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## SEVENTEENTH DAY

Monday, February 12, 2024

The House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, convened at 12:02 p.m., with Speaker Saiki presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Sean Quinlan, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Amato, Gates, Lowen, Todd, and Woodson, who were excused.

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

## INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED:      Rep. Ilagan  
   Rep. Pierick

At 12:06 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 228-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1964, 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 H.B. No. 1964, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY CHILD CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 229-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2426, 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 H.B. No. 2426, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RELATIVE RESOURCE CAREGIVERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 230-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2713, 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 H.B. No. 2713, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ADOPTION ASSISTANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 231-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1776, 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 H.B. No. 1776, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERVICES TAX CREDIT,"

passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 232-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2217, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2217, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 233-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2405, 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 H.B. No. 2405, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 234-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2181, 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 H.B. No. 2181, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 235-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2369, 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 H.B. No. 2369, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:      Rep. Ward  
   Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2369, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 236-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2354, 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 H.B. No. 2354, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:      Rep. Ward

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2354, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW BOARD," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 237-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2005, 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 H.B. No. 2005, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 238-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1620, 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 H.B. No. 1620, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 239-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1960, 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 H.B. No. 1960, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1960, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLANNING ORGANIZATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Ichiyama, for the Committee on Water & Land, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 240-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1529, 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 H.B. No. 1529, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BURIAL COUNCILS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 241-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1657, 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 H.B. No. 1657, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 242-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1903,

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 H.B. No. 1903, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 243-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1977, 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 H.B. No. 1977, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BRAILLE LITERACY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 244-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2384, 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 H.B. No. 2384, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 245-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2577, 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 H.B. No. 2577, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 246-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2661, 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 H.B. No. 2661, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick  
Rep. Perruso

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2661, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Perruso voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 247-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2675, 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 H.B. No. 2675, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 248-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2578, 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 H.B. No. 2578, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EARLY LEARNING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 249-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2772, 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 H.B. No. 2772, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SEAL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 250-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2736, 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 H.B. No. 2736, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ward

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2736, 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 Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 251-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1861, 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 H.B. No. 1861, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NUMBER PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tam, for the Committee on Culture, Arts, & International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 252-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2715, 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 H.B. No. 2715, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 253-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1904, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1904, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee

on Education, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 254-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2739, 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 H.B. No. 2739, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY ASSISTANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 255-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2462, 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 H.B. No. 2462, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 256-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2183 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 H.B. No. 2183 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick  
Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2183, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SEXUAL EXPLOITATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 257-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2428, 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 H.B. No. 2428, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2428, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 258-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1594, 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 H.B. No. 1594, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred

to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ward  
Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1594, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTOXICATING LIQUOR," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 259-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2491, 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 H.B. No. 2491, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 260-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1539, 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 H.B. No. 1539, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Pierick  
Rep. Garcia  
Rep. Kapela  
Rep. Perruso

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1539, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Todd, for the Committee on Transportation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 261-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1935, 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 H.B. No. 1935, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Ward  
Rep. Quinlan

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1935, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF INTOXICANTS WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Ward voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 262-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1805, 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 H.B. No. 1805, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT UNDER PROTEST LAWSUITS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 263-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1806, 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 H.B. No. 1806, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR TAX APPEALS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 264-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1845, 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 H.B. No. 1845, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Souza  
Speaker Saiki  
Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1845, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARTIAL PUBLIC FINANCING OF ELECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 265-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1942, 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 H.B. No. 1942, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 266-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1596, 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 H.B. No. 1596, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Lamosao  
Rep. Garcia  
Rep. Alcos  
Rep. Ward  
Rep. Souza  
Rep. Kong  
Rep. Kila  
Rep. Matsumoto  
Rep. Matayoshi  
Rep. Tarnas  
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**TO BE INSERTED:**

Rep. Gates  
 Rep. Ward

(Submit by Thursday, February 15)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1596, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Chun, Garrett, Takenouchi, and Woodson voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Kila, Kitagawa, Kobayashi, Kong, La Chica, Lamosao, Matayoshi, Matsumoto, Nishimoto, Pierick, Souza, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 267-24) recommending that H.B. No. 408, as amended in HD 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Health & Homelessness.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 408, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," was recommitted to the Committee on Health & Homelessness, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 268-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2007, as amended in HD 1, be recommitted to the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Water & Land.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2007, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," was recommitted to the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Water & Land, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

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

**THIRD READING****H.B. No. 2520:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 2520, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, THE OMBUDSMAN, AND THE ETHICS COMMISSION," passed Third Reading by a vote of 46 ayes to 1 no, with

Representative Souza voting no, and with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

At 1:00 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Third Reading:

H.B. No. 2520

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

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

**FINAL READING****H.B. No. 129:**

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, H.B. No. 129, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECOUNTS," passed Final Reading by a vote of 46 ayes, with Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd being excused.

At 1:01 p.m., the Chair noted that the following bill passed Final Reading:

H.B. No. 129

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

By unanimous consent, the following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 5 through 7) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 15 through 17) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 5, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A NEW SATELLITE CITY HALL OFFICE IN MILILANI TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.R. No. 6, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLICE SUBSTATION IN MILILANI TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN THE MILILANI COMMUNITY," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.R. No. 7, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL NONPROFIT TO PROVIDE REGULAR CARE AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN CENTRAL OAHU," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.C.R. No. 15, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A NEW SATELLITE CITY HALL OFFICE IN MILILANI TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.C.R. No. 16, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ESTABLISH A NEW POLICE SUBSTATION IN MILILANI TO INCREASE POLICE PRESENCE IN THE MILILANI COMMUNITY," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.C.R. No. 17, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO CONTRACT WITH A LOCAL NONPROFIT TO PROVIDE REGULAR CARE AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN CENTRAL OAHU," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

**COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS**

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

**H.B.**

**Nos.    Rē-referred to:**

- 408,    Jointly to the Committee on Health & Homelessness and the  
HD1    Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Finance
- 1525    Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems, then to the Committee  
on Finance
- 1935,    Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Judiciary  
HD1    & Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Finance
- 2007,    Jointly to the Committee on Housing and the Committee on Water  
HD1    & Land, then to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:02 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned until noon tomorrow, Tuesday, February 13, 2024. (Representatives Amato, Lowen, Nakashima, Quinlan, and Todd were excused.)

**HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

House Communication dated February 12, 2024, from Brian L. Takeshita, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, to the Honorable President and members of the Senate, informing the Senate that the House has this day passed the following bill on Final Reading:

H.B. No. 129