

## THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Monday, March 9, 1987

The Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1987, convened at 11:41 o'clock a.m., with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Father Nathan Mamo of St. John Vianney Catholic Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

Senator Kuroda introduced the following to the members of the Senate:

"Mr. President, present on the floor this morning is a group of gentlemen who represent the Hawaii Pacific College (HPC) Sea Warriors Baseball Team. We are honored by their presence today.

"They are among the individuals, under the guidance of their coach, Pat Kuniyoshi, who built a new baseball field at the Keehi Lagoon Park and we want to commend this group of gentlemen for taking the initiative to bring that field up to the standard where college baseball can be played.

"Mr. Kuniyoshi is a professional landscaper who has been the coach of the HPC baseball team from its outset.

"At this time, I'd like to introduce Coach Pat Kuniyoshi; his assistant coaches: Allen Sato, Carey Yamamoto, and Mark Matsubara; team captains: seniors — Darin Akiyama and Eddie Hayashi, juniors — Craig Ibara and Aaron Makishima; Mr. Jim Hochberg, vice president of HPC; and Ms. Betty Nakashima, office manager, HPC."

All of the honorees rose to be recognized and were presented with the Senate Certificate by Senator Kuroda and leis by Senators Fernandes Salling, George, Ikeda, A. Kobayashi, McMurdo, Solomon and Young.

At 11:48 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:53 o'clock a.m.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 364) recommending that Senate Bill No. 81, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 81, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, March 11, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 365) recommending that Senate Bill No. 137 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 137, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 10, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 366) recommending that Senate Bill No. 138, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 138, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE CEILING," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, March 11, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 367) recommending that Senate Bill No. 140 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 140, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACT 347, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 1986," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 10, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 368) recommending that Senate Bill No. 141 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the

report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 141, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 10, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 369) recommending that Senate Bill No. 143 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 143, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 10, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 370) recommending that Senate Bill No. 1660 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1660, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 10, 1987.

Senator Yamasaki, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 371) recommending that Senate Bill No. 1722 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1722, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RECOVERY OF MONEY OWED TO THE STATE," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Tuesday, March 10, 1987.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 411:

On motion by Senator Kuroda, seconded by Senator Hagino and carried, S.B. No. 411, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE GEM," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, 1 (Cobb).

#### ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 352 (Gov. Msg. No. 86):

Senator Matsuura moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 352 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Aki and carried.

Senator Matsuura then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Suzanne D. Peterson as Chairman of the Board of Agriculture, term to expire December 31, 1990, seconded by Senator Aki.

Senator Matsuura spoke in support of the nomination as follows:

"Mr. President, I rise to speak in favor and support of the nominee. I just want the body here to know that Suzanne Peterson is able and willing to lead the blue and the green revolution for the State of Hawaii. Thank you."

Senator Reed also spoke in support of the nomination and said:

"Mr. President, as you know, it was my request last Friday that the vote on this nomination was deferred.

"I wanted to first have the opportunity to talk to the nominee about two issues of extreme concern to the people of Molokai: First, the state's eradication of 9,000 cattle when only two were found to be TB infected; and, secondly, I introduced a bill to establish a revolving loan fund to help create jobs for 56 percent of the people of Molokai who are dependent on some form of welfare assistance.

"In speaking against the agricultural loan portion of my proposal, a Department of Planning and Economic Development representative said it was unnecessary because the Department of Agriculture has lots of money for loans.

"When Suzanne Peterson learned I had caused the vote on her nomination to be deferred, she came to see me. She assured me that she agrees that the bovine TB problem was mishandled by the state and that she will work with me to try to help those ranchers who have been hurt. She confirmed that there is \$10 million available for ag loans and gave her personal commitment to spend time with me on Molokai to make sure that everybody who wants to farm will be aware of the ag loan program and will know what is required to get the money.

"As a result, Mr. President, I will support the nomination of Suzanne Peterson. Thank you."

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

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

#### RE-REFERRAL OF A SENATE BILL

The President made the following re-referral of a Senate bill:

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 321, S.D. 1 and Means	Committee on Ways and Means

At this time, Senator Yamasaki, chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, requested a waiver of the 48-hour Notice of a Public Hearing for the subjects listed on the agenda of the Senate Ways and Means Committee hearing notice for Tuesday, March 10, 1987, and the President granted the waiver.

Senator Matsuura then spoke in testimony of the late Richard A. Kawakami, Speaker of the House of Representatives, as follows:

"Mr. President, I would like to say a few words in tribute to a friend, the late Representative Richard Kawakami.

"I guess all of you know that Richard and I are perhaps the most popular moviegoers, as far as the state Legislature is concerned. We always went to the movie at 10:00 p.m. and always ended up at Like Like (Drive Inn Restaurant) for coffee.

