SECOND DAY

Thursday, January 17, 1980

The Senate of the Tenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1980, convened at 11:30 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Reverend Marlene Younger of the Community Church of the Islands, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

At 11: 35 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:36 o'clock a.m.

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

At 11: 38 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:40 o'clock a.m.

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

"Mr. President, I was very disturbed last night. After the session, I went home to watch public service television on the Legislature. I always thought that they were a fair-minded public body that is supposed to serve the public and present all views. They give me adequate time and they give my Republican Senators adequate time when they come to solicit funds; but when it comes to proper air time we get no time at all. I speak not only on my behalf and my six other Republican Senators but also for Representative Kinau Kamalii.

"During the entire showing on public television of the Legislature yesterday, during the actual showing and the replay, they televised Speaker Wakatsuki's speech in length and I thought it was very well done but as he concluded his remarks they came over to the Senate to fill it with entertainment and no one in the public ever heard a word from Representative

Kamalii, representing the Minority and their views.

"In the Senate, Mr. President, you gave a very eloquent speech; we liked it; but lo and behold, when you were through they switched back to the entertainment on the House floor. Nowhere was Senator Yee speaking on the screen.

"I am not complaining because I'm better looking than most of you but, really, what I had to say was something that the Republican Senators got together on ... a little message not only to you but to the constituents that we represent.

"Now, I think that this is wrong, and if our public television system operates this way I think I'll have to ask my Republican friends and other members to review their budget. This is where it hurts and they have hurt us.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Abercrombie then remarked as follows:

"Mr. President, perhaps Senator Yee can look for an explanation as to why he was suppressed on television by making an inquiry on that subject to Senator Anderson."

The President then announced that tomorrow is aloha attire day and he is hopeful that the members will continue to wear aloha attire on Fridays.

At 11:43 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:44 o'clock a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11: 46 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 18, 1980.