

SECOND DAY

Thursday, January 19, 1984

The Senate of the Twelfth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1984, convened at 11:00 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Dr. W. C. Garland, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church of Pearl Harbor, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

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

"Mr. President, we are honored today with the presence of the Governor of Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan. He is here with the Speaker of the Fukuoka legislature and fellow legislators to help commemorate the second anniversary of the establishment of the Hawaii/Fukuoka sister-state and sister-legislature relationship.

"It is my pleasure this morning to introduce these dignitaries who are on the Senate floor. At this time, I'd like to ask the Governor of Fukuoka, Mr. Hachiji Okuda, to please stand up.

"We have with us also, members of his staff: Mr. Eijiro Kondo, Director, Secretarial Office; Mr. Michiyasu Ichinomiya, Director, General and Foreign Affairs Division; Mr. Hiroji Furusawa, Assistant Director, Governor's Office; and Mr. Nobuo Okubo, Clerical Specialist.

"From the legislature, is the Speaker of the Assembly, (a unicameral system there,) Mr. Masamichi Higuchi. The chairman of the Fukuoka Prefectural Assemblymen's Federation for Promotion of Goodwill Relations with the State of Hawaii, Mr. Hatsujiro Yokota, was not able to be with us here because of illness; however, representing Assemblyman Yokota is Mr. Masahiko Nohara, Director, Fukuoka Prefectural Assemblymen's Goodwill Federation with Hawaii. The other legislators are: Mr. Isao Matsuoka, Mr. Junichi Otsuka, Mr. Hisaya Tanaka, Mr. Katsuya Sakaguchi, Mr. Yoshitaka Kondo and Mr. Masatoshi Yoshinaga.

"Staff members from the legislature, are: Mr. Masaaki Sugimoto, Director, General Secretariat of Prefectural Assembly (this position is comparable to our Senate Clerk); and Mr. Takeshi Takayama, Director, General Affairs Section, Secretariat of Prefectural Assembly.

"Sitting in the back of them is the translator-interpreter, Masako Bellinger of Hawaii."

At this time, Governor Okuda, Speaker Higuchi and Mr. Nohara were presented with gifts, on behalf of the Senate, by Senators Yamasaki, Kuroda and Cobb; and the entire Fukuoka delegation were presented with leis.

At 11:15 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:18 o'clock a.m.

The President then invited Governor Okuda to the rostrum and stated:

"At this time, members of the Senate, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce to you His Excellency, the Governor of the Fukuoka Prefecture, Hachiji Okuda. Would you please give him a very warm welcome."

Governor Okuda addressed the members of the body as follows:

"The Senate President Mr. Wong and Senators, we are so very pleased and honored to have been invited to your first legislative session of 1984. We have certainly appreciated your warm hospitality which has been extended to us since our arrival here two days ago. We hope that our visit to your State will strengthen our friendship with the people of Hawaii. Aloha and Mahalo."

The Chair then responded:

"Thank you very much, Governor Okuda.

"At this time, Senators and ladies and gentlemen, may I have the honor of presenting the Speaker of the Assembly of the Fukuoka Prefecture, the Honorable Masamichi Higuchi."

Speaker Higuchi addressed the members of the body as follows::

"The Senate President Mr. Wong and Senators, it is our great pleasure and honor to be here this morning and to be introduced to your assembly at the first legislative session of 1984. We will do our utmost effort to strengthen our ties of friendship between Hawaii and Fukuoka Prefecture. Lastly, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the Senate President Mr. Wong and the various levels of legislators for making our visit to Hawaii very, very

memorable. Aloha and Mahalo."

At 11:24 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:25 o'clock a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:26 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Cobb, seconded by Senator Soares and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Friday, January 20, 1984.