

TWELFTH DAY

Thursday, February 3, 1977

The Senate of the Ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1977, convened at 11:30 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Reverend Keith Sears of the Kaimuki Church of the Nazarene, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Saiki, Soares and Yee who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Eleventh Day.

At this time, the following introductions were made to the members of the Senate:

Senator Kuroda introduced 100 fourth and fifth grade students from Maili Elementary School, accompanied by their teachers, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. Charlene Okano, Mrs. Kay Yonemori, Mrs. Sharleen A. Bannigan, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, Miss Sharon Matsumoto, Mrs. Rene Mansho, Miss Gerry Kihara and Mrs. Claudette Joseph.

Senator Chong introduced 27 seniors from St. Louis High School, accompanied by their teacher, Mr. Rod Santos.

Senator Kawasaki then introduced Mr. James Baker, from Michigan, and Mr. Robert Fukuda, former U.S. Attorney and member of the Hawaii State House of Representatives; both are members of the University of Michigan Law School Alumni.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 90 to 93) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 90), informing the Senate that he had approved the transfer of \$76,191 in general funds as follows:

- 1) PER 121 - Workforce Effectiveness;
- 2) PER 131 - Collective Bargaining Services
- 3) PER 191 - Supporting Services;
- 4) PER 101 - Workforce Attraction and Selection; and
- 5) PER 111 - Classification,

to enable the Department of Personnel

Services to reduce its backlog of requests for certification of eligibles and position classification actions, pursuant to Section 102, Act 195/75, General Appropriations Act, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 91), transmitting copies of reports prepared by the Department of Education in response to the following resolutions:

- 1) House Resolution No. 116, Regular Session of 1976, Requesting Increased Familiarization of Students with the Tourist Industry in Hawaii;
- 2) House Resolution No. 539, Regular Session of 1976, Requesting a Study of the Need and Feasibility of a Youth Focused Legal Education Curriculum for Grades K-12, including copies of A Survey of Legal Education Materials for Youth, compiled by the Hawaii Committee on Legal Education for Youth under a grant from the Hawaii Bar Association and an interested citizen; and
- 3) Senate Resolution No. 317, Regular Session of 1976, Requesting the Department of Education to Evaluate the Applicability of Incorporating Project Rise Into the Secondary School Curriculum,

was referred to the Committee on Education.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 92), transmitting copies of Third Annual Progress Report on Mental Health Services for Children and Youth, prepared by the Department of Health pursuant to Section 321-176, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was referred to the Committee on Health.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 93), transmitting copies of reports prepared by the Commission on Manpower and Full Employment as follows:

- 1) Immigrants in Hawaii, 1976, Second Annual Report, prepared by the Immigrant Services Center pursuant to Section 202-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
- 2) Evaluation Report of the Kalihi-Palama Immigrant Service Center and Related Immigrant Services Projects, Fiscal Year 1975-76, prepared for the Progressive Neighborhoods Program,

was referred to the Committee on Human

Resources.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 8 and 9) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 8), returning Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 49, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 2, 1977, was placed on file.

