

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Friday, February 15, 1980

The Senate of the Tenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1980, convened at 11:00 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Francis Shimono, Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Abercrombie, Carpenter, Cayetano and Chong, who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-Second Day.

At this time, Senator Yee spoke as follows:

"Mr. President, we have several guests here that I would like to introduce to you, but before I do, I'd like to explain the reasons for their presence today.

"On Sunday, the Pacific Basin Development Conference begins out at the Kuilima Hotel and the purpose of it is to build a five-year plan for the economic development of Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. This group will also be attending the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council meeting to be held in the Capitol today.

"We are very pleased that key members from Washington are here to attend both meetings because it is important not only to Hawaii, but to our neighboring island communities, and there is no question that fishing will be one of the top items on the agenda for the Fisheries Council as well as for the Pacific Basin meetings.

"These gentlemen have flown many long miles to learn of our problems and to assist us in every way they can, because they control the purse strings in Washington."

Senator Yee then proceeded to introduce to the members of the Senate, the following: Mr. Richard Frank, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce; Mr. Terry Leitzell, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Office of Fisheries, NOAA; Ms. Martha Blaxall, Director of Utilization and Development, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); Mr. Jim Wolf, Special Assistant to the Administrator of NOAA; Dr. Izadore Barrett, Director, Southwest Fisheries Center, NMFS; and Dr. Richard Shomura, Director of the Honolulu

Laboratory, Southwest Fisheries Center, NMFS.

Senator Anderson introduced to the members of the Senate forty members of the Hui Lokahi O Aina Haina, a senior citizens group.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 74 to 76) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 74), transmitting the Annual Report of the Director of Personnel Services to the Legislature as to the manner in which State positions assigned to Salary Ranges SC-1, SC-2 and SC-3 are being used; the report being prepared in accordance with Section 77-13, sub-section (f), as amended, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was referred to the Committee on Human Resources.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 75), transmitting a report prepared by the Department of Health in response to Senate Resolution No. 265, S.D. 2, (1979), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT AND FORMULATION OF PATIENT'S RIGHTS STANDARDS", was referred to the Committee on Health.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 76), submitting for consideration and consent to the Intermediate Appellate Court, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, the nomination of James S. Burns as Associate Judge, for a term of ten (10) years, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 23 and 24) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 23), returning Senate Bill No. 1946-80 which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 14, 1980, was placed on file.

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 24), returning Senate Bill No. 1947-80 which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 14, 1980, was placed on file.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 21 to 24) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 21), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MAKE AS ONE OF ITS PRIORITIES THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACCURATE LAND INVENTORY THAT INCLUDES A CATEGORIZATION OF CEDED AND NON-CEDED PUBLIC LANDS", was jointly offered by Senators Carpenter, Kuroda, Soares, Yamasaki, Ushijima, Chong, Campbell, Cayetano, Cobb and Machida.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 21 was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 22), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 B OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS RELATING TO CARE HOMES, TO ALLOW 6 RESIDENTS UNRELATED TO THE FAMILY TO RESIDE IN A CARE HOME", was jointly offered by Senators Yamasaki, Chong, Ajifu, Ushijima, Soares, Machida, Young, Toyofuku, Cobb, Mizuguchi, Kuroda, Hara, Campbell, Carroll, George, Saiki, Carpenter, Cayetano, Kawasaki, Abercrombie, Wong and O'Connor.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 22 was referred to the Committee on Health.

At 11:14 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:15 o'clock a.m.,

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 23), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY TO TRANSFER STATE AND COUNTY HOSPITALS TO PRIVATE AGENCIES", was jointly offered by Senators Carpenter, Abercrombie, Campbell, Kuroda and Cobb.

By unanimous consent, S.C.R. No. 23 was referred to the Committee on Health.

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 24), entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE CONVENING OF THE PACIFIC BASIN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN HAWAII", was jointly offered by Senators Kuroda, Cobb, George, Ushijima, O'Connor, Carroll, Yamasaki, Young, Campbell, Ajifu, Machida and Yim.

On motion by Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Cobb and carried, S.C.R. No. 24 was adopted.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 107 to 114) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A resolution (S.R. No. 107), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONVERSION OF UNDERUTILIZED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES", was jointly offered by Senators Carpenter, Kuroda, Soares, Chong, Campbell, Yamasaki, Ushijima, Cayetano, Cobb, Toyofuku and Machida.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 107 was referred to the Committee on Health.

