

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Friday, February 19, 1982

The Senate of the Eleventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1982, convened at 11:30 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Father Christopher Keahi, Pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Anderson, Carpenter, Cobb and Ushijima who were excused.

The Chair announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-First Day.

At this time, the following introductions were made to the members of the Senate:

Senator Kobayashi introduced 29 fifth grade students from Royal Elementary School, accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Elaine Ching.

Senator Saiki introduced a group of students from various high schools stating:

"Mr. President, on behalf of Senator Andy Anderson, it is my pleasure to present to you today, student government officers from Kaiser, Aiea, Campbell and Farrington High Schools. They were given a demonstration on voting procedures this morning by the Lieutenant Governor's Office and will be having lunch in the caucus room and you're all invited to attend and meet them."

Senator Kuroda rose and introduced his cousin from Japan stating:

"Mr. President, I take this time to introduce my cousin visiting from Japan. Mrs. Akiko Sasaki is from Hiroshima, where my father emigrated from in 1904. She is here as a guest of my family to honor my father on his 100th birthday, which we will celebrate on Sunday. She is accompanied by my brother Ronald and my sister-in-law Ruth Kuroda."

Senator Soares then rose and made the following announcement:

"On your desks this morning are 'sugar-and-spice and everything nice' pretzels to share in the joy that I am very happy to announce this morning, that is, my wife Lorraine and I, . . . that my daughter Kelly and my son-in-law Michael Soo have blessed us with our first granddaughter, born yesterday morning, while we were on the floor discussing my lieutenant governor candidacy. One more vote

and I will be making it.

"But, during that morning session yesterday, the Sergeant-at-Arms came over and brought me a note that said: 'Senator Soares, you now have a granddaughter.' My granddaughter is the first granddaughter after six grandsons, and so I share our joy with all of you this morning with these sugar-and-spice pretzels before the fireworks begin under the announcement section of the Order of the Day."

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 93 and 94) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 93), transmitting copies of a report prepared by the Department of Planning and Economic Development, entitled: "Hawaii Deep Water Electrical Transmission Cable Demonstration Program, Phase I, Program Review," was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

A message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 94), transmitting copies of a report prepared by the University of Hawaii in response to Section 55, Act 1, SSLH, 1981, directing the University of Hawaii to prepare a comprehensive internal reallocation plan of existing positions and resources from academic areas where student enrollment has declined over the past ten years, to those areas where the present student demands have placed increased workload constraints on the faculty, clerical staff, and students, was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 17 to 20) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 17), transmitting House Bill No. 2018-82, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 1982, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Yee and carried, H.B. No. 2018-82 entitled: "A BILL

FOR AN ACT RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL INSURANCE LAW," passed First Reading and was referred to the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 18), transmitting House Bill No. 2030-82, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 18, 1982, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Yee and carried, H.B. No. 2030-82 entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BLACKOUTS AND ILLUMINATION CONTROL," passed First Reading and was referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Intergovernmental Relations.

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 19), transmitting House Concurrent Resolution No. 84, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 18, 1982, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Yee and carried, H.C.R. No. 84 entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING PRESIDENT REAGAN TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL DAY OF OBSERVANCE ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066," was adopted.

A communication from the House (Hse. Com. No. 20), transmitting House Concurrent Resolution No. 90, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 19, 1982, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Yee and carried, H.C.R. No. 90 specifying the dates of the mandatory recess for the Regular Session of 1982, pursuant to Article III, Section 10, of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, to be the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and the 26th days of February 1982, was adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Young, for the Committee on Legislative Management, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 24-82), informing the Senate that Senate Concurrent Resolution Nos. 18 and 19, and Senate Resolution Nos. 29 to 31 have been printed and are ready for distribution.

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

Senator Kobayashi, for the Committee on Ecology, Environment and Recreation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 25-82), recommending that Senate Bill No. 1893, as amended in S.D. 1,

pass Second Reading and be recommitted to the Committee on Ecology, Environment and Recreation.

On motion by Senator Kobayashi, seconded by Senator George and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1893, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS," passed Second Reading and was recommitted to the Committee on Ecology, Environment and Recreation.

