are selling the cannabis and hemp products to our children, the ones we want to protect. We simply cannot turn a blind eye to the fact that cannabis is currently being sold illegally each and every day in Hawai'i.

"In previous testimony in CPC from HPD, law enforcement admits that it doesn't go after cannabis offenses already, they're focused on meth and fentanyl, which we believe their resources should be allocated to. If you don't know that cannabis is being sold and hemp products are being sold in our community illegally, I'd urge you to look into getting a prescription to help with glaucoma.

"It's cliché, and I cringe every time to point this out, but it's accurate nonetheless, the definition of insanity is repeating the same behavior and expecting a different result. We've repeated the same behavior of turning a blind eye to see these types of crimes increasing in our community, and we not doing anything about it. Cannabis has always been outlawed, yet the illegal market continues to flourish.

"We had the 1980s war on drugs before I was born, Mr. Speaker. Yet the illegal market has continued to flourish. We had Operation Green Harvest here locally in Hawai'i, which contributed to many Native Hawaiians being incarcerated, yet the illegal market has continued to flourish. We established the medical cannabis dispensary as a legal outlet, and the illegal market continues to flourish. We decriminalized possession of cannabis in small quantities, yet the illegal market has continued to flourish because we provide no legal means to access cannabis here in Hawai'i, besides the medical market.

"This bill provides another path, one that has already been taken by 24 other states, to legalize, regulate, and tax cannabis for 21-plus adult use. Majority of the public here in Hawai'i also supports legalization, and I feel that it is our duty to do the people's work and give the people what they are asking for. The governor is also in support as well as the Senate and House members here.

"Under this bill, cannabis can only be sold at a limited number of strictly regulated and licensed retail. It can only be sold to 21 and over. It must be tested and certified by labs. It can't look like candy or other products that might be enticing to children. And it has the 14% tax. The funding that will be generated through this will also go to law enforcement, social programs, and other initiatives to help our state. And the tax revenue can exceed over \$100 million in a few short years.

"Cannabis industry workers would be allowed to organize and join unions, creating new jobs opportunities with living wages."

Representative Lowen rose to yield her time, and the Chair "so ordered."

Representative Gates continued, stating:

"Thank you. This bill no longer includes appropriation, and it will use the funds from the medical program to administer this program. Most importantly, this bill takes the best practices and lessons learned from other

states that have legalized cannabis, so we avoid the unintended consequences feared by some.

"Mr. Speaker, I'm proud of the strength and leadership of our legislature that we have demonstrated over the years on many important issues, from being the first state to establish 100% renewable energy goals, to being among the first states to allow same sex marriage. I know that change can be scary, and that this bill might seem like a significant change to some of you. But at this time, I also know that each one of you are strong, and I know that you guys are all leaders and can see clearly that the data supports legalization here in Hawai'i. Whether it's the reduced usage of youth, whether it's cleaner, better products and safer products for the end consumer, or the money that can be generated to then go to paying for additional law enforcement to go after kids not only using cannabis, but also other illegal crimes in the community, Mr. Speaker.

"I hope you all understand that Hawai'i is the last remaining democratically-controlled state to consider legalizing and regulating adult use cannabis. And I hope that you guys join me in supporting SB 3335 and demonstrate the leadership our legislature is known for. In closing, Mr. Speaker, you have always told your members that the House of Representatives need to lead the way for the future of Hawai'i, and with your support, we've gotten this far in the discussion relating to cannabis. So, let's continue to lead the way. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

"Thank you. I just wanted to say I'm in support, and set a good example by inserting my prior comments from the last time we had this conversation. And just note to supporters and opponents that there's a variety of very extensive studies done on the subject matter. Virtually all of them show there's no positive or negative impact, in pretty much any capacity, in any direction you look at. So given that, I kind of err on the side of individual liberty. Thank you," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Pierick rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In opposition. My majority of my constituents are Filipino Catholics, over 60%. And so, to represent them, I'll be voting no. I ask the question for all of us, who do we represent? What's the majority makeup? What's their demographic? What's their religion? What's their preference on this issue? That should have a big part to play on what we believe we should do."

Representative Nakamura rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. According to Rule 28, we should limit remarks to the content of the bill."

The Chair addressed Representative Pierick, stating:

"Please confine your remarks, representative."

Representative Pierick: "Thank you. With regards to this bill, it receives public testimony in committees and it receives testimony with emails, phone calls, text messages, and direct messages to the representatives. So, with regards to this bill, we ask ourselves, what is the pulse of the community on this issue?"

