

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

The Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2007, convened at 11:42 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Honorable Gordon Trimble, Hawaii State Senate, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present with the exception of Senators Bunda, Hemmings and Sakamoto who were excused.

The President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Twenty-Second Day.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 446 and 447) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 446, dated February 12, 2007, transmitting the Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Status Report for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, pursuant to Act 160, Sections 7.2 and 7.3, SLH 2006.

Gov. Msg. No. 447, informing the Senate that on February 20, 2007, she signed into law Senate Bill No. 25 as Act 1, entitled: "RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE."

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

Hse. Com. No. 18, transmitting H.B. No. 389, H.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on February 20, 2007, was read by the Clerk and was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, H.B. No. 389, H.D. 1, entitled: "RELATING TO ELECTIONS," passed First Reading by title and was deferred.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senators Kokubun and Fukunaga, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 631) recommending that S.B. No. 1035, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.B. No. 1035, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MAKAHIKI DAY COMMEMORATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 632) recommending that S.B. No. 1237, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1237, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 633) recommending that S.B. No. 1287, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1287, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 634) recommending that S.B. No. 1509, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) LANES," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 635) recommending that S.B. No. 1709, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1709, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOPEDS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Senators English and Menor, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a joint report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 636) recommending that S.B. No. 523, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 636 and S.B. No. 523, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION," was deferred until Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 637) recommending that S.B. No. 1047 pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.B. No. 1047, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAY SAFETY," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, March 1, 2007.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THIRD READING

**MATTER DEFERRED FROM
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

S.B. No. 1828:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, S.B. No. 1828, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION COMMISSION," was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

Senate Bill	Referred to:
No. 1793	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation
No. 1926	Committee on Ways and Means

The President made the following announcement:

"For the member's information, Senator Hooser has been appointed to the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing effective immediately. A revised list of Senate committee assignments will be distributed to all offices this afternoon and will be noted in the Journal."

The President having so ordered, the revised list of standing committees of the Senate, their respective chairs and members are as follows:

COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
 Senator David Y. Ige, Vice Chair
 Senator Will Espero
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
 Senator Norman Sakamoto
 Senator Sam Slom

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TAXATION

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Chair
 Senator Will Espero, Vice Chair
 Senator J. Kalani English
 Senator David Y. Ige
 Senator Sam Slom

EDUCATION

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
 Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
 Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland
 Senator Clayton Hee
 Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
 Brian T. Taniguchi
 Senator Mike Gabbard

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Ron Menor, Chair
 Senator Gary L. Hooser, Vice Chair
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr.
 Senator Russell S. Kokubun
 Senator Gordon Trimble

HEALTH

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
 Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
 Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
 Senator Ron Menor
 Senator Paul Whalen

HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
 Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
 Senator Gary L. Hooser
 Senator Norman Sakamoto
 Senator Fred Hemmings

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair
 Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
 Senator Fred Hemmings

JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
 Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Vice Chair
 Senator Lorraine R. Inouye
 Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
 Senator Mike Gabbard

PUBLIC SAFETY

Senator Will Espero, Chair
 Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
 Senator Norman Sakamoto
 Senator Paul Whalen

TOURISM AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
 Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
 Senator Shan S. Tsutsui
 Senator Gordon Trimble

TRANSPORTATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair
 Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
 Senator Will Espero
 Senator Gary L. Hooser
 Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
 Senator Shan S. Tsutsui
 Senator Mike Gabbard

WATER, LAND, AGRICULTURE AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Russell S. Kokubun, Chair
 Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
 Senator Carol Fukunaga
 Senator Clayton Hee
 Senator Sam Slom

WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
 Senator Shan S. Tsutsui, Vice Chair
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ADJOURNMENT

At 11:50 o'clock a.m., on motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o'clock a.m., Thursday, March 1, 2007.