

## SEVENTEENTH DAY

Thursday, February 6, 1986

The Senate of the Thirteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1986, convened at 11:37 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Chaplain Daniel R. Stewart, Lt. Commander, United States Navy, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

The following introductions were then made to the members of the Senate:

Senator Chang, on behalf of Senator Cayetano and himself, introduced radio personality and news columnist Mr. Larry Price.

Senator George, at this time, read portions of a Senate Certificate recognizing Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station (KMCAS): "... in competition with military installations across the nation won two extremely prestigious awards ... they won the U.S. Department of Defense Environmental Quality Award and also won the Secretary of Defense Natural Resources Conservation Award ...."

Senator George then introduced the following individuals associated with KMCAS: Colonel Robert P. Rogers, Commanding Officer; Colonel Charles Robinson, former Commanding Officer; Lt. Colonel Richard G. Wilmes, Director of the Facilities Department; Mr. Mel Yoshinaga, Deputy Director of the Facilities Department; Navy Lieutenant Randall Hoffman, head of the Facilities Planning Department; Dr. Diane Drigot, Station Environmental Specialist; accompanied by Mrs. Joan Robinson, wife of Colonel Robinson; Captain Bill Clemens, Band Master of the Marine Corps Band, and some of the members of the band who were sitting in the gallery.

Colonel Rogers and Colonel Robinson were presented the Senate Certificate by Senator George and Senators A. Kobayashi and Young presented them with leis.

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

The Senate reconvened at 11:46 o'clock a.m. with the Vice President presiding.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Msg. No. 116, transmitting a draft of

a Senate Concurrent Resolution authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to dispose, by way of an easement, certain government submerged land off-shore of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, for a mooring anchor for a fishing platform (vessel), was read by the Clerk and was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Senator Holt, for the Committee on Higher Education, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 14-86) recommending that Senate Resolution No. 23 be adopted.

Senator Solomon then moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 14-86 be adopted and S.R. No. 23 be adopted, seconded by Senator Chang.

Senator Abercrombie then rose to inquire:

"Mr. Vice President, is my understanding correct that this is a suggestion to be given to the Board of Regents and that it will be taken under consideration with respect to how this naming might take place and what appropriate circumstances, is that a fair assessment?"

The Chair posed the question to Senator Solomon to which Senator Solomon replied:

"Yes, Mr. Vice President, that is the purpose of the resolution."

The motion was put by the Chair, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 14-86 was adopted and S.R. No. 23, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO NAME THE UNIVERSITY'S MAUNA KEA OBSERVATORY FACILITIES IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF ELLISON SHOJI ONIZUKA," was adopted.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

## RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair then made the following re-referral of bills that were introduced on January 31, 1986:

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 1937-86	Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development
No. 1946-86	Committee on Committee on Economic Development, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 2418-86 Committee on Labor and Employment, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

No. 2467-86 Committee on Education

Senator Wong then rose on a point of personal privilege and remarked:

"Mr. Vice President, I want to take this opportunity to clarify any allegations concerning my support for a state lottery.

"As I understand it, at a House hearing yesterday, Mr. Rick Reed stated that I had a 'self-serving' interest in establishing a lottery here in Hawaii because of my involvement with a company that operates the Guam lottery.

"Mr. Vice President, nothing can be further from the truth. I have always supported a state-operated lottery. I have never been in favor of letting the lottery be operated by any private firm, which is the case in Guam.

"My interest in establishing a state-operated lottery dates back to 1973 when I was in the House of Representatives. The lottery bills that I've introduced over the years are as follows: 1973 - House Bill 1889; 1982 - Senate Bill 2555; 1983 - Senate Bill 100; 1985 - Senate Bill 243 and Senate Bill 495.

"All these bills provide for a state-operated lottery through a duly established lottery commission, the commission being a state agency. Nowhere do these bills provide for contracting out

the operations of the lottery. The only involvement by private companies would be by retail stores that would be selling the tickets.

"My interest in the lottery preceded my association with Syncap. Furthermore, even though I do consulting work for Syncap, I have never been in favor of letting a private company run our state lottery. Under any of the bills I have proposed, neither Syncap or any other company would run our state lottery. There is no self-serving interest, period. I think the record is clear.

"I spoke to Mr. Reed yesterday and explained my legislative record on the lottery. He apologized for his remarks and indicated to me that it was not his intent to say anything malicious about me. I accepted his apology; I'm prepared to believe that his reference to me was due to misinformation on his part.

"However, just in case there is any misinformation or misunderstanding out in the community, I do want to take this opportunity to set the record straight. I am for a state-operated lottery. I am against a privately-operated lottery. Neither I nor any company I am associated with will be involved in the actual running of the lottery, should that become a reality.

"Thank you very much."

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:56 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, February 7, 1986.