Representative Nakamura rose to a point of order, stating:

"Point of order. Again, according to Rule 28, we are not talking about the pulse of the community, we are talking about the contents of the adult cannabis bill before us."

The Chair addressed Representative Pierick, stating:

"Please proceed."

Representative Garcia rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, my point of personal privilege, I guess, would be, mentioning how your district feels about this bill is completely related to this bill."

The Chair addressed Representative Garcia, stating:

"Representative Garcia, the Chair has asked Representative Pierick to continue with his remarks. Please proceed."

Representative Pierick continued, stating:

"Thank you. So, in receiving public input, I think it's a good idea for us to vote in alignment with that. And we should ask ourselves, is the public input coming from social media polls, website polls, and that would probably attract a certain demographic. And then is it coming from surveys sent out to our voters, that's going to attract another demographic. People that fill out paper forms probably are on the older side, and people who are filling out social media polls are probably on the younger side. So, these are things we should consider when we vote yes or no. I'll be voting no. Thank you."

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In support. I also surveyed my district. I asked them, do they support marijuana legalization? I didn't ask them whether it's well-regulated or anything. Well, 55% of them came back and said yes, 38% said no, 7% said unsure, and of the 7% that said unsure, they all favored a well-regulated market. So, we can pretty much count them in the support pile too. That's all I have to say. Thank you."

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, opposition. Mr. Speaker, as a registered Democrat, the Democratic platform is a yes, but today I am a no. In a rare move of bipartisan opposition, you have both parties today sharing their opposition. As a Democrat, we often push measures to advance and move the party forward in our communities. But as a representative in Nānākuli-Mā'ili, when I have a district of unhoused people experiencing substance abuse, where is that same support?"

"The ACLU recently has taken a public stance in support, Mr. Speaker. Where is ACLU when I need help dealing with folks experienced substance abuse that occupy public spaces, beaches, and prevent the public to access public spaces. Every single person that you can talk to on the unhoused coastline of the west side will mention at any one point in time, weed was their first drug. Sorry, cannabis. Every county police department has testified in opposition. I refuse to continue the narrative of this body that we are continuing to alienate law enforcement every single time that they have voiced their concern. If we're going to consider marijuana, I also would like this body to consider gambling, the true tax revenue generator that it's to be.

"A previous speaker said on the floor in the 1920s and mentioned the war on drugs. Mr. Speaker, let me remind the body, in the 1920s, we were a territory, not a state. The inclusion and introduction of drugs has hurt Native Hawaiian communities, to the point that where we have moved from Hawai'i and have moved to the coastlines of Hawaii. To protect the family was another notion mentioned. My no vote is to protect families, Mr. Speaker. At a town hall held in the interim, I had a young daughter come to the microphone, 11 years old, when we asked the question to the community on the legalization of marijuana. She had shared that drugs has affected her family directly and that her dad was first smoking marijuana. Her dad then transitioned to every other drug afterwards, sold their car to the effects of gambling, and has now put them in homelessness.

"Data may say otherwise, but when you also talk to people, people perspectives are different from data. Anyone in recovery of substance abuse will mention more times than not that yes, marijuana was their first drug and may also serve as a gateway drug.

"Mr. Speaker, what happens when our schools become inundated with marijuana? We will stand to be blamed, as they already are. Many proponents of this measure talk about the importance of its effects about Native Hawaiians. Where are the proponents of this issue of Native Hawaiians when displacement, access to housing, and addressing the cost

of living, when all these are relevant matters, and they choose not to show up? Native Hawaiians are often the scapegoat to pass or not pass a measure, and I refuse to allow that narrative to continue.

"When folks are experiencing substance abuse, they are not in the backyard of your communities. They come to the west side of O'ahu and they occupy public spaces and beaches that then do not allow people to access the places that they pay taxes to. If folks want to be supportive of Native Hawaiians as they claim to be, then show up 24/7 and not when it financially benefits you."

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

"In support, Mr. Speaker. May I please insert comments into the Journal with a brief comment? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As some of you know, we have a great deal of agriculture in Kona and on Hawai'i Island. Besides Kona Coffee, we have Kona Gold. Kona Gold and Maui Wowie are examples of globally known strains of cannabis products that are Hawai'i made products. I would love to see them as legal agriculture in Hawai'i."

