TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Wednesday, February 16, 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 the Reverend Masanori Ogasawara of the Palolo Higashi Hongwanji, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

At this time, Senator Anderson introduced to the members of the Senate 55 members of the Tomono Kai Senior Citizen's Club from Nuuanu Soto Mission, and Reverend Kudo who escorted them.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 108 to 110) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 108), transmitting reports prepared by the Department of Agriculture in response to the following Resolutions:

- 1. House Resolution No. 184 (1976), which requested the Department to study the desirability and efficacy of a special agricultural water rate; and
- 2. House Resolution No. 186 (1976), which requested the Department to study the efficacy of more favorable electrical rates for farm use,

was jointly referred to the Committee on Economic Development and the Committee on Energy/Natural Resources.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 109), transmitting an evaluation report prepared by the consulting firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, Inc., on the purchase of services program administered by the Department of Social Services and Housing, in response to Senate Resolution No. 180, (1975), was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 110), transmitting the Annual Reports for the Department of Social Services and Housing for

the years 1972 through 1975, was jointly referred to the Committee on Human Resources and the Department of Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 17), transmitting House Bill No. 326, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 15, 1977, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Taira, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, H.B. No. 326, H.D. 1, entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU", passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 72 to 77) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 72), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM AT THE HONO-LULU ZOO", was jointly offered by Senators Hara, F. Wong, Nishimura, Toyofuku, Young, King, Hulten, Takitani, Taira, Saiki, Chong, George, Ushijima, Kuroda, Yamasaki, O'Connor, Leopold and Soares.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 72 was referred to the Committee on Education.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 73), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING ESTABLISHMENT OF A FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION LOAN OFFICE IN HAWAII", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Toyofuku, Takitani, Hara, Yamasaki, Kuroda, F. Wong, Chong, Ching, O'Connor, Nishimura, Hulten, Taira, Kawasaki, Henderson, Anderson and George.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 73 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 74), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO UTILIZE THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

IN TEACHING THE HISTORY OF OUR STATE AND IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL SKILLS", was jointly offered by Senators Young, Toyofuku, Takitani, Hara, Yamasaki, Kuroda, F. Wong, Chong, Ching, O'Connor, Nishimura, Hulten, Taira, Henderson and George.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 74 was referred to the Committee on Education.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 75), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATING TO AN INCOME SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FOR FINANCIALLY NEEDY RETIREES AND PENSIONERS", was jointly offered by Senators Toyofuku, F. Wong, Kuroda, Ching, Takitani, Taira, Nishimura, Yamasaki, King and Young.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 75 was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 76), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FISHING VESSEL LEASE PROGRAM", was jointly offered by Senators F. Wong, Kuroda, Takitani, Nishimura, Hulten, Yamasaki, Toyofuku, Hara, Henderson and Yee.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 76 was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 77), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO COMPENSATE OR TO MAKE REPARATION TO HAWAHANS FOR DAMAGES SUFFERED BY THEM AT THE TIME OF ANNEXATION", was jointly offered by Senators Hara, Kuroda, Yamasaki, Nishimura, F. Wong, Chong, Taira, Ushijima, Yee, Young, Toyofuku and Takitani.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 77 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 205 to 212) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A resolution (S.R. No. 205), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO SENATE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION", was jointly offered by Senators Ching, Taira and Anderson.

On motion by Senator Taira, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, S.R. No. 205 was adopted.

A resolution (S.R. No. 206), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO PREPARE AND PUBLISH A REAL PROPERTY TAX PAMPHLET", was jointly offered by Senators Henderson, F. Wong, Saiki, Chong, Yim, Takitani, Yamasaki, Hara, King, Hulten, Ching, Kuroda, George, Soares and Taira.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 206 was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A resolution (S.R. No. 207), entitled:
"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING ESTABLISHMENT OF A FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION
LOAN OFFICE IN HAWAII", was jointly
offered by Senators Young, Toyofuku,
Takitani, Yamasaki, Kuroda, F. Wong,
Chong, Ching, O'Connor, George, Hara,
Nishimura, Hulten, Taira, Kawasaki,
Henderson and Anderson.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 207 was referred to the Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes.

