

SECOND DAY

Thursday, January 18, 1979

The Senate of the Tenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1979, convened at 11:30 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Reverend Stanley Kain, Hawaii Council of Churches, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that he had not read the Journal of the First Day.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

A communication from the House (House Com. No. 1) transmitting House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 17, 1979, was read by the Temporary Clerk and was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Mizuguchi, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, H.C.R. No. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS THE LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLED IN JOINT SESSION", was adopted.

At 11:40 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:41 o'clock a.m.

At this time, Senator Kuroda introduced to the members of the Senate Ms. Añn Nathaniel, Vice President of the Alu Like Board and Chairperson of the State Advisory Council, and a group of members of the Alu Like administration and staff from all of the islands. Senator Kuroda stated that AluLike in Hawaiian means working together; that this is a federally funded native American program; that our native Americans in Hawaii are the native Hawaiians.

Senator Abercrombie then rose on a point of personal privilege and remarked as follows:

"Mr. President, I would like to put to rest any rumors that I've asked for courtesy resignations from all the administrators at the University."

Senator Chong, on behalf of the Senators from the 6th Senatorial District, introduced Mrs. Jean Minton, a resident of Waikiki, a selfless public servant and a force in condominium reform laws.

At this time, Senator Carpenter rose on a point of personal privilege and stated as follows:

"Mr. President, as the newest member of this august Body, from the neighbor island, I'd just like to state to my colleagues that it's a pleasure and an honor for me to sit as a member of this Body. I would like to commend and congratulate the President and the new leadership of this Body and certainly congratulate the passing leadership for the job that it has done in years past.

"I would like to speak to Senator Wadsworth Yee of the minority that I will do the best I can to take Dickie's (former Senator Henderson) place in trying to mete out responsible legislation as a member of this Body. I hope that in the future we can become a great deal more solidified and that we can indeed, as Alu Like indicates, work together. Mahalo!"

Senator Anderson then rose on a point of personal privilege and stated as follows:

"Mr. President, today is the second day of the session and thus far the committee structures which we have normally done 30 days ago has not yet been formulated. The minority for one group anyway has no idea as to the numbers of committees, the numbers of senators sitting on the various committees. We've had no communication whatsoever from your office of the majority and yet we find a committee called the Economic Development, Energy and Natural Resources having public hearings. I cannot find it in the temporary Rules of the Senate we're operating under and I don't begrudge the chairman of that committee because he has been known to be one of the hardest working and the most dedicated but it's just somewhat awkward for a committee to start calling hearings before it's recognized in the rules, before members have been assigned to it.

"The minority, anyway, has not had any word from the President's office as to the dollar allotments per staff. We walk the halls and we find all kinds of people in some majority members' office working or appearing to be working. We have no idea and have no information yet how many dollars are being allocated to the various Senate offices for staff. We have heard nothing thus far on introduction of bills.

"Facing the Constitutional amendment with the 19-day cut off we have already lost yesterday and today and we'll probably lose Monday because of the Governor's speech. That means it'll be crammed into the 17 or 16 days which means an awful lot of short form bills will obviously be put on.

"Thus far, we have had, as far as the minority leadership, no meetings with the majority leadership, as we have done in the past, to discuss timetables, policies, programs, the whole scam of things.

"We can appreciate the difficulties that the majority has had but we really don't believe that it's fair to have part of the machinery cranked up, part of the people to be brought on the payroll, part of the committees to get moving. It's not defined in the new politics described by your speech yesterday. We would like very much to meet with your office or the majority leadership today. We would ask that the caucus get together and solve some of the problems. It's only a 60-day session but enough is enough."

The President in response to Senator Anderson stated that he would like to "ask you and the minority leader to meet with me this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock."

Senator Cobb then stated:

"In partial response to the remarks of the senior Senator from the Third Senatorial District, I'd like to point out that the Constitutional amendment specifies that the bill cut off date will not be earlier than the 19th day but must proceed sometime after the 19th day. So rather than cramming all the bills into 14 or 17 days, as was previously illustrated, that would be the minimum period allowed. The maximum period could go up any time to the 40th day, as much as the recess would be mandated by the recently passed Constitutional amendment."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:49 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Mizuguchi, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, January 19, 1979.