Representative Kahaloa's written remarks are as follows:

"I have many reasons why I support adult use cannabis, but I think it is important to share a few personal reasons with all of you. My grandfather was addicted to opioids in the last decade and a half of his life. It was difficult for me to see him continue to use western medication in such strong quantities as a form of pain management, but it was alarming when a nurse had to explain to me that he had an addiction. Now these are legal medications approved by the federal government for pain management.

"Cannabis is a form of pain management, but is typically not subscribed to patients like my grandfather and he would never ask for that type of prescription. Smoking was a 'no no' for him, but I would have hoped that he could have had the opportunity to use edible cannabis. He would have never gotten a medical license or gone into a medical cannabis store by himself. The stigma of cannabis and his health would not allow for it. That is why things need to change and why we need this legislation."

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

"Mr. Speaker, opposed, comment. Marijuana, some of us are over here talking about testing the marijuana and the experience that they have. Just imagine, if all of us smoked five joints, ten joints, and right now we making rules in the state, all of us is all stoned inside here. But it's legal. I can go outside there during my lunch break and smoke marijuana, come inside here and be the voice for the people. This is who we represent is ourselves, our people, our family.

"Some people take steroids, make them stronger, faster, bigger. That seems like a good drug, but it's illegal. Cocaine, other drugs, make them stay up, make them work harder. But we say no to those drugs because those drugs are illegal. It alternates our body, it alternates our mind. And yet marijuana is a drug that even some that says that there's so many pounds of illegal drugs is coming on, or marijuana coming on and coming in Hawai'i, or monies that are being transferred.

"So, now we go after all these other illegal drugs that have steroids, cocaine, or whatever, based on pounds and money. But we don't do that because we know that's wrong. We know that this illegal drugs is through life experience. We didn't see much enhancement that people grow better for our community. But you can see that affects our community, through life experience.

"I don't need to test one professional from UH or somebody to study in it, I just had to live it. We all live it. We all know our families that has been struggling. And yet we sit here today making like we should legalize it because maybe we need more tax money. Or maybe we should support some other cause for it. But it is legal medically. People already can get it as the way it is. But we don't have to hurt more of ruining lives.

"So, for our colleagues here, if we reservations or oppose, this is a chance that we can really make a difference. And I know that we are here and trying to do it. And I don't see anybody coming inside here stoned, because I believe that we have the right intentions. So, let's continue with that right intentions and serve our people. Thank you."

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

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

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

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

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

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in support. May I have the words of the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs entered in Journal as if they were my own. Brief comment. One of the good things about being a state that is late in national or international conversations, is that we can take a lot of lessons and figure out what is appropriate for Hawaii or not. I think that this measure takes some reasonable regulations and long overdue regulations for cannabis. For those reasons, I'm in support," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Ward rose to respond, stating:

"Second time, I want to footnote a couple of things. First, a comment that I'm really proud of what we're doing, we're actually debating. This is the marketplace of ideas and I think this is really what the people put us here for, regardless of what their position is on this particular vote.

"First thing I want to mention is that, for some reason, some people think that the black market is going to go away because of what we've got here. We have to remember that the AG said that this is not something that she supports because of public safety. And some people have said, well, because of public safety, well, that's just made-up stuff. She's not doing Fauci-science. She's doing real public safety, listening to all the police commissioners, to all the mayors--"

Representative Ganaden rose to a point of order, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, point of order. Fauci-science, I'm not sure of what he's referring to."

Representative Ward: "That's a creative use of terms because of what is true and what is not true."

Speaker Saiki: "Representative Ward, Representative Ward."

Representative Ward: "And don't interrupt me when I'm speaking."

Speaker Saiki: "Representative Ward."

Representative Ward: "Don't interrupt me when I'm speaking. I have a vocabulary, you have a vocabulary."

At 1:47 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

Representative Ward continued, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was speaking about the attorney general saying, because of public safety, because of those professionals who are on the line for those people who are under the influence of marijuana, they know that this stuff is real. She's doing it for more than she just covering her backside on this thing. She said she doesn't do it. Of course, she made because of what we want, a structure and a safety. But to think that the black market is going to go away, Mr. Speaker, is really naive. I think to believe that is being very unscientific.

"The second thing is, I think there's one word that we've not mentioned in this whole debate, and that's the H word. The homeless. We have a mental crisis among the homeless. The most accessible thing to them is marijuana, even though it's the cheap wine and the booze that they're doing also. If we legalize and we think we've got a control under homelessness in it, and the money that we're paying, Mr. Speaker, we're paying millions upon millions of dollars. And then somebody related to this homeless tsar here, who knows this is a big problem. And we have tried to, through the governor,

ambitiously, to cut down homelessness in the next three years. Which I applaud and we should do it. But if we legalize this, this is going to work against our colleague to eliminate homelessness, because it's going to increase homelessness because of the way that marijuana affects the economy, the people, and particularly the youth who I think we should be really in protection for. So, normalization, homelessness is going to be catalyzed by the increase in the use of marijuana. Thank you."