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 9), transmitting House Concurrent Resolution No. 15, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 2, 1977, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Young, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, H.C.R. No. 15, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING KE KUA'ANA NUI, HAWAII BIG SISTERS, INC. FOR EXEMPLARY ACTIVITIES IN PROVIDING MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS AND RELATIONSHIPS FOR YOUNG GIRLS", was adopted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 52 to 57) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 52), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF APPLYING CHAPTERS 516 AND 519, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIMES", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Toyofuku, Chong, F. Wong, Taira, Takitani, King, O'Connor, Soares, Yamasaki and Ching.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 52 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 53), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING PROMPT USE OF THE LAND EXCHANGE POWERS OF CHAPTER 516, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Hara, Toyofuku, Chong, Takitani, Taira, F. Wong, Ching, O'Connor, Soares and Yamasaki.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 53 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 54), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CONSIDERATION BY THE FORTHCOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF A SYSTEM OF ELECTED DISTRICT SCHOOL COUNCILS AND AN APPOINTED SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF HAWAII'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM", was jointly offered by Senators Saiki, Soares, Henderson, Anderson, George, Leopold and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 54 was referred to the Committee on Education.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 55), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO MAINTAIN 3-ON-2 CLASSES ON AN OPTION BASIS WHILE UTILIZING SURPLUS FUNDS AND TEACHERS TO LOWER THE TEACHER-PUPIL RATIO IN SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOMS AND HIRE TEACHERS FOR OTHER NEEDED EDUCATIONAL POSITIONS", was jointly offered by Senators Anderson, Soares, George, Saiki, Leopold, Yee and Henderson.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 55 was referred to the Committee on Education.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 56), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE NEXT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS FOR RATIFICATION", was jointly offered by Senators Anderson, Saiki, Soares, Yee, George, Henderson and Leopold.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 56 was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 57), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MEMBERS OF THE FORTHCOMING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A NONPARTISAN UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE", was jointly offered by Senators Anderson, Leopold, Soares, Henderson, Saiki, Yee and George.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 57 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 128 to 139) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A resolution (S.R. No. 128), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF APPLYING CHAPTERS 516 AND 519, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIMES", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Takitani, Chong, Toyofuku, Taira, F. Wong, King, O'Connor, Soares, Yamasaki and Ching.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 128 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A resolution (S.R. No. 129), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING PROMPT USE OF THE LAND EXCHANGE POWERS OF CHAPTER 516, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Hara, Chong, F. Wong, Takitani, Toyofuku, Taira, O'Connor, Soares, Yamasaki and Ching.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 129 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A resolution (S.R. No. 130), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY TO EXPAND ITS HOME OWNERSHIP EDUCATION COURSE TO INCLUDE RESIDENTS OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Hara, Takitani, Toyofuku, Chong, Taira, F. Wong, King, O'Connor, Soares and Yamasaki.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 130 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A resolution (S.R. No. 131), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DISCONTINUE ITS SUPPORT OF THE FIXED RAIL MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF HONOLULU", was jointly offered by Senators Yee, Saiki, Soares, Anderson and Henderson.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 131 was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A resolution (S.R. No. 132), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO HALT FURTHER PLANNING AND FUNDING FOR A WEST OAHU COLLEGE", was jointly offered by Senators Soares, Henderson, Saiki, George, Anderson, Leopold and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 132 was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

A resolution (S.R. No. 133), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING

THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO RELEASE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DEEPWATER HARBOR AT BARBERS POINT", was jointly offered by Senators Soares, Saiki, Anderson, Henderson, George, Leopold and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 133 was referred to the Committee on Transportation, then to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A resolution (S.R. No. 134), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THEIR INVESTIGATION FOR ALTERNATIVE ROUTES FOR TH-3 TO EXPEDITE ITS COMPLETION", was jointly offered by Senators Anderson, Soares, Saiki, Yee, George and Henderson.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 134 was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A resolution (S.R. No. 135), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE NEXT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION THAT AN AMENDMENT GRANTING THE INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL TO THE PEOPLE BE CONSIDERED", was jointly offered by Senators Soares, Leopold, George, Anderson, Henderson, Saiki and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 135 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A resolution (S.R. No. 136), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE NEXT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII, SECTION 2 OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION DEALING WITH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING", was jointly offered by Senators Henderson, Anderson, George, Soares, Saiki and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 136 was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A resolution (S.R. No. 137), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE DIRECTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY", was jointly offered by Senators Henderson, Leopold, Anderson, Soares, George, Saiki and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 137 was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A resolution (S.R. No. 138), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING HERBERT C. CORNUELLE FOR RECEIVING

THE HAWAII SALESMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD", was jointly offered by Senators Ching, Taira, Kawasaki, Yamasaki, Hulten, F. Wong, Chong, Young, Takitani, O'Connor, Saiki, Kuroda, King, Toyofuku, Leopold, George, Henderson, Anderson and Soares.

On motion by Senator Ching, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, S.R. No. 138 was adopted.

A resolution (S.R. No. 139), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING RAYMOND SUEFUJI ON HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF HAWAII", was jointly offered by Senators F. Wong, Hara, Taira, Takitani, Toyofuku, Chong, Ching, Ushijima, George, King, R. Wong, Saiki, Henderson, Kuroda, Kawasaki, Yim, Leopold, Anderson, Yee, Soares and Yamasaki.

On motion by Senator Hara, seconded by Senator Henderson and carried, S.R. No. 139 was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS

On motion by Senator Taira, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, the following bills passed First Reading by title, were referred to print and were placed on the calendar for further consideration on Friday, February 4, 1977:

Senate Bills

No. 413 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Taxation of Real Property."

Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki, Toyofuku, Takitani, Ching, Kuroda, Chong and Hulten.

No. 414 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Real Property Tax."

Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki, Takitani, Ching, Chong and Hulten.

No. 415 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Real Property Tax."

Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki, Takitani, Ching, Chong and Hulten.

No. 416 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Employees of County Legislative Bodies."

Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki, Takitani, Ching, Chong, Hara and Hulten.

No. 417 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Real Property Taxation."

Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki, Toyofuku, Takitani, Ching, Kuroda

and Chong.

No. 418 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Real Property Taxation."

Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki, Takitani, Ching, Hara, Chong and Henderson.

No. 419 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Water Capital Improvement Projects, County of Hawaii."

Introduced by: Senators Hara, Ushijima, Henderson, Kuroda, Chong, O'Connor, Taira, Nishimura, Toyofuku, Ching, F. Wong, Yamasaki, Young, Hulten, Takitani, Leopold and King.

No. 420 "A Bill for an Act Relating to General Excise Tax Exemptions."

Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, F. Wong and Nishimura.

No. 421 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Radiation Safety."

Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, F. Wong, Nishimura and O'Connor.

No. 422 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Physicians and Surgeons."

Introduced by: Senator Chong, by request.

No. 423 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Making an Appropriation to Provide a Grant-In-Aid to The House, Inc."

Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, F. Wong, Nishimura and O'Connor.

No. 424 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Health."

Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, F. Wong, Nishimura and O'Connor.

No. 425 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Medical Malpractice."

Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, F. Wong, Nishimura and O'Connor.

No. 426 "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Dissemination of Population Stabilization and Family Planning Information to Applicants for Marriage Licenses."

Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, Nishimura, Kuroda, Kawasaki, King and Toyofuku.

- No. 427 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Discrimination."
Introduced by: Senator Chong, by request.
- No. 428 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Statutory Discrimination Regarding Substance Abuse."
Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani and Nishimura.
- No. 429 "A Bill for an Act Relating to the State Privacy Law."
Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani and Nishimura.
- No. 430 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Information Access."
Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani and Nishimura.
- No. 431 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Rights of Patients."
Introduced by: Senators Chong, Takitani, Nishimura, Kawasaki, King and Kuroda.
- No. 433 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Health Care Provider Employment Practices."
Introduced by: Senators Hulten, Nishimura, Chong, Takitani, Ching, Taira, F. Wong, O'Connor, King and R. Wong.
- No. 434 "A Bill for an Act to Amend Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Relating to State Functions and Responsibilities."
Introduced by: Senator Hulten, by request.
- No. 435 "A Bill for an Act Amending Section 205-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Relating to Amendments to District Boundaries."
Introduced by: Senator Hulten, by request.
- No. 436 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Tort Liability and Proper Standard of Care."
Introduced by: Senator Hulten.
- No. 437 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Election Contributions."
Introduced by: Senator Yim.
- No. 438 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Plans and Construction of a Physical Education Building at Baldwin High School, Maui."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 439 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Construction of a Long Term Care Facility at Kahului for Hale Makua, County of Maui."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 440 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Plans and Construction of Improvements at Maalaea Small Boat Harbor, Maui."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 441 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Plans and Construction of Improvements at Maui Vacuum Cooling Plant, Omaopio, Maui."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 442 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Acquisition of Land and Plans for the Construction of a New Makawao Intermediate School, Maui."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 443 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Plans and Construction of an Overpass at the Intersection of Honoapiilani Highway and Dickenson Street, Lahaina, Maui."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 444 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Construction of a Gymnasium at Maui High School."
Introduced by: Senators Yamasaki and Takitani.
- No. 445 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Operating Losses."
Introduced by: Senators Henderson, Soares, Saiki, Leopold, Anderson, George, Kuroda, Taira, Toyofuku, Yamasaki, O'Connor, Chong, Takitani, Nishimura, Young, Hulten and Ching.
- On motion by Senator Taira, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, the following bill was referred to print and was placed on the calendar for further consideration on Friday, February 4, 1977:

Senate Bill

No. 432 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Housing."

