

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Tuesday, March 11, 1986

The Senate of the Thirteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1986, convened at 11:40 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Edith Wolfe of the United Church of Christ, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Aki and Young who were excused.

The President announced that he had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-Third Day.

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

Senator Cobb, on behalf of Senator B. Kobayashi and himself, introduced 52 fifth graders from Kahala Elementary School, accompanied by their teachers, Mrs. Ginny Young and Mrs. Carmen Ikihara-Saito, and parents, Mrs. Susan Turner and Mrs. Jolyn Nance.

Senator Cobb, on behalf of Senator Soares and himself, also introduced two 8th grade student interns from Niu Valley Intermediate School, Reed Nakashima and Tony Davis.

Senator Chang, on behalf of Senator Holt and himself, introduced an English class from Central Intermediate School, accompanied by their teachers, Carolyn Len and Jerry Smith, and tutors, Agnes Wong and Alice Okimoto.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 219 and 220) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Gov. Msg. No. 219, transmitting the 1984-85 Annual Report prepared by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Gov. Msg. No. 220, 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 lands and lands beneath tidal waters situate at Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu, Hawaii, for purposes of enabling the construction of certain offshore improvements, was referred to the Committee on Economic Development.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

Hse. Com. No. 356, transmitting House Concurrent Resolution No. 78 which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 11, 1986, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Cobb, seconded by Senator Soares and carried, H.C.R. No. 78, honoring Governor George R. Ariyoshi on his birthday, was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVICE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 507-86 (Gov. Msg. No. 112):

Senator Machida moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 507-86 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Cobb and carried.

Senator Machida then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Robert C. Gilkey, as the Director of Industrial Relations, term to expire December 1, 1986, seconded by Senator Cobb.

At this time, Senator Machida rose to speak on the nominations of Mr. Robert Gilkey and Mr. Ronald Kondo, as follows:

"Mr. President and members of the Senate, it is my fervent belief that Mr. Robert Gilkey and Mr. Ronald Kondo are well qualified for assuming the duties and responsibilities of their respective positions. Mr. Gilkey has served as a Deputy Director of DLIR for eighteen years and has distinguished himself as a leader, and is intimately knowledgeable with the range of programs and services of the department. Mr. Gilkey, as attested by his colleagues, as well as the ILWU, the United Public Workers and the Hawaii State Central AFL-CIO, is straightforward, honest, fair and a proven professional in the field labor and industrial relations.

"Mr. Kondo brings a wealth of experience as a member of the House of Representatives, Maui County Council, Governor's Liaison Office, and a temporary member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board over the past eighteen years. Mr. Kondo possesses many qualities, including diligence, personal integrity, fairness and a willingness to serve. Expressions of support were given by his two colleagues on the board and the ILWU.

"Mr. President, in light of the overwhelming support of these two appointees, I urge all members here to consent to the nominations of Mr. Robert

Gilkey as Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and Mr. Ronald Kondo as a member of the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board. Thank you."

Senator Kawasaki added his remarks as follows:

"Mr. President, I too want to join Senator Machida in asking for unanimous confirmation of both these gentlemen. I happen to know both of these gentlemen as responsible, intelligent, committed gentlemen. I hope that the testimony in favor of their appointments confirmation came only from the labor sector of the State of Hawaii and I trust that they too enjoy the confidence of the employer sector and the business sector of our state, and I trust that these two gentlemen, with the confirmation on the part of the Senate, would administrate and their agencies with objectivity and impartiality. This, particularly in view of the fact that compliments and the suggestion that we confirm them came only from the labor group of people in this state, I trust that they will administer fairly for all sectors of the population. With this confidence in their objectivity and their commitment to their positions, I urge the unanimous confirmation of their positions by this body."

Senator Soares added his remarks on the nominations of Mr. Gilkey and Mr. Kondo as follows:

"Mr. President, I would be remiss not to echo the sentiments of the Republican Minority here in the Senate. We, all of us, have worked very closely with Bob Gilkey over the years and also with Ron Kondo. I too served with Ron Kondo in the House. I guess we're both 'heavies' because we banged heads quite often. But, I also want to say a few words on behalf of Ron Kondo and Bob Gilkey when you look toward good, spirited government service, both have been around for quite a long time and have carved out some very impressive records.

"I'd like to say this about Bob Gilkey, also, since he is a constituent in my district. Bob Gilkey has a reputation in the community as being one of the finest men, both religious in his church and in his community. I know of no other person that is as well deserving than he. His family and his friends join me today, I'm sure, in being very proud to welcome Bob and to wish the best in his new job. Thank you, Mr. President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Abercrombie, Aki and Young).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 508-86 (Gov. Msg. No. 213):

Senator Machida moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 508-86 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Cobb and carried.

Senator Machida then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Ronald Y. Kondo, to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board, term to expire June 30, 1995, seconded by Senator Cobb.

Senator Cobb spoke on the nomination as follows:

"Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor of both nominations and in doing so would like to comment, particularly, on Mr. Ronald Kondo whom I served with in the House of Representatives. His background includes a lot more than labor because he taught me a great deal about the ongoing affairs of the business community, as well, while serving as a member of the House, and there were many occasions when we had legislation that he was instrumental in providing that kind of information not only for myself, but other members of the House. However, the testimony neglected to mention his nickname, which ought to be shared with the other Senators. We knew him as the 'House Heavy,' and it was a pleasure serving with him. I urge unanimous consent, Mr. President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Abercrombie, Aki and Young).

Senator Machida then recognized Mr. Gilkey and Mr. Kondo, who were sitting in the gallery.

At 11:51 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:01 o'clock p.m.

At this time, Senator Solomon introduced the following individuals who were recognized by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs for their achievements, accomplishments and contributions to the people of the State of Hawaii: Mrs. Gladys Kamakakuokalani' Ainoa Brandt, Outstanding Hawaiian; Mrs. Ruth Ono, Outstanding non-Hawaiian; Mrs. Rawleen Fisher, Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member; and Mr. Benson Lee, accompanying the ladies. Senator Solomon read parts of the Senate Certificates honoring the ladies.

The honorees rose to be recognized and

were presented the Senate Certificates and leis by Senators Holt, Hee and Solomon.

At 12:06 o'clock p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:10 o'clock p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:13 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator Cobb, seconded by Senator Soares and carried, the Senate adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 1986.