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

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

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

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

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In strong support. I would just like to take a moment to thank the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs for his commitment to this work and being able to put forward a really incredible bill. And I'm really proud to be a part of the body that was able to hear this. I'd also like to thank his committee and the committees that have had to hear this bill as well. I know that they have spent long hours listening to them and listening to members of the community. I would also like to have his words, the chair of Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, put into the Journal as if they were my own, along with the representative from Hōlualoa inserted into the Journal as my own as well," and the Chair "so ordered." (By reference only.)

Representative Kapela continued, stating:

"I think this is an issue, it's going to keep coming back again and again. And I think my constituents would be upset if I didn't stand up in strong support. I have been a supporter since I've gotten elected, and I will continue to support this until we get this work done. I also want to say that, as someone who has watched families be ripped apart by the war on drugs, I think it's really high time that we legalize recreational cannabis use and stop ripping families apart for smoking a plant."

Representative Gates rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Still in support. Just wanted to mention that alcohol is the number one gateway drug to other illicit hardcore drugs, as noted by HPD in their testimony in CPC. We also know that prohibition hasn't been working on this issue relating to cannabis. And if we are not going to do anything to change what's being done now, then how can we expect anything to change?"

"And the last thing is, there is adequate amount of support for those in our houseless population that want support. We have gone out countless times to those on the beach on the west side and the people we can help, we helped, and the people that did not want to take the help, that's a rock and a hard place to put the Legislature and folks that are in that situation. But I do think that there is a lot being done to address those situations in our community. And I think that this can help address those issues as well. *Mahalo.*"

Representative Matayoshi rose to respond, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Still in opposition. I just want to encourage the body to vote on the bill before us. While I respect and actually agree with the chair of Health on a lot of the protections that this bill puts in, I disagree that we should vote with reservations or vote in favor of this bill, just to see it move along. If those changes are made, then I might reconsider my vote. I just don't know. But we can't be voting on what the bill might be. We can't be voting on a bill that has some good parts, but also has an incredible harm to our society in the form of legalizing recreational marijuana. And I encourage all the members to vote on the bill before us. This might be the last time that we get to see this bill, and I encourage you all to just take a look, make a vote on the bill before us at this time. Thank you."

Representative Alcos rose to respond, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, opposition. Just sitting down listening to the votes, we are just four votes away to killing it right now. Guys, some of us didn't vote on it and some of you here get to share your voice on it. This is a chance that we can, your voice is really being heard in your community. And please, this is a passionate bill to all of us. So please make your voices or let your voice be heard. Thank you."

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

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

At 1:55 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 3335, SD 2, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CANNABIS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Belatti, M. Mizuno, and Sayama voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Aiu, Alcos, Chun, Garcia, Garrett, Hashem, Ichiyama, Kila, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, Kong, La Chica, Lamosao, Matayoshi, Matsumoto, Nishimoto, Onishi, Pierick, Souza, Takayama, Takenouchi, Ward, and Woodson voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Kobayashi rose, stating:

"Mr. Speaker, can we have a division of the House?"

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"I second the motion."

At 1:57 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 1:58 p.m.

Representative Garcia rose, stating:

"Point of order. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we take a roll call vote on S.B. No. 3335."

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"I second the motion."

At 1:58 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Representative Garcia rose, stating:

"Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to do a roll call vote on the previous vote for all the bills."

Representative Ward rose, stating:

"I second the motion."

At 2:00 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

At this time, the Chair stated:

"Just for the members edification, the vote on SCR 1339, S.B. No. 3335, was as follows: 25 votes were recorded in favor and 23 votes were recorded in opposition. Of the 25 votes, three were recorded as with reservations. So, the vote was 25-23."

