

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Friday, April 22, 1994

The Senate of the Seventeenth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1994, convened at 11:42 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Brother Roy Machado, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Kalihi, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Aki, Fukunaga and Reed who were excused.

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

At 11:47 o'clock a.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 11:48 o'clock a.m.

Senator Tungpalan, on behalf of the Senate, honored slack key guitar artist, Sonny Chillingworth, for his contributions to Hawaiian music. Mr. Chillingworth, who could not be present due to a bout with cancer, was represented by his cousin, Myra English, who received a Senate certificate on behalf of Mr. Chillingworth and performed one of his favorite songs, "E Ho'omaukaukau Kokauwila Iwi," in his honor.

Senator Ikeda then introduced the winners and coach of the Math Counts Competition. The young men and their coach received Senate certificates and leis by various Senators.

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

The Senate reconvened at 12:04 o'clock p.m.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 385 and 386) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 385, dated April 13, 1994, transmitting the 1993 Annual Report prepared by the Office of Youth Services pursuant to Section 352D-6, HRS, and Act 151, Section 4, SLH 1991.

Gov. Msg. No. 386, informing the Senate that on April 20, 1994, he signed the following bills into law:

House Bill No. 1642 as Act 22, entitled: "RELATING TO THE FAMILY COURTS";

House Bill No. 2319 as Act 23, entitled: "RELATING TO PARENTAGE";

House Bill No. 3138 as Act 24, entitled: "RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT"; and

House Bill No. 3511 as Act 25, entitled: "RELATING TO HAWAII RULES OF EVIDENCE."

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 587 to 592) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Hse. Com. No. 587, informing the Senate that the Speaker on April 21, 1994, appointed Representative

Arakaki as an additional manager on the part of the House at the conference on S.B. No. 2615, S.D. 2 (H.D. 2).

Hse. Com. No. 588, informing the Senate that the Speaker on April 21, 1994, appointed Representative Pepper as an additional manager on the part of the House at the conference on S.B. No. 1249, S.D. 1 (H.D. 3).

Hse. Com. No. 589, informing the Senate that the Speaker on April 21, 1994, appointed Representative Pepper as an additional manager on the part of the House at the conference on H.B. No. 3212, H.D. 1 (S.D. 1).

Hse. Com. No. 590, informing the Senate that the Speaker on April 21, 1994, appointed Representative Cachola as an additional manager on the part of the House at the conference on H.B. No. 1317, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2).

Hse. Com. No. 591, informing the Senate that the House on April 21, 1994, reconsidered its action taken in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 2692, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2).

Hse. Com. No. 592, informing the Senate that the House on April 21, 1994, reconsidered its action in disagreeing to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 3329 (S.D. 1).

Senator Koki rose on a point of personal privilege as follows:

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

"Mr. President, I would like to commend the governor and the HGEA for working together to reopen the Bureau of Conveyances. Home ownership is the top priority of residents of Hawaii and it takes the lion's share of their budget.

"It is encouraging to see cooler heads prevail so that our citizens will not see their housing pursuits increase dramatically in cost or evaporate altogether.

"From the calls I have been getting, the emotional and mental health of many of our home buyers and sellers were in jeopardy. I am sure they are all relieved and grateful.

"I call on the lending institutions to do their share and not raise the interest rates during this week's delay.

"Again, I would like to commend the HGEA for the compassion and understanding that they have displayed in agreeing to open the Bureau of Conveyances. Thank you."

Senator Graulty then rose and said:

"Mr. President, this morning the Judiciary chairman of the House announced that the House would be agreeing to the amendments made by the Senate to H.B. 2312, the same-sex marriage bill. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for the work done on that particular bill. I would be remiss if I did not mention that Senator Iwase deserves the lion's share of the credit for the hard work he put in on the language of the bill, which he co-authored together with the LRB. Senator Koki was also very instrumental, at a time when it seemed that the bill was lost, in trying to get the bill revived. I also want to commend Senator Baker and Senator Kobayashi who were very helpful to me. I

appreciate very much the support they've given. All in all, I want to thank all the Senators for their support and encouragement. Despite the fact that the issue was so difficult, we managed to come up with consensus on the bill. I thank everyone very much.

"Thank you, Mr. President."

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

H.B. No. 1990, H.D. 1 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 1990, H.D. 1, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Chang, chairman, Grauly, Solomon, Reed as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

H.B. No. 759, H.D. 2 (S.D. 2):

In accordance with the disagreement of the House to the amendments proposed by the Senate to H.B. No. 759, H.D. 2, and the request for a conference on the subject matter thereof, the President appointed Senators Ikeda, chairman, Kanno, Tanaka, Holt, Koki as managers on the part of the Senate at such conference.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:12 o'clock p.m., on motion by Senator Chang, seconded by Senator George and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Monday, April 25, 1994.