ORDER OF THE DAY

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION

A miscellaneous communication (Misc. Com. No. 1), transmitting copies of a study prepared by Haldi Associates, Inc., Economic Management and Counsel, entitled: "Economic Perspective on the Duty-Free Concession at Honolulu International Airport," was read by the Clerk and was referred to the Committee on Transportation.

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The President re-referred the following Senate Bills:

Senate Bill No. 2389-82 which was introduced on Wednesday, February 10, 1982, to the Committee on Economic Development;

Senate Bill No. 2476-82 which was introduced on Friday, February 12, 1982, to the Committee on Higher Education, then to the Committee on Ways and Means;

Senate Bill No. 2611-82 which was introduced on Tuesday, February 16, 1982, to the Committee on Public Utilities, then to the Committee on Human Resources; and

Senate Bill No. 2894-82 which was introduced on Wednesday, February 17, 1982, to the Committee on Agriculture.

At this time, Senator O'Connor rose and addressed the members of the Senate as follows:

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

"My point involves several things, Mr. President: first, it involves Father Keahi's prayer this morning; second, with a letter I received from President Reagan; third, with some \$200 fund-raising tickets that have been circulated in my law firm;

fourth, with an editorial that appears in this morning's paper; and fifth, with the recess we are about to embark upon next week.

"Taking those one at a time, Mr. President, I really like Father Keahi. He is a terribly nice guy and he runs a smooth church. But, to have Father Keahi come and pray for the coalition is a little bit too much.

"Secondly, Mr. President, I want to report to this honorable body that I received a letter from President Reagan this week... yesterday to be exact... a four-page letter, addressed to myself, as 'Attorney-at-Law' in Honolulu, and the bottom line of President Reagan's letter was, he was soliciting me to contribute massive amounts of money for the defeat of Democratic senators and congressmen in Washington. Now, I know that President Reagan wants to defeat Democratic senators and congressmen in Washington, and I know that he's going to need a lot of money to do that, but to solicit me to accomplish that end, Mr. President, is just too much.

"Now, I've written a blistering letter back to President Reagan, informing him that I want more Democratic senators and congressmen elected next year, so hopefully this program he is pushing of New Federalism can end before it begins. But, I am aggrieved by that letter from President Reagan.

"To make matters worse, yesterday, one of my partners came through the law firm with some campaign fund-raiser tickets. I see a lot of those, as you all do, from time to time, but these campaign fund-raiser tickets were different because they were for \$200, which first of all, is a rather unusual sum, and next, they publicized the fact our ex-President Gerald Ford was returning to town in April, and further, they were for the gubernatorial campaign of one of our colleagues in this body--one that we had some discussion about the other day."

At this point, Senator Soares interjected:

"Point of order, Mr. President, is it me?"

Senator O'Connor then continued:

"No, no, no, this is a gubernatorial not a lieutenant governor's campaign.

"Furthermore, I don't think he's a... yes, I guess he is a grandfather. But, now, there are some strange things, because, Mr. President, this same individual seems to be denying the fact that he's

running for this office for which \$200 campaign tickets are being solicited for a major fund-raising event which is going to occur the day after this session is supposed to end, namely, April 24, 1982--a strange day for a fund-raiser of a non-candidate who only announces on Maui.

"Now, the other matter that I take some issue with is the fact that this morning in the Advertiser, an editorial appears, and it is emblazoned with the comment, 'Why Blame Anderson,' -- why blame Anderson? Now, I don't think anyone is blaming Anderson for anything. I think our problem is that Mr. Anderson refuses to stand up and take the blame.

"There is a comment in this editorial which says 'The result'... and we're talking about the result of what's happening around here... 'has been mostly a lack of guiding political philosophy in the Senate. A near veto for Republicans and a boost for Anderson when he challenges the Democratic Governor who is up for reelection.' And, of course, all of those things are talking about the coalition that Father Keahi prayed for this morning.

"Now, if the Advertiser is wise enough to see that what's happening around here is a boost for Mr. Anderson, then I would suggest that some statements made by the good Senator Cayetano some time ago where he said that he would not participate as part of the campaign committee for the election of a Republican Governor holds true.

