

FOURTH DAY

Monday, January 25, 1988

SENATE RESOLUTION

The Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1988, convened at 9:38 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Peter Salmas of the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Aki, Chang, Matsuura, Menor, Nakasato, Tungpalan and J. Wong who were excused.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 82 and 83) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 82, transmitting a report, "The Visitor Industry's Labor Needs on the Neighbor Islands," prepared by the Tourism Training Council, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in partial response to S.R. No. 84 (1987), requesting the development of an action plan for training and educational opportunities for the visitor industry worker.

Gov. Msg. No. 83, transmitting the 1987 Annual Report of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission, pursuant to Chapter 351, HRS.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications (Dept. Com. Nos. 20 and 21) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 20 from the Office of the Legislative Auditor, transmitting Report No. 88-9, "Study of Proposed Mandatory Health Insurance for Chiropractic Services," and Report No. 88-7, "Financial Audit of the University of Hawaii."

Dept. Com. No. 21 from the International Services Branch of the Department of Business and Economic Development, transmitting two reports, "A Listing of Foreign Investments in Hawaii" and "Directory of Japanese Firms and Representatives in Hawaii."

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 2) was read by the Clerk and was referred to committee:

Senate
Concurrent
Resolution

No. 2 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING AN EVALUATION OF RELIEF EFFORTS WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE NEW YEAR'S EVE FLOOD."

Offered by: Senators George, Hee, Solomon, Ikeda, Kobayashi, A., Young, Wong, J., Herkes, Holt, Menor, Hagino, Yamasaki, Matsuura, Tungpalan, Reed, Cobb, Nakasato, Mizuguchi, Blair, Kobayashi, B., Aki, McMurdo, Chang and Fernandes Salling.

Referred to: Committee on Military and Civil Defense.

The following resolution (S.R. No. 1) was read by the Clerk and was referred to committee:

Senate
Resolution

No. 1 "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING AN EVALUATION OF RELIEF EFFORTS WHICH WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE NEW YEAR'S EVE FLOOD."

Offered by: Senators George, Hee, Ikeda, Menor, Kobayashi, A., Wong, J., Holt, Solomon, Herkes, Hagino, Nakasato, Yamasaki, Matsuura, Reed, Cobb, Mizuguchi, Blair, Aki, Kobayashi, B., Tungpalan, Young and Fernandes Salling.

Referred to: Committee on Military and Civil Defense.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE BILLS

On motion by Senator Blair, seconded by Senator A. Kobayashi and carried, the following bills passed First Reading by title, and were placed on the calendar for further consideration on Tuesday, January 26, 1988:

Senate Bills:

No. 2105 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONDOMINIUMS."

Introduced by: Senators Cobb, Aki, Ikeda, Young, McMurdo, Fernandes Salling, Menor and Reed.

No. 2106 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OHANA ZONING."

Introduced by: Senators Cobb, Young, Aki, Tungpalan, McMurdo, Menor and Reed.

No. 2107 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2108 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY BUDGETS."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2109 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2110 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MORTGAGES."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2111 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2112 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND DANGEROUS WEAPONS."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2113 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC MONEYS."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2114 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII REGULATORY LICENSING REFORM ACT."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2115 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL EXCISE TAXES."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2116 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2117 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HOUSING AUTHORITY."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2118 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LOYALTY OATHS."

Introduced by: Senator Blair.

No. 2119 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VACANCIES."

Introduced by: Senator Kobayashi, B.

No. 2120 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A LAND BANK."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Hagino, Kobayashi, A., Solomon and Chang.

No. 2121 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MILK."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Aki and Kobayashi, A.

No. 2122 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAII-MADE PRODUCTS."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Wong, J. and Kobayashi, A.

No. 2123 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISLOCATED WORKERS."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Nakasato and Kobayashi, A.

No. 2124 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES."

Introduced by: Senators Matsuura, Kobayashi, A. and Holt.