A resolution (S.R. No. 108), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF AN ELEVATED EXERCISE AREA CONSTRUCTED OVER THE PARKING LOT AT THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER", was offered by Senator O'Connor.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 108 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A resolution (S.R. No. 109), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE PRISON CAPACITY NEEDS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII", was offered by Senator O'Connor.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 109 was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A resolution (S.R. No. 110), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO AMEND CHAPTER 12 B OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATIONS RELATING TO CARE HOMES, TO ALLOW 6 RESIDENTS UNRELATED TO THE FAMILY TO RESIDE IN A CARE HOME", was jointly offered by Senators Yamasaki, Machida, Hara, Kawasaki, Ushijima, Carroll, George, Young, Saiki, Toyofuku, Cayetano, Ajifu, Yee, Kuroda, Mizuguchi, Wong, Chong, Campbell, Soares, Carpenter, Abercrombie and O'Connor.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 110 was referred to the Committee on Health.

At 11:17 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:19 o'clock a.m.

A resolution (S.R. No. 111), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO MOLOKAI AND ITS APPLICATION FOR THE SMALL COMMUNITY SOLAR

THERMAL POWER EXPERIMENT: SITE PARTICIPATION, PRDA DE-RAO4-80ET21063", was jointly offered by Senators Yamasaki, Machida, Kuroda, Cobb, Mizuguchi, Ajifu, Yim, Chong, Wong, Anderson, Ushijima, Hara, Kawasaki, Carroll, George, Campbell, Toyofuku, Young, Saiki, Cayetano, Soares, Carpenter, O'Connor and Abercrombie.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 111 was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

A resolution (S.R. No. 112), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON ITS 60th ANNIVERSARY", was jointly offered by Senators George, Saiki, Young, Cobb, Hara, Yamasaki, Abercrombie, Campbell, Machida, Chong and O'Connor.

On motion by Senator George, seconded by Senator Saiki and carried, S.R. No. 112 was adopted.

Senator George then rose and spoke as follows:

"Mr. President, this is a real treat for me to have been able to introduce and achieve the passage of this resolution commending the League of Women Voters on their 60th anniversary. It isn't often that women like to be congratulated on being 60 but in this case, it represents 60 years of hard work, of very productive work, and of work we can all be proud of, men as well as women.

"These are women who are not only hard-working, they are selfless. As you can see by the resolution, they have done a lot of things that make us proud and I am sure they should be proud.

"It's interesting to me that the League was founded not so much to achieve the passage of what was then called 'female suffrage', but on the basis that once female suffrage was a fact, somebody had to get together and tell the women to get off their franchises, which is basically what the League has been doing ever since.

"They promote informed citizen participation in government and, while sometimes some of us think that maybe there's a little too much citizen participation in government, nevertheless, it's a noble and notable thing that they are doing."

Senator George then proceeded to introduce to the members of the Senate, the following: Pat Shutt, the President of the State League of Women Voters; Marguerite Simson, a past State President;

Carol Whitesell, a past President of the Honolulu League of Women Voters; Marion Saunders, one of the founders of the League of Women Voters of Hawaii and of Honolulu; Jerry Hess a past State President, and Jean Ko, the current President of the Honolulu League of Women Voters.

A resolution (S.R. No. 113), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY TO TRANSFER STATE AND COUNTY HOSPITALS TO PRIVATE AGENCIES", was jointly offered by Senators Carpenter, Abercrombie, Campbell, Kuroda and Cobb.

By unanimous consent, S.R. No. 113 was referred to the Committee on Health.

A resolution (S.R. No. 114), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE FIRST PACIFIC RIM INVITATIONAL JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP TO BE HELD AT THE NEAL BLAISDELL CENTER ARENA ON FEBRUARY 17-18, 1980", was jointly offered by Senators Wong, Yim, Yamasaki, Ushijima, Mizuguchi, Machida, Toyofuku, Yee, Hara, Chong, Kuroda, Young, Campbell, Carroll, Kawasaki, Abercrombie, Carpenter, Ajifu, Soares, Cobb, Cayetano and O'Connor.

On motion by Senator Mizuguchi, seconded by Senator Yim and carried, S.R. No. 114 was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 27-80) informing the Senate that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20, Senate Resolution Nos. 104 to 106 and Standing Committee Report No. 26-80 have been printed and are ready for distribution.

