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#### EIGHTEENTH DAY

#### Tuesday, February 13, 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 Vice Speaker Ilagan presiding.

The invocation was delivered by Representative Lisa Marten, after which the Roll was called showing all members present with the exception of Representatives Kila and Takayama, who were excused.

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

#### SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication from the Senate (Sen. Com. No. 8) was received and announced by the Clerk:

Sen. Com. No. 8, transmitting S.B. No. 2072, SD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," which passed Third Reading in the Senate on February 12, 2024.

On motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the following Senate Bill passed First Reading by title and further action was deferred: (Representatives Kila and Takayama were excused.)

S.B. No. 2072, SD 1

#### INTRODUCTIONS

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

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Cochran Rep. Matayoshi Rep. Holt Rep. Marten

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 269-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2430, 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. 2430, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 270-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1670, 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. 1670, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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. 1670, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOBILE CLINICS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representatives Marten and Hashem, for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 271-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2227,

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 H.B. No. 2227, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representatives Marten and Belatti, for the Committee on Human Services and the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 272-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2325, 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 H.B. No. 2325, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED: Rep. Garcia

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2325, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 273-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1921, 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. 1921, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Garcia Rep. Pierick Rep. Alcos

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1921, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOBILE VACCINATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Alcos voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 274-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2775, 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. 2775, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 275-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1588, as amended in HD 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology.

On motion by Representative Nakamura, seconded by Representative Morikawa and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1588, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LABOR EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Higher Education & Technology, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 276-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1908, 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. 1908, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Ward

At 12:13 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:14 p.m.

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. 1908, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Matayoshi, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 277-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1644, as amended in HD I, 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. 1644, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Woodson, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 278-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2400, 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 Committees be adopted, and that H.B. No. 2400, HD I pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Garcia

Rep. Pierick

Rep. Ward

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2400, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Woodson, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 279-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2401, 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 H.B. No. 2401, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Woodson, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 280-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2258,

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 H.B. No. 2258, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Garcia

Rep. Ward Rep. Perruso

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committees was adopted and H.B. No. 2258, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Perruso voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representatives Matayoshi and Woodson, for the Committee on Labor & Government Operations and the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 281-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1827, 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 H.B. No. 1827, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 282-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2222, 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. 2222, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 283-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1631, 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 H.B. No. 1631, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 284-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1656, 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. 1656, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 285-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1767, 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. 1767, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SERVICES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 286-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1775, 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. 1775, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Garcia Rep. Pierick Rep. Kapela Rep. Ward Rep. Matayoshi Rep. Perruso

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. 1775, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Garcia and Ward voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Woodson, for the Committee on Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 287-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2535, 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 H.B. No. 2535, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD CARE," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 288-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2485, 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. 2485, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE TAX ADMINISTRATION," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 289-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1812, 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. 1812, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Souza Vice Speaker Ilagan Rep. Souza

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1812, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representative Souza voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 290-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2241, 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. 2241, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL

AIR PATROL," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Hashem, for the Committee on Corrections, Military, & Veterans, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 291-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2483, 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. 2483, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 292-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1956, 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. 1956, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Kapela Rep. Perruso Rep. Ward

TO BE INSERTED: Rep. Ward (Submit by Friday, February 16)

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1956, 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 Kapela and Perruso voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 293-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1959, 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. 1959, 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 Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Holt, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 294-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1957, 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. 1957, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESEARCH ACTIVITIES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Marten, for the Committee on Human Services, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 295-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2555, 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. 2555, 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. 2555, 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 Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 296-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1674, 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. 1674, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tamas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 297-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1774, 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 H.B. No. 1774, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 298-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2058, 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. 2058, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DOGS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 299-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2199, HD I, 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 H.B. No. 2199, HD 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT," was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 300-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2340, as amended in HD I, 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. 2340, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS, OR ITS EMPLOYEES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 301-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2486, as amended in HD I, 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. 2486, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, 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. 2486, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR

AN ACT RELATING TO TAX ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 302-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2488, as amended in HD I, 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. 2488, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAXATION BOARD OF REVIEW," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Tarnas, for the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 303-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2621, as amended in HD I, 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. 2621, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Pierick Rep. Ward Rep. Garcia Rep. Alcos Rep. Matsumoto

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 2621, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Matsumoto voting aye with reservations, with Representatives Alcos, Garcia, Pierick, and Ward voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 304-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2292, 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. 2292, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Evslin, for the Committee on Housing, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 305-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2431, 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. 2431, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Garcia 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. 2431, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Finance, with Representative Garcia voting aye with reservations, with Representative Pierick voting no, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 306-24) recommending that H.B. No. 1963, 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. 1963, HD 1 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, seconded by Representative Morikawa.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Perruso Rep. Kapela

The motion was put to vote by the Chair and carried, and the report of the Committee was adopted and H.B. No. 1963, HD 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH CARE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, with Representatives Kapela and Perruso voting aye with reservations, and with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

Representative Belatti, for the Committee on Health & Homelessness, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 307-24) recommending that H.B. No. 2253, 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. 2253, HD I, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, with Representatives Kila and Takayama being excused.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

By unanimous consent, the following resolutions (H.R. Nos. 8 and 9) and concurrent resolutions (H.C.R. Nos. 18 and 19) were referred to Printing and further action was deferred:

H.R. No. 8, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO PRIORITIZE POLICIES AND SERVICES EXPANDING FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS OF BENEFITS FOR HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD VETERANS, RETIREES, AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.R. No. 9, entitled: "HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT NATIVE PLANT SEEDING PROJECTS IN MILILANI MAUKA TO RESTORE THE ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE FROM THE NOVEMBER WILDFIRES," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.C.R. No. 18, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO PRIORITIZE POLICIES AND SERVICES EXPANDING FINANCIAL AND OTHER FORMS OF BENEFITS FOR HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD VETERANS, RETIREES, AND VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

H.C.R. No. 19, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT NATIVE PLANT SEEDING PROJECTS IN MILILANI MAUKA TO RESTORE THE ECOLOGICAL DAMAGE FROM THE NOVEMBER WILDFIRES," was offered by Representative Matsumoto.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Tarnas

Rep. Gates

At 12:28 p.m., the Chair declared a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House of Representatives reconvened at 12:29 p.m.

REMARKS DELIVERED:

Rep. Gates

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 p.m., on motion by Representative Morikawa, seconded by Representative Garcia and carried, the House of Representatives adjourned

until noon tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14, 2024. (Representatives Ichiyama, Kila, and Takayama were excused.)