No. 2125 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE JUDICIARY."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2126 "A BILL FOR AN ACT EMPOWERING THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE COUNTIES AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO AUTHORIZE BY FRANCHISE THE CONSTRUCTION,

MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF COMMUNITY ANTENNA TELEVISION SYSTEMS."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2127 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO IMPROVEMENT BY ASSESSMENT AND GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO HONOLULU."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2128 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLE PERMIT."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2129 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY LICENSES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2130 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ABANDONED VEHICLES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2131 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EXPIRATION OF LICENSES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2132 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORM NUMBER PLATES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2133 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2134 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD-TENANT CODE."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2135 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FORGERIES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2136 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STOLEN VEHICLES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2137 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2138 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2139 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DUTY AND RIGHT OF FINDERS."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2140 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTY ESTABLISHMENT OF MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2141 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PARKING FINES."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

No. 2142 "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HANDI-VAN TRANSPORTATION SERVICE."

Introduced by: Senator Wong, R., by request.

At 9:41 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 9:44 o'clock a.m.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 603, S.D. 1:

By unanimous consent, action on S.B. No. 603, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DRUG PARAPHERNALIA," was deferred until Tuesday, January 26, 1988.

REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The President made the following committee assignments of bills introduced on Friday, January 22, 1988:

Senate Bills Referred to:

No. 2094	Committee on Transportation
No. 2095	Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, then to the Committee on Judiciary
No. 2096	Committee on Transportation
No. 2097	Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce, then to the Committee on Judiciary
No. 2098	Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
No. 2099	Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
No. 2100	Jointly to the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Judiciary, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
No. 2101	Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
No. 2102	Committee on Government Operations
No. 2103	Committee on Education
No. 2104	Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Senator Cobb rose on a point of personal privilege and stated:

"Very briefly, Mr. President, I would like to rise on a point of personal privilege.

"First, to commend your chairman of the Tourism Committee, Senator Milton Holt, for the yeoman's good

job that he has done on the efforts to date in trying to select the convention center.

"However, at a Neighborhood Board meeting the other night I was reminded of the fact that the advocates of the convention center seem to have anywhere from four to half a dozen sites they want to put on the table. But, they want us to make the decision rather than prioritize it themselves before coming up with any kind of either private financing or joint venture or other means of support to effectuate that kind of decision, which, in effect, means, Mr. President, they seem to be very generous with our blood.

"I would like to call on the tourism industry to (1) get its act together, and (2) come in with a unified site, if they feel that it should be either in or near Waikiki, or in or near Kakaako, so that we have a clear direction from the industry as to where their preferred site is, rather than giving us a shish kebab to choose from. That kind of assistance, Mr. President, I think would be helpful in our deliberations. Thank you."

At 9:50 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Blair, seconded by Senator A. Kobayashi and carried, the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair to meet in Joint Session with the House of Representatives, in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 1, to receive the Governor's State-of-the-State address.

JOINT SESSION

The Joint Session of the Senate and the House of Representatives was called to order at 10:10 o'clock a.m., by the Honorable Daniel Kihano, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

At this time, the Speaker welcomed and introduced the following distinguished guests to the members of the Fourteenth Legislature:

The First Lady of the State of Hawaii, Mrs. Lynne Waihee. She was accompanied by her two children, John and Jennifer.

The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Honorable Benjamin Cayetano, and former governor of the State of Hawaii, the Honorable George Ariyoshi and Mrs. Jean Ariyoshi.

Commander of the Fourteenth Coast Guard District, Rear Admiral William P. Kovalesky.

The Honorable Frank F. Fasi, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; the Honorable Jay Hans Strasser, Dean of the Consular Corps in Hawaii; the Honorable Richard C. Smith, Consul General of the Australian Consulate; and the Honorable Tomas Gomez III, Consul General of the Philippines.

First Lady of the House of Representatives, Mrs. Daniel J. Kihano.

The Chair then appointed Senators Young, Hagino and George, and Representatives Alcon, Okamura and Liu to escort the Honorable John D. Waihee, Governor of the State of Hawaii, to the rostrum.

Senator Young presented Governor Waihee with a maile/ilima lei on behalf of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Speaker then presented to the members of the Fourteenth Legislature and guests, the Honorable John D. Waihee, stating:

"Members of the House and Senate, ladies and gentlemen, I present to you the Governor of the State of Hawaii, John David Waihee."

The Governor addressed the Joint Session as follows:

"Thank you.

"President Wong, Speaker Kihano, members of the Fourteenth State Legislature, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen, Aloha.

"Last year when I stood before you, I had little doubt that we, together, were embarking on a difficult journey through a world of change.