"And that brings me to the last point, and that is that we have a recess coming up, and most of us will be going into the grassroots to have discussions with our constituents, and of course, we will be talking primarily to the constituents of our party. I will be talking to many of our Democratic constituents in my district and others, I am sure, will be talking to Democratic constituents in their districts. And, we shall also be here in these halls from time to time during that coming recess, and I would suggest that if anyone wants to talk about other things that could be happening around this body, this year, that maybe this recess is a good time to talk.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Yee then rose and stated:

"Mr. President, a point of personal privilege, please.

"In the absence of my good friend, Senator Anderson, I think some comments are proper at this time. I believe the previous speaker should be very proud

that he received a letter from President Reagan soliciting funds. That goes to show you that I think most of his clients are Republicans, and feel that since he's taking their money, it's time to give some back for a worthy cause.

"In regards to Father Keahi's comments, I'm sure he made it with the simpleness of his good faith in our legislative role this year. It's no different whether the coalition is in control or a majority party is in control. We Republicans have been in the minority for the last 35 years. Please let us enjoy a little bit of knowing what it feels like to be in the majority.

"Other comments about Senator Anderson's fund-raising ticket... I think again, it points out what Senator Anderson has been saying all along. If he doesn't have the support of the people, and the polls show that he's not a viable candidate, and if it shows that he can't raise adequate funds, I think Senator Anderson really means that he would not run, if he can satisfy those two conditions. So, I would say that the fund-raiser is not premature.

"I'm involved in assisting Senator Anderson in selling his \$200 tickets, and if any of you would be happy to contribute toward his fund-raiser, I'm here, ready and available with the tickets. So, I would say that I'm happy we have this recess coming along and look forward to some peace and quiet.

"Thank you."

Senator O'Connor then rose and queried:

"Mr. President, I wonder if the previous speaker would yield to a question?"

Senator Yee answered in the affirmative and Senator O'Connor continued:

"Thank you, Mr. President.

"Mr. President, I wonder if the previous speaker could tell us whether or not it's true that during this recess there are going to be major fund-raising events also for Senator Anderson in San Diego County, Orange County, Los Angeles County, and the San Francisco Bay Area?"

Senator Yee then responded:

"I'm sorry, I can't respond to that question, because I don't know."

Senator Ajifu then rose and stated:

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

"I'd like to...in response to the first

speaker, relate a story about Teddy Roosevelt when he was out campaigning. In one of his campaign rallies there was a heckler in the crowd heckling the President, yelling, 'Mr. President, I'm a Democrat, I'm a Democrat,' and he kept heckling the President, and so finally, the President stopped and asked the man 'Why are you a Democrat?' The man said, 'Well, my father was a Democrat, my grandfather was a Democrat, and I am a Democrat.' And so, Teddy Roosevelt said, 'Tell me, if your father was a donkey and your grandfather was a donkey, what would you be?' The man said, 'I'd be a Republican.'"

Senator Abercrombie then commented:

"I think that the Advertiser editorial comment that there is no guiding policy in the Senate has just been quashed."

The President then stated:

"Very good. I would just like to end all of this, by very briefly answering my colleague from the Seventh District.

"First of all, as far as Reverend Keahi is concerned, I never spoke to him, never talked to him about the coalition. I think he was just wishing everyone well.

"And, with reference to your four-page letter, I feel very insulted that the President of the United States didn't write to one of the leaders of the coalition for solicitation of funds.

"With reference to your third point about the \$200 tickets, I received a very interesting letter from the ex-Governor of Hawaii, the Honorable William Quinn, requesting funds for an exploratory committee to elect a Republican Governor. I must admit I may have to write to the Honorable Governor to inform him that I will be supporting the Democratic nominee for Governor. I want to make that very clear.

"As far as the editorial in the Advertiser is concerned, if I were to follow all of the editorials written about me or the coalition in the Advertiser, I'd get lost in a position of nowhere as it seems they provide ample opportunity to tell their end of the story without ever coming to talk to me about what my side looks like. So we'll leave the whole matter of the guiding post and the guiding philosophy with the Advertiser.

"With reference to the recess, I do want to, on a serious note, say this to you, that I know that some

of the Senators will be going out to their constituencies to talk with the people. Whether I think your constituency is Republican, Democrat, or Independent, I hope, for those of you who choose to go out into the field to talk to your constituents, that you try to include everyone, not just some.