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The President made the following referral of bills that had been introduced on Friday, February 8, 1980:

Senate Bills	Referred to:
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No. 2464-80	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Resources, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
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No. 2481-80	Committee on Agriculture, then to the Committee on Judiciary
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The President then made the following

re-referral of a bill that had been introduced on Monday, February 11, 1980:

Senate Bill Referred to:

No. 2707-80 Committee on Education,
then to the Committee on Ways and
Means

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

A communication from the Office of the Honorable Spark M. Matsunaga, United States Senator, (Misc. Com. No. 4), acknowledging receipt of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1 (1980), was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

At 11:25 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:55 o'clock a.m.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

A concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 25), specifying the dates of the mandatory recess for the Regular Session of 1980 pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, to be the 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and the 25th days of February, 1980, was jointly offered by Senators Wong and Yee and was read by the Clerk.

On motion by Senator Mizuguchi, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, S.C.R. No. 25 was adopted.

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

"Mr. President, I'm aggrieved today for myself and I rise on that point. I am aggrieved for my fellow senators and most of all, I am aggrieved for the citizenry of this State.

"You have already received copies of the letter which the Chairman of the House Transportation Committee (Representative Robert D. Dods) sent to me and then my reply to him. Now you must agree that his remarks are out of hand and an insult to the Senate as a whole.

"His comments reflect the tendency to blame, rather than a willingness to look at the problem objectively. They reflect a marked rigidity in stance as opposed to an attitude of flexibility and compromise.

"As to his accusation that I am responsible for holding up decision-making on a reliever

airport site, Lord, I wish that that were true, because if I had that kind of influence, Mr. President, I assure you that we would already be doing take-offs and landings at Waipio.

"Now, I'm sure that you would agree that his remarks should not go unanswered and I would therefore like to take this opportunity to publicly respond to them briefly.

"I have already delivered to the Clerk of the Senate a copy of his letter to me as well as my written reply to him and ask that these be entered in total in the Journal.

"The crux of the letter states that he 'too is deeply concerned about the urgent need for a reliever airport,' and 'with the Governor and the House of Representatives agreeing that Poamoho is the most reasonable site, I think the Senate's task is to come to agreement so that construction can begin before some major accident takes place.'

"He writes, 'isn't your idea favoring the Waipio area, while the majority' (and I'm not really sure who he means by that now) 'seems to favor the Poamoho site, merely adding to the "self-imposed paralysis" of the State's legislators? If anyone is trying to turn this general aviation airport into partisan politics, I think it is you and the Senators, not the Administration nor the House. I also feel that as a pilot, you are representing how they feel as a group without looking at the political realities of the situation.'

"In my reply to him, I've stated that I have tried to work out solutions with everyone from former Governor John A. Burns to Senator Ben Cayetano, Senator Norman Mizuguchi, Senator Dennis O'Connor and others for the past nine years.

"I have repeatedly stressed both to the public and to the administration, the urgency of the general aviation problem. I have been met with deaf ears and inaction, and now nearly a decade later, a representative of those legislators who would have the power to instigate action in this matter, accuses me of blocking a solution to the reliever airport situation. If the impact were not tragic, the charge would be really quite humorous. Only when it is politically popular have the Administration, the key legislators and the members of the Majority spoken up in favor of a site for the general aviation airport.'

"He states that I have not considered the political realities of the situation and I answer him that 'my feeling for these past many years is that politics is exactly what has caused inaction and paralysis on the part of the Administration and the legislature in this issue.

"The so-called leaders in our community are afraid to do what is necessary and right. At first they equivocated on the situation; now when time, and I might add editorial comments, is pressing, they are trying to force a ridiculous and foolish decision down our throats.

"Although the communities affected should be able to give feedback, shouldn't the main consideration be the site's usefulness to those who are going to be utilizing it? It is hard to justify building a house when it is built on sand; likewise an airport that for many reasons would not be suitable for flying is unjustifiable.

"I fail to see the logic behind the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies to recommend an appropriate site followed by the Administration's, and—I stated the legislature's, but I mean the House's—rejection of that recommendation.

"It might be added that, of the thirty busiest airports in the United States, only three—Honolulu, Denver and Philadelphia—have a near equal mix of jet and prop-driven aircraft. All the others have predominantly either jet or prop-driven activity. Denver and Philadelphia traffic controllers have 360 degree use of air space around the airport. Honolulu, the only airport in the entire country in this category, is limited to only half of that space."