"I was barely two months on the job, the executive branch had a new cabinet; the House new leadership; and like myself, many of you, Democrats and Republicans alike, in the Senate and the House, with relatively short political careers, had assumed new responsibilities. Indeed, through no fault of their own, the mantles of elder statesmen had descended on Dickie Wong in the legislative branch and Al Simone in the executive.

"Furthermore, it was absolutely clear that we were in the midst of a new Pacific era preparing to enter the twenty-first century. Our challenge: To seize new opportunities, lead Hawaii to the forefront of Pacific/Asian affairs and turn the corner of this century with authority. Our vision: To move all of Hawaii's people forward to reach their Pacific destiny.

"I called upon you for action, and you responded. You took the programs and ideas of a new administration, heard them, aired them, reshaped them, improved them, supported them and added programs and ideas of your own. Together, we took significant steps to meet our challenge and fulfill our vision.

"Today, we find ourselves at the beginning of a new session and a new year. Do we have the will, commitment and vision to continue the work we have begun? Are we willing to reach for greatness again?

"Last Thursday, I, along with many of you, attended the Red Mass and heard Reverend Clarence Liu quote from the book *GRENDDEL* by John Gardner. The book tells the story of 'Beowulf' from the viewpoint of the dragon, Grendel. Grendel feels safe and observes of the ineffective peasants:

'There is no conviction in the old priests' songs; there is only showmanship. No one in the kingdom is convinced that the gods have life in them. The weak observe the rituals -- take their hats off, put them on again, raise their arms, moan, intone, impress their palms together -- but no one harbors unreasonable expectations.'

"My friends, it is reasonable for many in our community, based upon past experience, to assume that because of the strong divergence of opinion regarding the convention center we will be unable to select a site this session.

"It is reasonable, having heard it so many times before in Opening Day and State-of-the-State messages, for people to assume that there will be much ado about Hawaii's role in the Pacific or our need for affordable housing. But to expect few, if any, initiatives that rise to the occasion.

"It is reasonable to believe that there will be much activity and even resources spent on education, yet feel that, somehow, not enough is being done to insure accountability, address the quality of the end product or foster the involvement of all who have a stake in the outcome -- administrators, teachers, parents and students alike.

"It is reasonable, reviewing our recent political past, to expect that various initiatives proposed for passage will invariably conjure up such labels as 'pro-business' or 'pro-labor' rather than discussions about what is good for Hawaii and our quality of life.

"It is reasonable for so-called political pundits, using conventional knowledge, to suggest that since this is an election year, we will be content to rest on our laurels of the past session -- after all, a lot of good work was done -- and avoid the tough decisions needed to face the challenges ahead.

"It is unreasonable to take a stand on commitment, vision and dreams. So the critics, like Grendel, sit complacently by, awaiting the status quo. What the naysayers have not counted on is that you and I have unreasonable expectations.

"Last week, our Senate President called upon us to 'dream big,' especially for our children; our Speaker of the House challenged all of us to rise to new heights based on our mutual pride in Hawaii; our House Majority leader described Hawaii as the 'future state'; and our Minority leaders, in between light volleys over the bow, called for bi-partisan action.

"Likewise, my administration has publicly declared our intention to no longer accept the passive custodial role of pure administration. Instead, we have assumed a more aggressive role as investor, participant and catalyst in creating an economic and social environment which would best nurture the ideal of a Pacific community entering the twenty-first century.

"Quite a collective calling. A call for hands-on action. A willingness not merely to go for what we think we can get, but beyond.

"Now is the time to let the work begin.

"The future will place a new premium on our resourcefulness and ability to adapt to circumstances vastly different from those of the world we were born into. To meet new challenges we must build a society that will be competitive in the twenty-first century.

"Competitiveness starts in our schools.' Last session we made sizable investments in the physical plants and program of our public schools. Today I am asking you to immediately ratify a teachers' salary contract which will allow us to attract strong candidates into teaching and to retain teachers dedicated to their profession.

"This session let us enhance our educational agenda with classroom success in mind. But beyond program enhancements, we must commit ourselves -- educators, parents, children, business, labor, and those who believe President Wong, that children are the future -- to our public schools if we are to move forward toward building a school system that is second to none.

"Our goal for higher education is nothing less than the premiere university of the Pacific/Asian region. Our Pacific-ness is at the core of our competitiveness, and we will succeed in the world to the extent that we are able to

offer unique understandings of our human and physical environment.

