

SIXTEENTH DAY

Friday, February 11, 1994

The Senate of the Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1994, convened at 11:37 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Father Marc Alexander, Our Lady of the Mount, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Fukunaga, Holt and Solomon who were excused.

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

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

Hse. Com. No. 9, transmitting H.B. No. 2334, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 10, 1994, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, H.B. No. 2334, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM," passed First Reading by title and was referred to the Committee on Tourism and Recreation.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Government Operations, Environmental Protection and Hawaiian Programs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1761) recommending that S.B. No. 2261, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be recommitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Environmental Protection and Hawaiian Programs.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2261, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Second Reading and was recommitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Environmental Protection and Hawaiian Programs.

Senator Chang, for the Committee on Government Operations, Environmental Protection and Hawaiian Programs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1762) recommending that S.B. No. 2262, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be recommitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Environmental Protection and Hawaiian Programs.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2262, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS," passed Second Reading and was recommitted to the Committee on Government Operations, Environmental Protection and Hawaiian Programs.

Senator B. Kobayashi, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1763) recommending that S.B. No. 2076, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2076, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH," passed Second

Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator B. Kobayashi, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1764) recommending that S.B. No. 2834 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2834, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator B. Kobayashi, for the Committee on Health, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1765) recommending that S.B. No. 2845 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2845, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senators B. Kobayashi and Levin, for the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1766) recommending that S.B. No. 2281, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 2281, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR RESPITE CARE SERVICES TO FAMILIES OF PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Ikeda, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1767) recommending that S.B. No. 2653, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 2653, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LIQUOR TAX LAW," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Monday, February 14, 1994.

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILL

The President re-referred the following Senate bill that was introduced:

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 3201	Committee on Consumer Protection

Senator Koki rose to speak on a point of personal privilege and stated:

"Mr. President, I rise on a point of personal privilege.

"Last week, a Pearl City High School student was arrested for carrying a 32-caliber semi-automatic handgun onto the school campus. This youth murdered a person when he was 15 years old, was let out when he was 19 and, six months later, brutally assaulted a security guard.

"Several weeks ago, constituents in my own district lost the use of the gymnasium at the Kaneohe District Park when a group of juveniles flooded the gym floor. The damage totalled over one hundred thousand dollars and hundreds of people are still being victimized by the senseless vandalism.

"Substantial reform is needed in the way our state deals with juvenile offenders. The light sentences given, for even the most serious crimes, send the wrong message. Youths who are inclined to be involved in criminal activity know that, if they are caught, they will only receive a slap on the wrist.

"I don't think most citizens realize that a juvenile under 16 who commits murder can be released after the age of 18, and when that individual is released, all records of wrongdoing are expunged, and he or she is returned to society as if nothing happened.

"Such light treatment of juvenile violators really doesn't help them get their lives straightened out. We are telling them and their parents that they are not going to pay a price for hurting other people.

"Serious crime must result in serious consequences. The youthfulness of the criminal should be a consideration, not an absolute excuse. My goal is not to destroy the lives of adolescents who commit crimes. My goal is to protect innocent victims whose lives may be destroyed by juvenile crime.

"Hawaii has been fortunate so far. Our juvenile crime problem has not reached the overwhelming proportions faced by many other mainland states. Let's not wait until it does.

"This session, I am proposing a juvenile crime package to address this problem. The measures I have introduced have already been adopted in many other states. I hope they will receive serious consideration this year.

"Thank you."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:49 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator Reed and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Monday, February 14, 1994.