FORTIETH DAY

Thursday, March 24, 1988

The Senate of the Fourteenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1988, convened at 11:39 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Capt. Thomas Ford of The Salvation Army, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Hee and Holt who were excused.

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

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

Senator J. Wong, on behalf of Senator Hee and himself, introduced members of the Koolau District Boy Scouts of America who were being honored for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Present on the Senate floor were: Thomas K. Adolpho, Kaleo W. Aki, Erik J. T. Anderson, Jonathan S. Bradshaw, Kaihaku C. Chun, Brendon T. Ishikawa, Frederick S. James, Michael Kwan, Jason H. Mashino, Albert K. Nihipali, Shaw M. K. Pukahi, Greg Y. Sato, Andrew G. Smith, Ty M. Takeno, Kevin P. Tsuji, Joseph A. Yamaoka and Travis T. Yara, accompanied by Mr. Craig Michelsen, district coordinator. In the gallery were seated some of the parents of the Eagle Scouts.

The honorees rose to be recognized and were presented the Senate certificate of recognition by Senator J. Wong and leis by various Senators.

Senator Tungpalan, on behalf of Senators Mizuguchi, Menor and herself, introduced the Boy Scouts of America, Aloha Council Troop 75, who were being honored for winning the first place trophy for scout competitions at its district "camporee." Present on the Senate floor were: Ryan Oshita, Teen 75 Program coordinator, Craig Uyehara, senior patrol leader, Loren Nakaoka, assistant senior patrol leader, Christopher Tateyama, scribe, and Brandon Yamamoto, quartermaster, accompanied by Mr. Jonathan Kaaukuu, scoutmaster, Mr. Manuel Oasay, assistant scoutmaster. Other members of the troop and parents were seated in the gallery.

The honorees rose to be recognized and were presented the Senate certificate of recognition by Senator Tungpalan and leis by various Senators.

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.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 421 to 423) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 421, transmitting House Concurrent Resolution No. 97, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on March 23, 1988, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 97, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE USE OF MOBILE HOMES," was referred to the Committee on Housing, Hawaiian Programs and Natural Resources.

Hse. Com. No. 422, returning Senate Bill No. 2036 which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 23, 1988, was placed on file.

Hse. Com. No. 423, returning Senate Bill No. 3310, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 23, 1988, in an amended form, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, action on S.B. No. 3310, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUNTING," was deferred until Monday, March 28, 1988.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following concurrent resolution (S.C.R. No. 89) was read by the Clerk and was referred to committee:

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 89 "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION."

Offered by: Senator Young.

Referred to: Committee on Public Utilities.

SENATE RESOLUTION

The following resolution (S.R. No. 98) was read by the Clerk and was referred to committee:

Senate Resolution

No. 98 "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION."

Offered by: Senator Young.

Referred to: Committee on Public Utilities, then to the Committee on Legislative Management.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Blair, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2445) recommending that Senate Resolution No. 26 be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

On motion by Senator Blair, seconded by Senator Young and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 26, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC INFORMATION," was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

Senator Blair, for the Committee on Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2446) recommending that Senate Resolution No. 24 be referred to the Committee on Legislative Management. On motion by Senator Blair, seconded by Senator Young and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 24, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION RELATING TO STATE ARCHIVES," was referred to the Committee on Legislative Management.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2441 (H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2441 was adopted and H.B. No. 1600, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL CARE PAYMENTS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hee, Holt, Solomon).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2442 (H.B. No. 225, H.D. 2, S.D. 2):

Senator Yamasaki moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2442 be adopted and H.B. No. 225, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, having been read throughout, pass Third Reading, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi.

Senator Tungpalan, in support of the measure, remarked:

"Mr. President, while it looks like it's a House bill, it really is in our province because the introducer now sits in the Senate. I want to thank all the members of the Senate, especially Senator Yamasaki and his committee, for hearing this bill and allocating funds to make it possible for our veterans to have a place to be buried after 1988. As you know, Punchbowl will not be able to continue burials after 1988 because of lack of space and the passage of this bill will make it possible for our veterans to have a proper burial service in Hawaii. Thank you."

Senator McMurdo, also in support of the measure, remarked:

"Mr. President, I would just like to add some words thanking everybody for this bill because the veterans have been just really terrified about this. They are going to be very, very happy to know that their families will never have to go to the mainland for burials in the future, and that's good. Thank you."

Senator Cobb, also in support of the measure, remarked:

"Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to speak briefly for the bill.

"We were faced with the situation where veterans from Hawaii would have to go to Riverside, California, to be buried if no action were taken. This situation has been known by the legislators for about a year and a half now. I'm delighted and grateful for the expeditious action in getting this bill moving so that our Hawaii veterans who number over 110,000 at the present time will be able to be buried right here in Hawaii without having to face the prospect of having their families go all the way to Riverside, California, which is the nearest national veterans cemetery site for internment. "I urge every member to vote 'aye' and I'd like to express my appreciation to the chairman of the respective committees and to the members of the Senate for their willingness to move this issue so quickly. Thank you."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2442 was adopted and H.B. No. 225, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A VETERANS CEMETERY," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hee, Holt, Solomon).

House Bill No. 501, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Yamasaki, seconded by Senator Mizuguchi and carried, H.B. No. 501, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATE BONDS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 22. Noes, none. Excused, 3 (Hee, Holt, Solomon).

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2444 (H.B. No. 461, S.D. 1):

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 2444 and H.B. No. 461, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES," was deferred until Monday, March 28, 1988.

REFERRAL OF RESOLUTIONS

The Chair made the following committee assignments of concurrent resolution and resolution that were offered on Wednesday, March 23, 1988:

Senate Concurrent Resolution Referred to: No. 88 Committee on Education

Senate Resolution Referred to:

No. 97 Committee on Education

At this time, Senator Aki, chairman of the Committee on Housing, Hawaiian Programs and Natural Resources, requested a waiver of the 48-hour Notice of a Public Hearing on H.B. No. 2083, H.B. No. 2085, H.B. No. 3560, H.B. No. 3561 and H.B. No. 3559, and the President granted the waiver.

At 11:58 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:59 o'clock a.m.

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., Monday, March 28, 1988.