A resolution (S.R. No. 208), entitled:
"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TO UTILIZE THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE,
EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE OF OUR
SENIOR CITIZENS IN TEACHING THE
HISTORY OF OUR STATE AND IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL SKILLS",
was jointly offered by Senators Young,
Toyofuku, Takitani, Hara, Yamasaki,
Kuroda, F. Wong, Chong, Ching, O'Connor,
Nishimura, Hulten, Taira, Henderson,
Anderson and George.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 208 was referred to the Committee on Education.

A resolution (S.R. No. 209), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A FEASIBILITY STUDY RELATING TO AN INCOME SUPPLEMENTATION PROGRAM FOR FINANCIALLY NEEDY RETIREES AND PENSIONERS", was jointly offered by Senators Toyofuku, F. Wong, Kuroda, Ching, Takitani, Taira, Nishimura, Yamasaki, King and Young.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 209 was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A resolution (S.R. No. 210), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FISHING VESSEL LEASE PROGRAM", was jointly offered by Senators F. Wong, Kuroda, Takitani, Nishimura, Hulten, Yamasaki, Toyofuku, King, Henderson, Yee and Hara.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 210 was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

A resolution (S.R. No. 211), entitled:
"SENATE RESOLUTION EXTENDING
CONGRATULATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO KAHUKU HIGH SCHOOL
OF WINDWARD OAHU UPON WINNING
THE OIA WINDWARD DISTRICT BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP", was jointly offered
by Senators Hulten, Kuroda, F.
Wong, Toyofuku, Takitani, Ching,
Taira, Ushijima, Saiki, Anderson,
Hara, George, Soares, Chong, Yamasaki,
Yee, Henderson, R. Wong, Nishimura
and Young.

On motion by Senator Hulten, seconded by Senator George and carried, S.R. No. 211 was adopted.

A resolution (S.R. No. 212), entitled:
"SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
COLONEL RICHARD J. WOMACK AND
SENDING HAWAII'S WARMEST ALOHA
AND BEST WISHES TO HIM AT HIS
NEW DUTY STATION IN EASTERN
EUROPE", was jointly offered by
Senators Ushijima, Ching, Hara,
Kuroda, Nishimura, King, Kawasaki,
George, R. Wong, Chong, Soares,
Young, Takitani, Yee, Yim, Toyofuku
and Taira.

On motion by Senator Taira, seconded by Senator Henderson and carried, S.R. No. 212 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 Thursday, February 17, 1977:

Senate Bill

No. 722 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Insurance."

Introduced by: Senator Ushijima, by request.

No. 723 "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Excise Tax."

Introduced by: Senator Ushijima, by request.

No. 724 "A Bill for an Act Making an Additional Appropriation for a Grant-In-Aid to Kuakini Medical Center, Oahu."

Introduced by: Senators Taira, Kawasaki, R. Wong and Yim. No. 725 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Plans, Construction and Improvements to Salt Lake Boulevard, Oahu."

Introduced by: Senators Taira, R. Wong and Kawasaki.

No. 726 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for the Construction of a Multi-Purpose Educational Center Auditorium at the Honolulu Zoo."

Introduced by: Senators Hara, Chong, F. Wong, Toyofuku, Hulten, Takitani, Taira, George, Ushijima, Kuroda, Yamasaki, Nishimura, Young, O'Connor and Soares.

No. 727 "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Compensation Schedule for Precinct Officials."

Introduced by: Senators Hara, F. Wong, Ushijima, Chong, Yee, Young, Toyofuku, Hulten, Takitani, Taira, Saiki, Kuroda, Yamasaki and Nishimura.

No. 728 "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Creation of the Office of Attendance Officer."

Introduced by: Senators Hara, Yim, Toyofuku, Chong, Kuroda, F. Wong, Ching, Taira, Nishimura, Takitani, Young, Ushijima, Hulten and Yamasaki.

No. 729 "A Bill for an Act Relating to the Ethnic Group Presentation Program."