"I want to make that point very clear because the next point I want to make is that it is often very sad for me in the past few years that the purpose of the recess is being used for different reasons. I hear all of my chairmen announcing various committee meetings on bills. I think the purpose of the recess was for having the public come in and have access to bills that are in committee, where they would get some kind of dialogue and some kind of explanation of what is happening. I, for one, have some second thoughts about this recess and I will so inform my chairmen, during this coming week, to keep track of the number of people in our community who will come here and take the time out to have bills explained to them.

"The record in the past few years has been just simply miserable. I would much prefer it if all legislators remained in the Capitol building, rather than being scattered all over the State of Hawaii. As I said, this is the place they'll have to come to, this is the place where the material is available, and this is the place where answers can be found to their questions about government.

"We have ample facilities to inform the public as to what is going on here in the legislature in the form of an information center which is located here in the basement. Now, I want to make it very clear to all of you, if you possibly can, remain here in the Capitol for the next week. I would like to ask every Senator if they would not mind, that they take some kind of count of how many people from the general public come to visit their offices and ask about bills.

"I think the lobbyists' positions are very clear. They know what's in here. They know where to go to get information; and probably, the professional lobbyists will be around the building during the course of this week. I want to emphasize that I think we ought to take a look at the cost involved in keeping the legislature open for that week. It is quite high. We made our first attempt in bill introductions and I think that there are several other steps that we can move on.

"For those of you who have hearings, I would like to suggest to you that you hurry your hearings, get them off as

quickly as you possibly can so that you can allow some time so that your constituents and the people of this state can ask you questions about whatever bill that seems to be on their mind. For all of you, I hope I will be seeing you during the course of the week."

At this point, Senator O'Connor rose and stated:

"Mr. President, just one brief comment. We are all reassured by your heartwarming remarks and we will be here working hard during the recess. I just want to make one comment. I got that copy of the letter from the ex-Governor also, and it starts out by saying: 'Dear Fellow Republican.'"

The President then responded:

"Mine says: 'Dear Honorable Richard "Dickie" Wong, President of the Senate,' with a note which says: 'P.S. I would like to tell you that I like the way that Senator Anderson is holding this coalition together.'"

Senator Soares then rose and stated:

"Mr. President, I would be remiss not to say a few words before we get through building my lieutenant governorship. But, on a very serious note, I think we've all enjoyed these comments under the announcement section in the last few days, but I think it's about time we directed our attention to, very seriously, to the floor of the Senate becoming a floor for debate on legislation and the problems that face our state and our constituents.

"I think we've gotten across the point about whether or not we have a governor candidate here or whether or not he's raising funds and whether or not he's going to say it or not say it, but I think the time has come that we should direct our attention to more serious business here on the floor of the Senate, debating the issues that we have to address ourselves. We've been here for 22 days, time's moving on, and I think we should get down to some real hard facts and some hard business."

Senator Abercrombie then rose and stated:

"As you know, I never play to the crowd, so I probably won't be able to get sustained applause after I make my remarks on personal privilege.

"I too feel that we should be concerned with our legislative business and I do

want to say to someone who may be opposing me for lieutenant governor in the upcoming race, that I do think the issues being debated here are important, and I do think the issue, regardless of our position on the candidacy, is a good thing to have on this floor.

"I would indicate that one of the regrets that I had when I served in the House was that we did not do more debate in public. I don't think that it does any harm for any of us to defend our position whether on this particular issue of my race for lieutenant governor, or any other issue that might take place, and I appreciate the fact that the President has allowed a degree of leeway in this area that promotes, I think, public discussion on this floor. I don't think it has done us any harm, but on the contrary, it's been good, and I will say in conclusion that it perhaps is a boost to the previous speaker's candidacy. As for looking over this letter... I haven't gotten any letters from anybody. I guess it's this \$200, they just figure forget Abercrombie when it comes to that.

"I knew Mr. Quinn very well and his whole family... I'm a little disappointed, but he does indicate here with respect to Senator Anderson as a parent and a grandfather. A grandfather is going to be very important obviously in this next campaign and I'm very pleased to see a couple of grandfathers are considering the race. There is one point that I do agree with ex-Governor Quinn, however. He does indicate in the letter that no contribution is too small, and I support that fully, so if you don't have \$200 and just a small contribution, just send it to me.

