

SIXTEENTH DAY

Thursday, February 11, 1999

The Senate of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 1999, convened at 11:34 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Mr. Gene Grounds, Christian Science Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Chumbley and Matsunaga, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 62) recommending that the Senate consent to the nomination of REYNALDO D. GRAULTY to the office of Judge, 17th Division, Circuit Court of the First Circuit, for a term of ten years, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 3, of the Hawaii State Constitution, and in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 131.

In accordance with Senate Rule 36(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 62 and Gov. Msg. No. 131 was deferred until Friday, February 12, 1999.

Senators Chumbley and Matsunaga, for the Committee on Judiciary, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 63) recommending that S.B. No. 1017 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1017, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTORY REVISION: AMENDING, REENACTING, OR REPEALING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES AND THE SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTING ERRORS AND REFERENCES, CLARIFYING LANGUAGE, AND DELETING OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Friday, February 12, 1999

Senator Kawamoto, for the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 64) recommending that S.B. No. 75, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 75, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR COUNTY OF KAUAI CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kawamoto, for the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 65) recommending that S.B. No. 1354, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1354, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR THE COUNTY OF HAWAII," passed

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

Senator Kawamoto, for the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 66) recommending that S.B. No. 1367, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1367, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SALT LAKE BOULEVARD WIDENING, OAHU," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Kawamoto, for the Committee on Transportation and Intergovernmental Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 67) recommending that S.B. No. 1379, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1379, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL ASSAULTS AND RELATED OFFENSES," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 68) recommending that S.B. No. 454, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 454, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LABELING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 69) recommending that S.B. No. 655, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 655, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE VISITOR ALOHA SOCIETY OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the majority of the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 70) recommending that S.B. No. 678 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 678, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR SPORTS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT, PROMOTION, AND MARKETING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 71) recommending that S.B. No. 809, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 809, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOATING," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 72) recommending that S.B. No. 1222, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1222, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 73) recommending that S.B. No. 1427 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1427, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 74) recommending that S.B. No. 1443 pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1443, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 75) recommending that S.B. No. 1454, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1454, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senator Inouye, for the Committee on Economic Development, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 76) recommending that S.B. No. 1503, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

On motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1503, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MICROENTERPRISES PROVIDED UNDER GRANTS TO NONPROFIT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS," passed Second Reading and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

S.B. No. 663, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Bunda and carried, S.B. No. 663, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Bunda and carried, S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL NUMBER PLATES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (M. Ige).

S.B. No. 676, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Kawamoto, seconded by Senator Bunda and carried, S.B. No. 676, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (M. Ige).

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILL

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

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 290, S.D. 1	Committee on Government Operations and Housing, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

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

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

"This afternoon, between 1:30 and 2:30, the Small Business Legislative Caucus will announce with the press and, hopefully, with members that there are six different strategic areas that we hope to work together on for this session. The six areas which we all are familiar with are: general excise tax pyramiding, workers' compensation as it regards to stress for personnel actions, corporate income tax reduction, privatization, tort reform, and re-inventing government. There are bills that we've identified, some of the bills at least, that deal with these areas.

"I'm hopeful that most, if not all of us, can agree with the direction that the Small Business Caucus has proposed, and that the bills that we've numbered which may not be inclusive of all the bills addressing those areas, but certainly are bills that do address those areas.

"I hope that all of you will be prepared to review them, if you haven't already, and then have an opportunity to sign in support of these six areas. That will be between 1:30 and 2:30 in the auditorium. If you are unable to make that, one of us will ask you for your support and, hopefully, we can work together on these issues, Mr. President.

"Thank you."

Senator Anderson also rose on a point of personal privilege and said:

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

"I'd like to point out, Mr. President, that the Governor this morning had some remarks that he made against the Senate. I

believe that regardless of how he feels, I think that whenever these resolutions that we have are beneficial for the people, it's unfair that the Governor should be taking advantage of a situation and saying things against the Senate and criticizing the Body as a whole and individual Senators.

"He did say that this was partisan and it's beginning to look that way, and I agree with him. We have two Senators here who happen to be Republicans, but I believe the partisanship isn't there. It's the people against government. That's where the partisanship is coming in, ladies and gentlemen. And I would hope that people would start to realize that the old days are gone. The partisanship and parties are no longer the issue here. It's how the people feel about government and the disrespect and the distrust.

"Thank you very much."

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Chun, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 12:00 o'clock noon, Friday, February 12, 1999.