

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Monday, March 14, 1988

The Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1988, convened at 11:34 o'clock a.m. with the Vice President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Chaplain George Duncan of Hickam Chapel, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senator Reed who was excused.

The Chair announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Thirty-First Day.

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

Senator Ikeda introduced 25 students from Holy Trinity School who were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Barbara Dung, and parents, Mrs. Barbara Corba, Mrs. Dot Thomas and Mrs. Liz Whittle.

Senator Cobb introduced Luchie Arnegard, a student from Wheeler Intermediate School observing the legislative process, who was also recognized for winning the gymnastic individual championship at the Luka Nakoa Memorial Invitational Meet.

Senator Menor introduced Leigh Ann Asakura, a student from Wheeler Intermediate School observing the legislative process.

Senator Holt, on behalf of Senator Tungpalan and himself, introduced Mr. Earnest Byon, Mr. Phillip Jong and other members of the Central Merchants' Association of Waikiki.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Msg. No. 198, transmitting the Commissioner's Report on the Thrift Guaranty Corporation of Hawaii, pursuant to Act 187, SLH 1985, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF HOUSE BILL

The Chair re-referred H.B. No. 3161 to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Holt rose on a point of personal privilege and said:

"Madam Vice President, in this past Saturday morning's newspaper, the Honolulu Advertiser of March 12, Jerry Burris wrote an article on the tourism marketing fronts and what's happening to the budget for DPED.

"As you know, the State House is unhappy with the administration not providing information on the supplemental budget, and that our Tourism Committee has had the same kind of problems getting information from the department. However, I'd like to comment on certain statements by the deputy director that the expanded funding, quote (what she said is), 'needed for new marketing initiatives aimed at Japanese tourists to tie in with next year's upcoming expo to expand Hawaii's representation in Asia to full computerization.'

"Madam Vice President, we do not have any details on that type of a request. I checked this morning with the

Hawaii Visitor's Bureau to find out if they had any information regarding an expansion of activities in Japan, in Asia, where they are the ones operating the offices, and they have not been asked by DBED to provide information that would justify additional funding for this supplemental year.

"I'm not sure where the deputy director got the information or whether this is just a cover-up, but your committee has not received information. We have asked for information and we will continue to ask for information on the details of that and we'll just hope that the chairman of Ways and Means Committee will support the subject matter committee's recommendations until we get that information. Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 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, March 15, 1988.