

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Wednesday, March 23, 1988

The Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1988, convened at 11:40 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Richard C. Rowe, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Hee, Ikeda and Nakasato who were excused.

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

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

Senator J. Wong introduced Mr. and Mrs. John Aki Jr. and family, the 1988 Hawaii Family of the Year, in celebration of National Family Week. Seated on the floor of the Senate were the following: John Aki Jr., father, who is the principal of Ilima Intermediate School; Lydia Aki, mother, a teacher at Laie Elementary School; children: Keoni, junior at Kamehameha Schools and an Eagle Scout; Naomi, seventh grader at St. Ann's School; Jonathan, fifth grader at Heeia Elementary School; and John Sr. and Cecelia Aki, parents of John Aki Jr.

Senator J. Wong also introduced their new extended family from Hong Kong - Sik Kwong and Catherine Choy and children, Peter, Andrew and Cyril; and Ms. Patti Lyons of Child and Family Service, co-sponsors with the Honolulu Advertiser of the Hawaii Family of the Year.

The Akis and their extended family, together with Ms. Lyons, rose to be recognized and were presented the congratulatory Senate certificate and leis.

Senator Young then introduced 12-year old Hue Cao of Waipahu Intermediate School, the 1988 winner of an essay contest entitled "U.S. Constitution - Roads to Ratification," sponsored by the Aloha Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Senator Young recalled that "two years ago Hue Cao delivered her winning essay, 'What the Statue of Liberty Means to Me,' in New York City during the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. The Senate, at that time, presented her with a certificate in recognition of her outstanding accomplishments."

Miss Cao and her former teacher, Mrs. Paulette Moore, who accompanied her to the Senate, rose to be recognized. Hue was presented the congratulatory Senate certificate and she and Mrs. Moore were presented leis.

At this time, the President invited Miss Hue Cao to the rostrum to address the members of the Senate.

Miss Cao addressed the Senate as follows:

"Thank you. Mr. President, Senator Young, and ladies and gentlemen of the Senate.

"On behalf of my family, especially my mother, I want to thank all of you for helping us when we first came here from Vietnam.

"There are so many things I am grateful for but the three things I am most grateful for are: 1) the opportunity

to receive an education; 2) being able to live in this wonderful state; and 3) being a U.S. citizen.

"I would also like to thank all of you for honoring me today. I don't think I deserve this honor. There are so many other people who deserve it much more than I do.

"As a U.S. citizen, I think this country is the greatest country in the world. It has always been the greatest and it will always be.

"I am very proud to live in this country and I am very happy to be able to be a U.S. citizen, a part of all of you. Thank you."

At 11:52 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:57 o'clock a.m.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

Hse. Com. No. 420, returning Senate Bill No. 3214 which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on Tuesday, March 22, 1988, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions (S.C.R. Nos. 87 and 88) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Senate
Concurrent
Resolution

No. 87 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PRISONERS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES."

Offered by: Senators Menor, Chang, Hagino, Herkes, Kobayashi, B., Matsuura, Mizuguchi, Reed, Yamasaki.

Referred to: Committee on Corrections.

No. 88 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PLAN FOR AND TO IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE CENTER FOR SENSORY IMPAIRED STUDENTS."

Offered by: Senators Mizuguchi, Blair, Chang, Fernandes Salling, George, Herkes, Ikeda, Nakasato, Reed, Solomon, Tungpalan, Young.

Placed on the calendar for further consideration on Thursday, March 24, 1988.

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions (S.R. Nos. 95 to 97) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Senate
Resolution

No. 95 "SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR PRISONERS OF STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES."

Offered by: Senators Menor, Chang, Hagino, Herkes, Kobayashi, B., Matsuura, Mizuguchi, Reed, Yamasaki.

Referred to: Committee on Corrections.

No. 96 "SENATE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM PRIVATE CONSORTIUMS OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO SUBMIT FEASIBILITY STUDIES, WHICH WILL BE AT NO COST TO THE STATE, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FRANCHISED OR PRIVATIZATION MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM."

Offered by: Senators Wong, J., Chang, Cobb, Hagino, Herkes, Ikeda, Kobayashi, A., Matsuura, McMurdo, Mizuguchi, Nakasato, Reed, Solomon, Tungpalan, Young.

Referred to: Jointly to the Committee on Planning and Environment and the Committee on Transportation.

No. 97 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PLAN FOR AND TO IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE CENTER FOR SENSORY IMPAIRED STUDENTS."

Offered by: Senators Mizuguchi, Blair, Chang, Fernandes Salling, George, Herkes, Ikeda, Nakasato, Reed, Solomon, Tungpalan, Young.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE BILL

The President re-referred House Bill No. 3535, H.D. 1, to the Committee on Transportation.

RE-REFERRAL OF RESOLUTIONS

The President re-referred S.C.R. No. 80 and S.R. No. 88 jointly to the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and the Committee on Government Operations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:00 o'clock noon, on motion by Senator Blair, seconded by Senator A. Kobayashi and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Thursday, March 24, 1988.