

## FIFTH DAY

Tuesday, January 27, 1981

The Senate of the Eleventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1981, convened at 11:30 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Reverend James W. Drew, Kanaana Hou, United Church of Christ of Kalaupapa, Molokai, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present, with the exception of Senators Kobayashi and Ushijima who were excused.

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

## SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 5 and 6) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A resolution (S.R. No. 5), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING MR. FORTUNATO TEHO UPON THE CELEBRATION OF HIS 25TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF RADIO BROADCASTING IN HAWAII," was offered by Senators Yee, Anderson, Kawasaki, Yamasaki, Kuroda, Machida, Saiki, Kobayashi, Young, Carpenter, O'Connor, Campbell, George, Abercrombie, Uwayne, Ajifu, Cayetano and Cobb.

On motion by Senator Yee, seconded by Senator Anderson and carried, S.R. No. 5 was adopted.

A resolution (S.R. No. 6), entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING NOBUO YAMAUCHI FOR OVER 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HAWAII COUNTY," was offered by Senators Henderson, Carpenter, Ushijima, George, Yamasaki, Soares, Kobayashi, Saiki, Ajifu, Campbell, Machida, Kuroda, Holt, Kawasaki and Yee.

On motion by Senator Henderson, seconded by Senator Carpenter and carried, S.R. No. 6 was adopted.

At this time, Senator Anderson rose to state: "Mr. President, we have six or seven bills that the Republicans would like to have lay on the Clerk's desk."

And the President so ordered.

Senator Anderson then requested that the proceeding be interrupted in order that Senators George and Saiki

be allowed to make a presentation; thereupon, the President and Senator Toyofuku were each presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Senator Anderson then continued his remarks as follows:

"Mr. President, Senator Yee for the last week has been sitting here like a waiting bride... waiting for a bouquet to be tossed to him from one group or another.

"We've given out two bouquets to be tossed, hopefully, by tomorrow to Senator Yee to get the Senate organized and moving... so that might be your symbol of willing to get down to work. If one of you will toss it to Senator Yee he'll be very happy to receive it.

"Apart from that, Mr. President, I've been talking on the floor daily now trying to bring this body to a position of zero... to get going and get down to work.

"Yesterday, we had some discussions on the floor. I notice in today's paper that maybe it's doing some good.

"I would like to quote the headline which says, 'Five of Wong's Allies Consider Coalition' and it says, 'Yesterday, five of the pro-Wong Senators...' and I won't name them because you know who you are... 'said they are willing to wait only until tomorrow before they would join the eight-member G.O.P. caucus.'

"While there has been some, as we say in Hawaii, 'huki huki' for the last couple of days and there's been some charade amongst you believing that you are going to spin-off one Senator here or two there from each and everybody's camp, including ours, I really think, Mr. President, that the day of believing that one group or another is going to spin-off a Senator or two Senators for the magic 13 is strictly nonsense and not realistic. I think the camps are firm, there are three groups, we're having a difficult time getting together to form that magic 13.

"I see that your group is giving you till tomorrow; otherwise, it says they are coming over to our camp to organize the Senate.

"Mr. President, you said yesterday, you would like to be President of this Senate. You have but to walk into our caucus room or we'll walk into yours after this session. We believe that this

body can get down to work and end this nonsense and go to work. We've wasted a week or so now. By the time this body gets organized and committee assignments made, it will be another week. No matter what happens we're going to lose two to three weeks in this session. We don't sit here cheap; we get a good salary; the staffs are on board and the printshop is ready to go to work.

"Mr. President, we say again, be it your group or the other group or any five in between, we're serious when we say that the people's work is more important than ego trips and factionalism, and we'd really like to go to work."

Senator Abercrombie then rose to inquire as follows:

"Mr. President, I would like to inquire of the previous speaker if he believes everything he reads in the paper?"

Senator Anderson replied:

"Mr. President, most times, yes. And if I may... I have to lend some credibility to the reporter and to the paper... and I think it would be a disservice, Senator, if the Senators think they can say one thing for public consumption and then come back to the floor and vote a hundred and eighty degrees from what they have said publicly. I don't think we can have it two ways much longer."

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 Uwaine rose on a point of personal privilege and stated as follows:

"Mr. President, I think I need to set the record straight on the article that was written by the Star-Bulletin reporter as was quoted by the Minority Leader. It is an inaccurate statement, that is, my name being associated with it as far as the deadline is concerned. I just want to set the record straight."

Senator Cobb also rose on a point of personal privilege and remarked as follows:

"Mr. President, I think my name

is one of those mentioned and I've indicated a growing impatience with the delay that has taken place relative to the Senate organization. I've also stated many times to not only individual Senators, but to members of the media that I would prefer that the Senate organization be resolved among Democrats. But, if that is not possible, then we have to consider the alternative, and there are many qualified Republicans in the Senate, qualified to be chairmen of committees... and I for one do not have personal reservations... if it becomes necessary to organize this body to share that power, because I think we do have an obligation to organize to do the public's business.

"I'd also like to state for the record, Mr. President, it's far more than a matter of just personalities or factionalism, or desire for power that has divided this body. It is basically and fundamentally a struggle for independence--either to keep this body independent or to see it controlled by forces from the outside.

"We've had previous struggles for independence, Mr. President, both in our country's history and in our state. This is just another example of it. I'm sure that as time goes on and if legislation hits the floor of this body that reflects on that question of independence, we're going to have ample opportunity to comment in greater detail on the need to keep the Senate the sole remaining independent legislative body in the State of Hawaii."

The President then announced as follows:

"On behalf of Senator Toyofuku and myself, Senator Anderson, we would like to thank you for the bouquets. We will examine it... and maybe later we'll talk to you about the tossing ceremony, if one will occur. So, on behalf of Senator Toyofuku, who is part of the other faction, and myself, we thank you very much."

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11: 45 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., Wednesday, January 28, 1981.