"Let us build for excellence through the construction of a new Pacific Ocean Technology Center, support for research and instruction in marine and geological programs of the new school of ocean and earth science and technology and additional funding for the new school of Hawaiian Asian and Pacific studies.

"Competitiveness means bolstering our basic industries. Here we have major unfinished business -- our convention center.

"Last session we came close to picking the spot for the center, only to find that there was no perfect site.

"Let us therefore consider the nature of the industry and the center. Convention centers have characteristically been built to stimulate the further growth of a visitor industry.

"However, that is only part of our purpose: We must also recognize that we cannot continue to prosper simply by welcoming ever-growing numbers of visitors. The quality of our product is of equal, if not greater, importance.

"Our visitor industry in Waikiki must have facilities which offer the space and accommodations that will attract off-season and higher-paying guests if it is to remain competitive and flourish. We must preserve and enhance what we already have.

"In facing the tough decision of selecting a site, we should be reminded that the epicenter of visitor lodging in Waikiki is the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Plaza, surrounded by some 40,000 hotel rooms.

"I believe that a center should be as close as possible to that location in Waikiki. Although several properties fall within this guideline, Fort DeRussy should not be included among them. We need its open space, and it simply will not be available, if at all, for a long time.

"In addition to your deliberation on the known sites, I suggest that you consider a partnership with the private sector to develop an urban convention center on private property. Suitable lands are properties around and including the Magoon Estates and the International Market Place. There may be others as well.

"Competitiveness means new industries, new products and the use of new technologies. Our steadfast goal is to diversify.

"Our products can be knowledge, tangible goods or marketable skills, so long as they originate here. We have a wealth of opportunities, in space, in the oceans, in renewable energy, in high technology. But all the creative thought devoted to these disciplines will come to nothing unless we successfully convert our knowledge into trade and enterprise.

"To encourage that result, we are proposing the creation and funding of an office of technology transfer and economic development at the University of Hawaii specifically charged with the task of bringing invention out of the laboratory and into the marketplace.

"For the same reason we propose the allocation of nearly \$7 million to the establishment of an innovation center which will serve as an incubator for high technology businesses and \$5.7 million for comparable facilities on Maui.

"As information is a product, action is needed to develop Hawaii as the information hub of the Pacific, through the brokering, processing and creation of information. In 1989, we will have a U.S. Mainland/Hawaii/Japan fiber optic cable in operation. It is a new highway upon which we can move our goods. Let us open it for all.

"High among the sources of new technology are space industries.

"Last year your action made it possible for us to investigate the existing potential for Hawaii. The findings are in; the windows of opportunity are open; let us move forward.

"We can advance our knowledge of the universe around us, as we are already doing from the top of Mauna Kea. Through the Hawaii Institutes for Astronomy and Geophysics, we can provide quality jobs in engineering, computer sciences and skilled trades. We can participate, as did the ancient navigators who found this island home of ours, in the exploration of the unknown.

"With your continued support, we will accelerate our efforts with a strategic plan for commercial launch services. And so we propose an appropriation for basic research in astronomy and astro-physics, for environmental and marketing studies of a launch site, for conceptualization of a space theme park and education center, and for space expertise to lead the way.

"The waterfront is the face of Honolulu. Its features include our industry and vitality, our beauty and our grace, and our unique character as a people of land and sea. From Keehi Lagoon, where potential for recreation and maritime industry abounds; to the treasured people-beckoning charisma of Aloha Tower; to the old and new of Kakaako. It is a remarkable resource, with vast potential unrealized.

"To compete we must make real the dream launched by the waterfront reawakening program to present to the world a waterfront of Hawaiian character -- a place for people and new economic life; at the same time priority consideration must be given to the maritime requirements of a working harbor. Therefore, I urge:

- The purchase of Kapalama Military Reservation from the federal government to open new lands for maritime businesses.
- An appropriation of \$18.1 million to make Barbers Point Deep Draft Harbor a fully operational harbor, not only to take some of the load off the Honolulu waterfront, but to enhance economic development in Central and Leeward Oahu.
- An appropriation of \$1.7 million to clean up Keehi Lagoon, the most beautiful eyesore in our State, and funds for planning and environmental impact statements for the lagoon.
- An appropriation of \$2.5 million for a coordinated areawide plan and development program for the waterfront.

"As we move forward with our aspirations for the future, we must remember that we are here for people, and that government with no heart is no government at all. The measurement of our compassion is how we take care of the needs of people, and respond to the least fortunate among us.