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1340-24) recommending that S.B. No. 2757, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2757, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEX TRAFFICKING," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1341-24) recommending that S.B. No. 3159, SD 1, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Representative Nakamura moved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that S.B. No. 3159, SD 1, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Representative Gates 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. 3159, SD 1, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTESTED CASES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading, with Representatives Belatti and Gates voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Amato, Ganaden, Holt, Hussey-Burdick, Kapela, Perruso, Poepoe, and Souza voting no, and with Representatives Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1342-24) recommending that H.R. No. 139 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 H.R. No. 139, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN INCARCERATED AT THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1343-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 160 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 H.C.R. No. 160, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONS IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WOMEN INCARCERATED AT THE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1344-24) recommending that H.R. No. 101 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1345-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 120 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 101 and H.C.R. No. 120 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 101, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ORDER HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC TO CONTINUE TO DEPLOY AND PURSUE COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 120, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ORDER HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC TO CONTINUE TO DEPLOY AND PURSUE COMMUNITY-BASED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1346-24) recommending that H.R. No. 192 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1347-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 212 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Representative Nakamura moved that the reports of the Committee be adopted, and that H.R. No. 192 and H.C.R. No. 212 be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

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

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 192, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INVESTIGATE AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO REDUCE THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS, PACKAGING, OR MATERIALS CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES INTO THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 212, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO INVESTIGATE AND

IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO REDUCE THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS, PACKAGING, OR MATERIALS CONTAINING PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES INTO THE STATE," was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1348-24) recommending that H.R. No. 132 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 H.R. No. 132, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND SAMPLING TECHNOLOGIES IN WASTE COMBUSTION FACILITIES AND MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1349-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 153 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 H.C.R. No. 153, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND SAMPLING TECHNOLOGIES IN WASTE COMBUSTION FACILITIES AND MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representative Lowen, for the Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, presented two reports:

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1350-24) recommending that H.R. No. 177 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs; and

(Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1351-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 197 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. 177 and H.C.R. No. 197 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 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."

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the reports of the Committee were adopted and H.R. No. 177, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST BIG OIL CORPORATIONS FOR CLIMATE DAMAGES TO THE STATE AND ENGAGE A THIRD-PARTY LAW FIRM THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN THIS LEGAL AREA," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused; and

H.C.R. No. 197, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST BIG OIL CORPORATIONS FOR CLIMATE DAMAGES TO THE STATE AND ENGAGE A THIRD-PARTY LAW FIRM THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN THIS LEGAL AREA," was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1352-24) recommending that H.R. No. 52, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.R. No. 52, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STREAM MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Ichiyama, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1353-24) recommending that H.C.R. No. 67, as amended in HD 1, be adopted.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committees was adopted and H.C.R. No. 67, HD 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STREAM MAINTENANCE WORKING GROUP BY THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU," was adopted, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering a certain Senate Bill for Third Reading by consent calendar. (Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan were excused.)

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 2387:

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, S.B. No. 2387, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OWNERS OF LAND," passed Third Reading by a vote of 44 ayes, with Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan being excused.

At 2:07 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

S.B. No. 2387

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ichiyama: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a friendly reminder, the Women's Legislative Caucus Easter Basket Drive is next week Wednesday. And we just wanted to share that we had to move the event. We're usually at the chamber level down here in front of the glass doors, but we're going to be moving up to the rotunda. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:08 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon Monday, March 25, 2024. (Representatives Evslin, Garrett, Kila, Lamosao, Martinez, Nakashima, and Quinlan were excused.)

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Communication dated March 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 made the following changes to the conferees on the following measures:

H.B. No. 27, Discharged all conferees.
HD 1, SD 1

H.B. No. 40, Discharged all conferees.
SD 1

H.B. No. 67, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 612, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 69, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 617, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 74, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 622, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 193, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 676, HD 1, SD 2, CD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 197, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 678, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 201, HD 2, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 690, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 222, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 694, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 224, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 707, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 259, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 711, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 308, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 719, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 313, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 724, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 314, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 727, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 340, HD 2, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 837, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 346, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 872, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 361, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 908, HD 2, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 378, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 951, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 384, HD 2, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 963, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 406, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 971, HD 2, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 415, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 973, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 473, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 974, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 522, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 982, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 546, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 989, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 547, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 994, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 564, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 995, HD 2, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 606, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 1002, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 607, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 1003, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.
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H.B. No. 1009, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	H.B. No. 1439, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.
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H.B. No. 1087, HD 2, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	S.B. No. 44, SD 2, HD 3	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 1131, HD 1, SD 2	Discharged all conferees.	S.B. No. 57, SD 2, HD 2	Discharged all conferees.
H.B. No. 1132, HD 1, SD 1	Discharged all conferees.	S.B. No. 62, SD 2, HD 1	Discharged all conferees.
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