"Today, I would like to share with you some of my experiences with Richard.

"When I went to the House in 1980, one of my friends in Hilo told me one of the first things I should do was to get to know Richard Kawakami because he is a very good legislator and he will teach you how the legislature works.

"I remember one night over coffee, I asked Richard, I said, 'Look, I'm a freshman legislator. I have the chairmanship of Ocean Resources, and you were chairman of the powerful Land Use and Economic Development Committee for 14 years, now, you're vice chairman of Agriculture.' I asked, 'Do you have some kind of secret strategy?' Then, as usual, Richard laughed and said, 'Someday you'll learn.' And in the same tone, he told me, 'Dick, I have a good idea, there's a fish called anguila ....' This is where Richard and I became friends.

"It was common knowledge in the House that Richard and I had the 'junkiest' car. When Richard's front door collapsed, he had the 'junkiest' car, so that's one of the reasons why you always saw us at all the fund raisers and the movies.

"I still remember Richard reassuring me, 'Dick, don't worry about our junk cars, the people in Honolulu don't know who you and I are.' He said, 'The people in Hilo know that you're not that poor.'

"There's a saying that goes -- that only by sharing and giving does one truly possess what one has. And this is a real classic example of Richard because he is one person who helped everyone who was in need of a helping hand.

"Richard Kawakami had visions. He had great dreams, practical dreams. Some of those dreams are reality today because I know of them. Others are in bill form; others are yet to be introduced.

"I think that within a decade, Richard may be forgotten, but, as far as I'm concerned, I will always remember him when I see geothermal resource being harnessed to power Oahu. When I see the fruit trees and the winter vegetables growing on the slopes of Waimea and being shipped to the West Coast, I will remember him.

"I will remember Kawakami when I see all the fishes -- mullets and mahimahi growing in tanks along the oceanside. I will remember Kawakami when I see the silver cities for senior citizens patterned after the kibbutz in Israel.

"I'm going to miss him because he has planted a lot of seeds, I mean, a lot of seeds. I'm going to miss him because he's not going to be around to water and 'hohana' these plants.

"I know we all are going to miss him and to that end I just want to say to a friend, 'na ma stae!' (Aloha!)

"Thank you very much, Mr. President."

Senator Fernandes Salling also spoke in testimony of the late Richard Kawakami and said:

"Mr. President, I'd like to add a few words on behalf of my Kauai colleagues and those who served with the Speaker, Richard Kawakami.

"Richard will be remembered not only because of all of the things that he has done which were extolled by Senator Matsuura, but also because all of us from Kauai feel that he was a very good person, a really nice man.

"He was, to me, always reasonable when we dealt with issues from Kauai and though we had our differences we somehow were able to overcome them easily because he had such a good sense of humor and he seemed to be able to keep everything in

perspective.

"I know that the people back home right now and that his friends everywhere are grieving for him, and we will suffer his loss very deeply but he won't be forgotten because of the kind of person that he was and always will be.

"I would like to ask the members of the Senate to honor him in a small way, if I may, Mr. President, by making the motion to adjourn at the proper time."

The Chair responded: "Yes, at the proper time."

Senator Cobb then added his remarks:

"Mr. President, I'd like to rise in brief tribute to our friend and colleague, Richard Kawakami, having served with him for six years in the House and having grown with him together while there, while we've been serving with you in that body.

"I remember on the day of the state of the state address when we as a body, the Senate went over to the House, I showed him a cartoon that I later gave to you where a bedraggled old senior senator was saying to two young freshman senators, 'You people are senators? Heck, I have cigars older than you.' And Richard looked at me and he laughed when he saw that and he said, 'I tell you what, Steve, I'll give you all our cigars.'

"That was the humor of Richard Kawakami that always shown forth and, yet,

when he gave his opening day speech, he set forth a dream which I hope his colleagues in the House, as well as us, can hope to achieve.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

Senator Kuroda also added his remarks as follows:

"Mr. President, I'd like to add a few words with regards to our friend, the departed Dick Kawakami.

"Dick and I had in common, graduating from the same high school, Mid-Pacific Institute, and like Senator James Aki, we are the three from the school in the Legislature.

"I'd like to also share with you what I get teased about, which is, Joe Kuroda and his camera. I'm very pleased that I had the opportunity to take a picture of him and a beautiful cake that his staff prepared for him on his birthday, February 22nd, and which I just sent to him. I hope that it adds to the memorabilia of Dick Kawakami. Thank you."

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 12:35 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator Fernandes Salling, seconded by Senator George and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 10, 1987, on a rising vote, observing a moment of silence, in memory of the late Richard A. Kawakami, Speaker of the House of Representative, Fourteenth Legislature.