"Now the traffic controllers do an excellent job, as do the pilots, but it is simply not safe as has been mentioned times innumerable.

"I ask the good Representative (Dods), 'are you willing to pay the price for a decision that is unwise and unsafe?' I am not, and I am certain that he is not.

"Now 'the responsibility for a major mid-air disaster will forever lie with those who make a foolish commitment, thinking that it is the easy way out.'

"I am very happy, Mr. President, that the Senate has not fallen prey to the exhortation of the Administration and those House leaders seeking an easy way out.

"When I first came to this legislature, a person told me, 'when faced with a difficult decision, do what is right, and if you do, you will please some and amaze the rest', so I urge this Honorable Body, the Administration and the House to be an amazing legislature when it comes to the general aviation airport.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Mizuguchi then rose on a point of personal privilege in response thereto and stated:

"Mr. President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

"Mr. President, the problem of a reliever airport has remained unresolved and has been a problem before the legislature long before I took the chairmanship of the Senate Transportation Committee, but I will not waste my colleagues' time today to criticize or to blame past administrations or past chairmen for this particular problem.

"Mr. President, I firmly believe that each legislator here in the Senate as well as in the House have certain rights and those rights extend to introducing, supporting and defending, and also disagreeing on any specific legislation before a respective House.

"Because I believe in these rights, Mr. President, I also believe that agencies, such as the newspapers, and other legislators should respect the rights and positions of individual legislators and the people that they represent.

"Mr. President, we still have 36 days in this legislative session. There are many proposals put forth by the Minority as well as the Majority that attempt to resolve this lingering problem of a reliever airport on Oahu.

"I am optimistic, Mr. President, with the help of the Minority and the Majority that we will fashion legislation that will address this issue.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

(Pursuant to the request of Senator Carroll, the two letters referred to earlier read as follows:

"HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE TENTH LEGISLATURE
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

February 7, (1980)

Senator John S. Carroll
Room 218
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Carroll:

In reference to your recent letter to Governor Ariyoshi regarding the general aviation airport, I would like to make some comments. As you know, I favor the Poamoho site because it seems the most logical choice

at this point in time. Funds have already been appropriated for planning an airport at Poamoho and studies have been done which do not agree with your idea that this site is infeasible. While joint use of an existing military airfield would be an easier and logical solution--at present that option is not available and something must be done now!

You have been in the State Legislature both in the House and Senate long enough to have proposed a solution to the problem of site selection long ago. As you pointed out in your speech to the Daedalians, each year the amount of traffic at HIA increases. I, too, am deeply concerned about the urgent need for a reliever airport. With the Governor and the House of Representatives agreeing that Poamoho is the most reasonable site, I think the Senate's task is to come to agreement so that construction can begin before some major accident takes place.

Isn't your idea of favoring the Waipio area while the majority seems to favor the Poamoho site merely adding to the 'self-imposed paralysis' of the State's Legislators?

If anyone is trying to turn this general aviation airport into partisan politics, I think it is you and the Senators, not the Administration, nor the House.

I also feel that as a pilot you are representing how they feel as a group without looking at the political realities of the situation. I feel that the site selection of a reliever airport should have input from everyone and not be decided by one group.

The reliever airport has been discussed for too long now--approaching 18 years. If an agreement cannot be reached this year, with or without your help--something still has to be done about the conditions at H.I.A. Are you ready to make that choice now because we seem to be heading into another year of inaction.

What are the pilots willing to do? Cut the number of flights coming into H.I.A. by 10 per cent! Raise the landing fees and wipe out general aviation! --Break up the master lease agreement!

Again, I feel very strongly that we need a reliever airport now. Also we have to look at the consequences our inactivity will cause and determine if we are willing to pay that price.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bob

Robert D. Dods
Transportation Chairman

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"THE SENATE
THE TENTH LEGISLATURE
of the
STATE OF HAWAII

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 1980

The Honorable Robert D. Dods
Chairman
House Transportation Committee
State Capitol, Room 311
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Dods:

In reply to your letter of February 7, I feel your perception of the general aviation situation is both maligned and naive.