"Thank you."

The President then remarked:

"Senator Abercrombie and Senator Soares, I'm happy to learn that both of you are seeking the lieutenant governorship. I was thinking of who I should ask to be my running mate, when I decide to run."

At this time, Senator Holt rose and stated:

"Mr. President, I just want to make a few comments on some of the previous speakers' remarks.

"I think it's not so much that we have belabored the point as much as it is the question of credibility, not only on the part of Senator Anderson, but on yourself. It has been shown that he has announced on Maui. It has been reported that he's having fund-raisers

in California, and he's already selling tickets for a fund-raiser on April 24th, the day after the session ends. I think if the coalition Democrats are going to support a Republican candidate for Governor, come out and say so, and just don't... it's just a big sham, that's all it is.

"Thank you."

The President then replied:

"Senator Holt, in response, I want to make one point very clear to you. I am not now speaking for the other nine members of my coalition group. I've told you personally and the general public and I'm going to tell you one more time, 'I will support the Democratic nominee for Governor of this state.' I cannot make it any clearer. I think personally, you are belaboring the point. I think, Senator Holt, that it's very hypocritical for the seven dissidents here to sit in this body and tell me that they were not going to form a coalition with the Republicans way back as far as November 1980.

"I've never tried to belabor this because I'm trying to keep this thing at the lowest possible level. The coalition is a fact. It is operating the Senate. I don't mind any individual criticizing the coalition, but what I cannot see is this whole degree of hypocrisy that has just taken place for the past couple of weeks, which has just gnawed the hell out of me.

"I cannot see people who tried to do the very same thing come out now and talk about party loyalty, party strength, party everything. I just can't believe it. It's hypocritical.

"I think there's got to be a lesson learned here about integrity and credibility.

"We had to get the people's business going. We could have sat here for another five weeks and not attained anything. The coalition is a result of that delay which we had caused to happen, and we rectified that delay. I've said time and again from this podium that the people will be the final judge of our actions. The results we attain in this session will determine whether a legislator is going to be reelected to office.

"The people are the final judge for our actions. We can criticize each other and we can disagree with each other, but the ultimate judges

for all of us are the people of this state. I happen to agree with Senator Soares, we have to get back to business and get off this trip about whether one of us has aspirations of running for governor. I've said it, and I'm going to repeat it one more time so that everyone in this state understands clearly, 'I will support the Democratic nominee for governor of this state, whomever he is. I'm going to make it clear to my constituents in the Fifth Senatorial District if that is their interest.

"I've gone to several groups of Democrats, people throughout the state, to explain my position in the coalition and what happened. I didn't see anybody else sitting alongside of me saying that's not true. Every opportunity I've had to meet with Democrats, I've done it. I've tried to explain my position, tell them my side of the story, and tried to get my message across.

"I'm hopeful that the coalition will not be discussed anymore in these chambers because I really think that after the recess we have got to get down to the business of the state. We will have disagreements. We will have personality conflicts. It's inevitable in a process such as this, but I want to say it one more time. Please Senators, let's get back to work, and if you have something to contribute, please do so.

"I think I've got to get this off my chest...for those individuals--the seven dissidents--who, by choice, have chosen not to participate in all of the announced caucuses that have been announced by this podium and by the Majority Leader of this body, please cooperate. And for all of the meetings of the committees that you have been assigned to, show up at the meetings, then squawk, but don't sit out there and chastise all of us without having the courtesy of participating.

"Senator Holt, would you care to respond?"

Senator Holt then responded:

"Yes, Senator Wong.

"It seems pretty ironic that last year we were not invited to one caucus. Maybe it's because this is an election year that all Senators are invited to the caucus."

The President then replied:

"Senator Holt, I think if you will look in the Journal, you will find that from this podium, when you people said that you wanted a caucus room and a research room, I offered the Majority facilities

to you. That offer stood. In fact, your patronage positions were kept last year by you.

"I think I've been a fair President. I don't think there's anyone among you who can say I haven't been fair. You may say other things about me, but there's one thing you can't say about the Chair, that I've been unfair."

Senator O'Connor then rose and stated:

"Mr. President, for good reason there is a long standing parliamentary rule that the presiding officer of a body does not debate an issue from the..."