Introduced by: Senators Hara, Yim, Toyofuku, Henderson, Yee, Chong, Taira, Ching, Ushijima, Saiki, Young, F. Wong, Hulten, Takitani, Kuroda, Yamasaki and Nishimura.

No. 730 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Firearms."

Introduced by: Senator Young, by request.

No. 731 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Conveyances."

Introduced by: Senators Hulten, Kuroda, F. Wong, Toyofuku, Takitani, Taira, Ushijima, Hara, Soares, Chong, Yamasaki, Anderson, Henderson and Saiki.

No. 732 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Increasing the Minimum Age to Drive."

Introduced by: Senator Hulten, by request.

No. 733 "A Bill for an Act Amending

Section 46-4 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Relating to County Zoning."

Introduced by: Senators Hulten, Takitani, Taira and Yee.

No. 734 "A Bill for an Act Amending Section 343-4 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Relating to Environmental Impact Statements."

Introduced by: Senators Hulten, Ching, Takitani, Taira and Yee.

No. 735 "A Bill for an Act Relating to a Staggered System of Motor Vehicle Registration."

Introduced by: Senators Hulten, F. Wong, Takitani, Taira, Chong and Yee.

No. 736 "A Bill for an Act To Amend Chapter 249, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Relating to County Vehicular Taxes."

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

No. 737 "A Bill for an Act Relating to a Grant-In-Aid to the Volunteer Information and Referral Service."

Introduced by: Senator Chong.

No. 738 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Mental Health."

Introduced by: Senator Chong.

No. 739 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Lobbyists."

Introduced by: Senators George, Yee, R. Wong, Ushijima, Saiki, Henderson, Ching, F. Wong, Leopold, Hara, King, Kuroda, Chong, Hulten, Soares, Anderson, Taira, Takitani, Young, Kawasaki and O'Connor.

No. 740 "A Bill for an Act Making an Appropriation for Land Acquisition of Wawamalu (Queen's) Beach, Oahu, Hawaii."

Introduced by: Senators Saiki, Soares, Nishimura and O'Connor.

No. 741 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Income Taxation."

Introduced by: Senators Henderson, Ching, Kawasaki, Yee, Soares, Leopold, George, Saiki, Anderson, Takitani, Yamasaki, Taira, Hulten, F. Wong, Toyofuku, Ushijima and O'Connor. No. 742 "A Bill for an Act Relating to Corporate Income Taxation."

Introduced by: Senators Henderson, Yee, Saiki, Soares, Anderson, George, Takitani, Yamasaki, Taira, Hulten, F. Wong, Toyofuku, Ushijima, Ching, O'Connor and Kawasaki.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 18), informing the Senate that Senate Bill Nos. 691 to 721, Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 72 to 77 and Senate Resolution Nos. 204 to 210 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

REFERRALS OF SENATE BILLS

The President made the following committee assignments of bills that were introduced on Tuesday, February 15, 1977:

Senate Bill Referred to:

- No. 691 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 692 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 693 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 694 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 695 Committee on Health, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- No. 696 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 697 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 698 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 699 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 700 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 701 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 702 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

- No. 703 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 704 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 705 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 706 Committee on Economic Development
- No. 707 Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 708 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 709 Committee on Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 710 Committee on Judiciary
- No. 711 Committee on Housing and Hawaiian Homes, then to the Committee on Judiciary
- No. 712 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 713 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 714 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 715 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 716 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 717 Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
- No. 718 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 719 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 720 Committee on Human Resources
- No. 721 Committee on Education,

then to the Committee on Ways and Means

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The President made the following re-referral of a Senate Bill that was introduced on Wednesday, February 9, 1977:

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 606 Committee on Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

The President then made the following re-referral of a Senate Bill that was introduced on Friday, February 11, 1977:

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 661 Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

The President then made the following re-referral of a Senate Bill that was introduced on Monday, February 14, 1977:

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 680 Committee on Energy/Natural Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Chong rose to report on the progress of the legislation relating to the decriminalization of marijuana.

ADJOURNMENT

AT 11: 42 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., Thursday, February 17, 1977.