"No human need is more basic than shelter. No family's dream more basic than a home of their own. Yet the average price of a single family home has risen over \$55,000 in the last eight years, rendering it, as has been for far too long, unaffordable for so many of our families.

"Scarcity of land contributes to the lack of affordable housing. We must make more lands available for construction of residences, and it is the policy of this administration to identify State lands suitable for development throughout the islands. We have prospects for the Big Island, Maui and Kauai, but on Oahu there is a notable shortage of public lands for this purpose.

"We were, therefore, pleased at the prospect of a second city on Oahu where people could live and work in a new urban center, rather than simply commuting to and from more urban expansion. Unfortunately, it just hasn't happened.

"To make land available for development on Oahu and assure the emergence of the second city at Ewa, I will be asking you to support the acquisition through purchase and lease either by negotiation or condemnation of some 4,000 acres on the Ewa Plain. This will form a ready land bank for timely home construction, as well as preserve the viability of agriculture in the area.

"In addition to land, we need capital to facilitate and expedite the construction of affordable homes, and I will be asking you for a \$120 million revolving fund to augment our existing resources.

"Land, capital and, finally, the participation of the private sector are essential ingredients of a successful affordable housing program. We need to make affordable housing good business, because only then will we have affordable homes. Not quotas, not conflicts -- just homes.

"A compassionate government protects the well-being of the community through health leadership. We are embarking upon a long-overdue department-wide reorganization which will make our State Department of Health more administratively effective, more accessible to the public, and more responsive to the pressing health and environmental needs of our community. Moreover, this restructuring prepares the department for leadership of what has become a \$2 billion industry in Hawaii -- health and health care.

"Three especially significant health initiatives we have proposed this year are: One, funds for an even more visible and effective AIDS education and prevention program; two, funds to initiate a special focus on the health needs of Hawaiians and to assist them in developing leadership in their own health promotion and disease prevention; and three, a new state laboratory to ensure that purity of our food and water supplies, provide state-of-the-art testing for AIDS, support new programs to monitor contaminants in our environment and provide health leadership to the private sector and our Pacific Island neighbors.

"A compassionate society keeps its obligations. The most obvious of which is our fiduciary duty to native Hawaiians. The issue of ceded land revenues must be resolved. We have begun discussions with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on this matter, and while the process of arriving at a fair and just settlement will not be easy or always pleasant -- indeed it may even take longer than one session -- we are committed to settling this issue once and for all.

"A compassionate government does not abide the wreckage of human lives. In the catalog of things that

cause harm to families and individuals, there is no more insidious an evil than substance abuse, which breeds crime and destroys lives. In 1987, our vigorous state-operated drug eradication programs took almost one billion dollars of marijuana out of our lands. That's three and a half times as much marijuana as was eradicated the prior year. With your help, we have also launched an aggressive federal, state and county \$1.5 million program to eradicate drugs where they are grown, transported and sold.

"In addition, we must attack the problem from the people side to prevent and end abuse. Thus, we have proposed an additional appropriation of \$2.3 million for drug treatment, education and prevention.

"And, of course, a drug free Hawaii has no need for drug paraphernalia. It is time to pass such legislation.

"In the past we have usually measured our compassion for the less fortunate by the kinds and amount of 'safety net' assistance and services provided. In many cases this was enough to help an individual or family through a rough period. But too often our help, however well intended, reduced individuals and families to the captivity of dependency instead of liberating them from the cycle of poverty.

"My friends and fellow policy-makers, I do not believe that creating this kind of dependence is a compassionate act. True compassion recognizes the dignity of the human being.

"Ask the people of Molokai what they prefer: A job or more welfare?

"We did, by going into partnership with them and employers on Maui and subsidizing a ferry to take workers to jobs. Many cynics said it wouldn't work, but the people responded. Last September, Molokai's unemployment rate stood at 14.2%. By December it had declined 56% to 6.3%. Today, if you go to Molokai, you will find a new sense of hope.

"Our people deserve opportunity and dignity. The goal of a compassionate society is independence.

"To prevent dependency we need to do more than change or even add programs. We must change mindset. We need to view government assistance through the eyes of those who need help. Do we offer people a program from a catalog, or do we give them a path to productivity, self-esteem and a more independent tomorrow?