The President then interjected:

"I am not debating an issue. I'm answering a question posed to the Chair."

Senator O'Connor continued:

"Mr. President, when such a situation occurs, the presiding officer relinquishes his position, takes a position on the floor, calls a recess..."

At this time, Senator Uwayne rose and stated:

"Point of order, Mr. President. Parliamentarily, I have a point of order, Mr. President."

The President then stated:

"No, the Chair recognizes the speaker. Proceed, Senator O'Connor."

Senator O'Connor continued:

"Thank you, Mr. President. I do not mean this as any sort of comment except that comment, and I think that it would be well, maybe in the future, if we get into these debates that we all debate from the same position on the floor."

The President then replied:

"You're correct on the parliamentary procedure in that aspect. But a question was posed to the Chair and I think that the Chair has the right to answer that question, no matter how wrong that answer might have been delivered. But, the Chair has the right to answer any question posed to it."

Senator Campbell then rose and stated:

"Mr. President, I rise to respond to some of the remarks that you made.

"Mr. President and members of the Senate, I somewhat resent being called a dissident Democrat. I am not a dissident Democrat. I'm a Democrat without that adjective.

"Mr. President, you stated that none of the seven Democrats attended the caucuses. I've attended all caucuses and I would prefer to have you say that at least the seven Democrats were represented at the caucuses.

"Thank you."

The President then responded:

"I stand corrected. One Democrat."

Senator Kawasaki then rose and stated:

"Mr. President, just to bring more light on this discussion. I must agree with Senator Campbell that he did attend the caucuses; he does attend quite regularly and diligently the committee hearings that have been called by the Senate subcommittee chairmen.

"I think, really, without talking about the coalition, the bottom line is how well we serve the people that elected us. And serving the people well who elected us means attending committee hearings called by the chairmen of Senate subcommittees. And, if you were to judge the individual Senator's regard for the benefit of the people that elected them, then perhaps we had better examine attendance at committee hearings as a means of judging the sincerity with which these people claim they serve the people of this state.

"I think we can also judge them by their lack of attendance at golf courses to show how well they attend to the people's business. And let those standards really determine the bottom line--how well we as individual Senators attend to the people's business, coalition notwithstanding."

Senator Holt then rose and stated:

"Senator Wong, I take exception to the previous remarks, but since he's from my district, I won't belabor it. I speak strictly from an organizational standpoint. There is a minority in this Senate and that is those of us seven Senators.

"Whether you recognize us or not, the issue has to be raised that we're not treated like a minority. All we're asking for is parity and we're not getting it from you.

"Thank you."

The President then replied:

"Senator Holt, I have offered the facilities of the Majority research staff to be made available to you, like every Democratic Senator. As far as I was concerned, I have always answered the question that I don't consider you people to be a minority. I consider you people to be Democrats.

"If you choose to be be that minority, that is your choice, and you people have obviously made your choices and I respect your right to make that choice. The facilities here in the building are open to you people. The research staff is available to do whatever work that needs to be done and I think that's fair.

"I just want to inform the seven people again that that offer is still available. The Majority research staff is available to you on an individual basis or on a collective basis. Our Majority attorneys are available to you on an individual basis or on a collective basis.

"I too don't want to belabor the point. But the point is these services that are due Democrats here in the Senate are available. There have been some changes since the organization of the Senate, obviously. We are in a coalition situation and those changes which were part of the discussions are in existence.

"I'm just trying to live within what was said and what was agreed to as part of the organization of this body. I don't find that discouraging to me. I think I've just tried to be fair and whether you feel that I have been, it's a matter of opinion, and I respect your opinion."

Senator Kawasaki then rose and stated:

"Mr. President, one closing comment.

"I'm not trying to curry favor with you as presiding officer of this body, but just to attest to the fact that I certainly believe that you have been eminently fair as the President of this Senate, and perhaps your defect is the fact that you're too good a guy and this is the reason why people decide to take advantage of you."

The President then replied:

"That's the first time I've heard that in a long time. Thank you very

much, Senator Kawasaki."

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:20 o'clock p.m., on motion by

Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Yee and carried, the Senate adjourned and will remain in recess until 11:30 o'clock a.m., on Monday, March 1, 1982.