An accusation of partisan politics is only used by someone who is trying to avoid blame. For your information, I have been introducing legislation to establish a general aviation reliever airport since 1971. I have tried to work out solutions with everyone from the former Governor John A. Burns, to Senators Ben Cayetano, Norman Mizuguchi and Dennis O'Connor. For the past nine years, I have repeatedly stressed--both to the public and to the Administration--the urgency of the general aviation problem. I have been met with deaf ears and inaction. Now, nearly a decade later, a representative of those legislators who would have the power to instigate action in this matter, accuses me of blocking a solution to the reliever airport situation. If the impact were not tragic, the charge would be quite humorous.

Only now, while it is politically popular, have the Administration, the key legislators, and members of the Majority spoken up in favor of a site for a general aviation airport. Of course, since the action itself is one of political cowardice, rather than courage, the current 'popular' choice is one that is politically safe. However, it is not, as you say, 'logical.' The site at Poamoho--although it would have minimal impact on the nearby communities--is infeasible as the location for a viable reliever airport. It is situated on the windward slope of Wahiawa plateau in a depression, between two hummocks. This geography produces adverse wind and weather conditions, thus making air approach both difficult and limited. This would not only pose safety hazards for those pilots and passengers using the site, but would also render it little less than appropriate for student use. Wind tests

for the site were not started until two or three weeks ago, according to information that I have received.

There is no existing runway built there. Construction costs for runways and traffic facilities would be outrageous, and a waste of the taxpayers' money. Additionally, construction would destroy prime agricultural land. Hawaii cannot afford to lose any more greenery to concrete slabs.

The time it would take to construct an airport there is also a problem. I do not feel we have five to six years to waste waiting for a reliever airport to be constructed. We need one now, before a major disaster occurs.

Lastly, Poamoho's location is less than desirable. It is not close enough to town to induce general aviation operations away from Honolulu International. One might as well use Dillingham if Poamoho is chosen.

On the contrary, Waipio is relatively close to Honolulu International Airport. Airport operations would cause very little noise in the vicinity of Waipahu, it would have minimal environmental impact, the wind and weather conditions are amenable to air traffic, and development costs would be small.

It is for these reasons that I call the proposed site at Poamoho totally infeasible.

You say that 'the political realities of the situation' should be taken into account. My feeling for these many years (and this I have said repeatedly) is that politics is exactly what has caused inaction and paralysis on the part of the Administration and the Legislature in this issue. The so-called leaders of our community are afraid to do what is necessary and right. At first, they equivocated on the situation. Now, when time is pressing, they are trying to force a ridiculous and foolish decision down our throats.

Although the communities affected should be able to give feedback, shouldn't the main consideration be the site's usefulness to those who are going to be utilizing it? It is hard to justify building a house, when it is built on sand. Likewise, an airport that for many reasons would not be suitable for flying, is unjustifiable.

I suggest you study more closely my letter to the Governor, and my speech to the Order of the Daedalians, as they both articulate in more detail my thoughts on the subject.

It is also suggested that you educate yourself by studying the Kentron Study of 1977. This was the culmination of 18 previous studies, on which over a quarter of a million dollars were spent. It is comprehensive and takes into account the overall public good. The study evaluated 16 possible sites against eight major factors. Its first recommendation was the site at Waipio Peninsula.

I fail to see the logic behind the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies to recommend an appropriate site, followed by the Administration's and the Legislature's rejection of the recommendation.

It might be added that, of the 30 busiest airports in the U.S., only three--Honolulu, Denver, and Philadelphia--have a near equal mix of jet and prop-driven aircraft. All the others have predominantly either jet or prop-driven activity. Denver and Philadelphia traffic controllers have full use of 360 degrees of airspace and radar coverage. Honolulu's airspace is limited to 180 degrees by a mountain range within five miles of the airport. Although the traffic controllers do an excellent job, there are still numerous ground delays and off-course vectors causing consumption of hundreds of thousands of pounds of fuel. Honolulu International Airport is simply not efficient, nor is it safe.

You mention several times in your letter the immediate need for a general aviation airport. I would like to emphasize my own feeling of urgency at this time and to ask you a similar question to the one you asked me. Are you willing to pay the price for procrastination on this decision? Are you willing to pay the price for a decision that is unwise and unsafe? I am not. I am certain that you are not!

The responsibility for a major midair disaster will forever lie with those who make a foolish commitment, thinking it is the easy way out.

Yours truly,

/s/ John

JOHN S. CARROLL
Senator, Sixth District

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ADJOURNMENT

At 12:07 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator Mizuguchi, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, the Senate adjourned and will remain in recess until 11:30 o'clock a.m., on Tuesday, February 26, 1980.