Introduced by: Senators Takitani, Nishimura, Chong, Toyofuku, F. Wong, Hara, Hulten, Taira and Ching.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 9) informing the Senate that Senate Bill Nos. 372 to 412; Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 52 to 57; and Senate Resolution Nos. 126 to 138 have been printed and are ready for distribution.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Henderson and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY

REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The President made the following committee assignments of bills that were introduced on Wednesday, February 2, 1977:

Senate Bills Referred to:

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| No. 372 | Committee on Ways and Means | No. 382 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 373 | Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, then to the Committee on Judiciary | No. 383 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 374 | Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 384 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 375 | Committee on Ways and Means | No. 385 | Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 376 | Committee on Human Resources | No. 386 | Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 377 | Committee on Human Resources | No. 387 | Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 378 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 388 | Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes, then to the Committee on Judiciary |
| No. 379 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 389 | Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, then to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes |
| No. 380 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 390 | Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| No. 381 | Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means | No. 391 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 392 | Committee on Judiciary |
| | | No. 393 | Committee on Ecology, Environment and Recreation, then to the Committee on Judiciary |
| | | No. 394 | Committee on Education |
| | | No. 395 | Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 396 | Committee on Human Resources |
| | | No. 397 | Committee on Judiciary |
| | | No. 398 | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 399 | Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 400 | Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means |
| | | No. 401 | Committee on Human Resources |
| | | No. 402 | Committee on Judiciary |
| | | No. 403 | Committee on Economic |

Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

- No. 404 Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 405 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 406 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 407 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 408 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 409 Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 410 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 411 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 412 Committee on Human Resources

THIRD READING

Standing Committee Report No. 8 (H.B. No. 3, H.D. 1):

Senator R. Wong moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 8 be adopted and H.B. No. 3, H.D. 1, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Yamasaki.

At this time, Senator Leopold rose to speak against the measure:

"Mr. President, I cannot support this measure, knowing as I do the arbitrary, inequitable and, in certain instances, unconstitutional way that staffing allotments are decided upon by the Majority.

I have felt very strongly about this matter for some time. As a member of the House, I filed suit in Federal court, challenging what, I thought, was an unconstitutional way that funds were allotted to the members of the House at that time. The court did have the effect of granting Minority members \$75.00 a day for their staff during sessions, as opposed to the \$32.00 a day they had been receiving.

I won't belabor the point, but just point to two examples to indicate my case. The first is that, as a Senate Republican, I receive less money for my staff during the legislative session than my House Republican colleagues-- and I represent three-and-a-half to four times as many people.

The second point is that while in

the Senate everyone on the Majority side of the fence, except yourself, Mr. President, is a committee chairman and thereby could justify additional staff... in the House, there are sixteen Democrats who are not chairmen and still receive more money for their staffs than the Republicans.

I believe this is unconstitutional and would like the Clerk to record my vote as No on this bill."

Senator R. Wong then rose to speak in favor of the measure:

"Mr. President, under this bill, very briefly, the Senate is appropriated \$1.5 million and the House of Representatives \$1.9 million. These amounts represent a five percent increase over last year's appropriations. In light of inflation and the rising costs of equipment and supplies, personnel and other expenses supplied to all members of the Senate, I believe this increase is a modest and reasonable one.

Also, Mr. President, this bill appropriates \$912,000 for the Legislative Auditor, \$150,000 for special studies, \$87,000 for the State Ethics Commission, \$620,000 for the Legislative Reference Bureau, \$429,000 for the Revisor of Statutes and \$277,000 for the Ombudsman. These appropriations are necessary to enable these agencies to continue their work in their usual exemplary manner during the coming fiscal year.

I should like to call the attention of the members of this honorable Body to the fact that the appropriation to the Revisor of Statutes includes a \$220,000 appropriation to augment prior appropriations to pay for the personnel, printing and other costs involved in re-publishing the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Inclusion of this amount in the bill now before us-- rather than via a separate measure-- will help expedite the re-publication process, make the new volumes available sooner and, hopefully, effectuate some kind of cost savings.

Mr. President, the Ways and Means Committee has reviewed the provisions of this bill thoroughly. We have heard the budget testimonies of the legislative support agencies. We have held two public hearings on this bill for input. For the information of the members of this honorable Body, we have received no testimony against this bill.

Therefore, Mr. President, I urge all the members of this honorable Body to vote in favor of this bill."

The motion was put by the Chair

and carried, and Stand. Com. Rep. No. 8 was adopted and H.B. No. 3, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, AND THE OMBUDSMAN", having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 20. Noes, 2 (George and Leopold). Excused, 3 (Saiki, Soares and Yee).

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Taira, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, February 4, 1977.