"Last year you took a great step forward with the voluntary work fare program for welfare recipients, which has been dubbed 'Project Success.' This year we must continue to make similar investments in our people.

"And yes, Mr. Speaker, the search for independence is nowhere so poignant as among our senior citizens, who all too often are prematurely forced to give up everything that home means to them to enter a nursing facility. It is one of the great challenges of our time to pioneer new methods of home care. We need funds for demonstration projects and for a searching investigation of the most suitable methods of financing long term care and the needed shift to community-based care.

"Hawaii families often require the support of both parents. The situation is even more acute with single-parent homes. In far too many cases, the result is usually a female-headed family, dependent on public assistance.

"To compliment the efforts begun by 'Project Success,' we are proposing a new training program aimed at getting unemployed fathers of dependent children into the workforce and earning wages from which they can pay child support.

"Furthermore, parents who need to work need day care that does work. To meet the growing need for child care for youngsters from infancy to age two, for which conventional child care programs are not available, we are proposing an expanded program of recruitment, training and licensing of family day care operators.

"And to create a government and private sector partnership for child care, we propose a pilot project to help employers develop new and more effective programs, using our tax laws to assist employees with child care needs.

"Hawaii has over 100,000 people who are functionally illiterate. Many of them cannot find work, and those who do have little hope of getting a better position or dealing with a layoff. All of them must face the shame of knowing they cannot help their children with school work, or read a manual at work.

"To boost the highly productive efforts of the Governor's Council for Literacy, we are proposing an appropriation to support private sector initiatives and a system of matching grants. Literacy for the individual means choice, self-fulfillment and self-esteem.

"Providing affordable shelter for our families, protecting the health of our people and giving those who enjoy less of life's opportunities the ability to be independent are the attributes of a caring, compassionate society.

"My friends, how we enter the 21st century is ours to decide. Will Hawaii have the means to compete in an international economy? Will we be the kind of compassionate society that embraces all of our people in the search for a Pacific destiny?

"Today, we have the opportunity to determine tomorrow. Our guiding force is the depth of our commitment to define the future, to take the contract between people and state and affirm it with our greatest expectations and vision.

"Commitment means finding new ways to solve old problems. Last year we brought about the most comprehensive reorganization of state government since statehood. Today, I announce the creation of a Committee on Excellence, headed by businessman Bobby Pfeiffer, to hear from government's customers and recommend to me how we can improve our service.

"Commitment means using all of government's resources to tackle the tough problems. That is why this year, with our encouragement and support, all county police chiefs, prosecutors and the State's chief law enforcement officer, our Attorney General, have for the first time come together as one with a crime-fighters legislative package. The common enemy is crime. The common commitment is to end it.

"Commitment means partnership -- private and public, county and state -- to get the best, the very best, out of ourselves. To turn our vision of affordable housing and waterfront renewal into reality, we need and invite the participation of the private sector which is responsible for most development in Hawaii, the county governments which have housing resources of their own, and especially

the county councils who are charged with the responsibility of zoning urban lands.

"Commitment means not being anchored to yesterday's paradigms or caught up in today's buzzwords. Commitment means focusing on tomorrow.

"I have heard it said that a person can only cross the same stream once. Because the stream changes. And so does the person.

"Now is our time to cross the stream of change as changing people, with the firm footing of our 'Pacificness,' our island kinship and heritage.

"Competitiveness, compassion, commitment, unreasonable expectations, but the issue is the future, the time is now, and we are the people to do it."

Senate President Richard Wong then rose and stated:

"Thank you very much, Governor Waihee. I am not sure what to say. I had a few things that I wanted to say but I think, in all tribute to you, that kind of presentation was one I haven't heard for quite a little while. I must say Governor, that your agenda and the legislative agenda for this next session appears to be almost the same. I do realize that in the process, we will be taking into serious consideration the suggestions you have made, and, of course, allow some opportunity for legislative input into the product. And I am confident that with everything working in synch that we should come up with a heck of a session.

"Governor, I do want to assure you that the Legislature is prepared to go to work. I think, members of the House and the Senate, it is time to roll up our sleeves and let the work begin.

"If there are no further discussions by members of this Joint Session, I declare this Joint Session adjourned."

At 10:55 o'clock a.m., the President declared the Joint Session adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Blair, seconded by Senator A. Kobayashi and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Tuesday, January 26, 1988.