

FORTY-THIRD DAY

Tuesday, April 3, 2007

The Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2007, convened at 11:39 o'clock a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by Pastor Chris Eng, Waiokoala Congregational Church, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

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

Senator Baker, on behalf of herself and Senators Tsutsui and English, recognized and congratulated the Maui Economic Development Board, Incorporated, on its 25th Anniversary and introduced the following individuals: Jeanne Unemori Skog, President; Leslie Wilkins, Vice President; Anders Lyons, board member; Mike Maberry, board member; Saedene Ota, board member; and Lynn Fujioka, Oahu Program Manager.

At 11:53 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following messages from the Governor (Gov. Msg. Nos. 723 to 725) were read by the Clerk and were placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 723, letter dated March 30, 2007, transmitting proposed changes to the General Appropriations Act of 2007 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Forestry – Products Development.

Gov. Msg. No. 724, dated March 22, 2007, transmitting the Department of Taxation's Hawaii Income Patterns Individuals 2004 Report.

Gov. Msg. No. 725, dated March 28, 2007, transmitting the Commission on Salaries Report and Recommendations to the 2007 Legislature, pursuant to Act 299, SLH 2006.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications from the House (Hse. Com. Nos. 495 to 512) were read by the Clerk and were disposed of as follows:

Hse. Com. No. 495, returning S.B. No. 46, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 46, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 496, returning S.B. No. 149, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 149, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 497, returning S.B. No. 228, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 228, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 498, returning S.B. No. 755, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 755, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 499, returning S.B. No. 1011, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1011, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 500, returning S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1370, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 501, returning S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1509, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 502, returning S.B. No. 1750, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1750, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 503, returning S.B. No. 1954, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1954, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 504, returning S.B. No. 1957, S.D. 1, which passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, in an amended form, was placed on file.

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate disagreed to the amendments proposed by the House to S.B. No. 1957, S.D. 1, and requested a conference on the subject matter thereof.

Hse. Com. No. 505, transmitting H.C.R. No. 106, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 106, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PLAN TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE VISION AND HEARING EXAMINATIONS," was referred jointly to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Health.

Hse. Com. No. 506, transmitting H.C.R. No. 141, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 141, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE LOWER DRUG PRICES ON BEHALF OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES," was referred jointly to the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Hse. Com. No. 507, transmitting H.C.R. No. 170, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 170, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO EFFECTIVELY PROTECT THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN HAWAII," was referred to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs.

Hse. Com. No. 508, transmitting H.C.R. No. 190, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 190, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 1287 AND S. 671 RELATING TO FILIPINO FAMILY REUNIFICATION, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION, TO PROVIDE PRIORITY ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO FILIPINO VETERANS' CHILDREN WITH APPROVED IMMIGRATION PETITIONS," was referred jointly to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs.

Hse. Com. No. 509, transmitting H.C.R. No. 217, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 217, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE PRESIDENT AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO INCREASE, FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFICIARIES, THE LEVELS OF PROVISIONAL INCOME, WHICH INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FEDERAL

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE GRANTED TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN HAWAII," was referred jointly to the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Hse. Com. No. 510, transmitting H.C.R. No. 231, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 231, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING THE INSPECTION OF PLANTS AND PRODUCTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO PREVENT INVASIVE SPECIES FROM ENTERING THE STATE," was referred jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Energy and Environment.

Hse. Com. No. 511, transmitting H.C.R. No. 266, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 266, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO COLLABORATE WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEVELOP A TREE CROP INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR TREE FARMS IN HAWAII," was referred jointly to the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs and the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs.

Hse. Com. No. 512, transmitting H.C.R. No. 296, H.D. 1, which was adopted by the House of Representatives on April 2, 2007, was placed on file.

By unanimous consent, H.C.R. No. 296, H.D. 1, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AT LEAST ONE CIVIC STANDARD AT EVERY GRADE LEVEL FROM K-12 THAT INTEGRATES SERVICE LEARNING AND EXPECTS STUDENTS TO ENGAGE, PARTICIPATE, AND BECOME ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES," was referred to the Committee on Education.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1436) recommending that H.B. No. 1902, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1436 and H.B. No. 1902, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST UTILITIES SERVING THE GENERAL PUBLIC," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1437) recommending that H.B. No. 92, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1437 and H.B. No. 92, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE GENERAL EXCISE TAX," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1438) recommending that H.B. No. 14, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1438 and H.B. No. 14, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1439) recommending that H.B. No. 13, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1439 and H.B. No. 13, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1440) recommending that H.B. No. 429, H.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1440 and H.B. No. 429, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SACRED HEARTS ACADEMY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1441) recommending that H.B. No. 334, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1441 and H.B. No. 334, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SOPOGY INC., IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1442) recommending that H.B. No. 870, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1442 and H.B. No. 870, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST SEAWATER AIR CONDITIONING PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND OF OAHU," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1443) recommending that H.B. No. 899, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1443 and H.B. No. 899, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INTEGRATED STRATEGIES FOR STATEWIDE FOOD AND ENERGY CROP PRODUCTION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1444) recommending that H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1444 and H.B. No. 506, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ETHANOL," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1445) recommending that H.B. No. 1411, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1445 and H.B. No. 1411, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONFORMITY OF THE HAWAII INCOME TAX LAW TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1446) recommending that H.B. No. 1414, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1446 and H.B. No. 1414, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION COUNTY SURCHARGE IMPLEMENTATION COSTS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1447) recommending that H.B. No. 831, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1447 and H.B. No. 831, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VETERAN BURIAL GRANTS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1448) recommending that H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1448 and H.B. No. 1120, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1449) recommending that H.B. No. 1368, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1449 and H.B. No. 1368, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL FACILITIES SPECIAL FUND," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1450) recommending that H.B. No. 1007 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1450 and H.B. No. 1007, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1451) recommending that H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1451 and H.B. No. 1364, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1452) recommending that H.B. No. 1400 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1452 and H.B. No. 1400, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1453) recommending that H.B. No. 692, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1453 and H.B. No. 692, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1454) recommending that H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1454 and H.B. No. 1334, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING FEES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1455) recommending that H.B. No. 1014, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1455 and H.B. No. 1014, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1456) recommending that H.B. No. 504 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1456 and H.B. No. 504, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR LE JARDIN ACADEMY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1457) recommending that H.B. No. 338, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1457 and H.B. No. 338, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1458) recommending that H.B. No. 1361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1458 and H.B. No. 1361, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1459) recommending that H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1459 and H.B. No. 1907, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS TO ASSIST NOT-FOR-PROFIT

CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1460) recommending that H.B. No. 421, H.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1460 and H.B. No. 421, H.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SHORT TERM INVESTMENT OF COUNTY MONEYS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1461) recommending that H.B. No. 1294 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1461 and H.B. No. 1294, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1462) recommending that H.B. No. 1287 pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1462 and H.B. No. 1287, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO UNCLAIMED PROPERTY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1463) recommending that H.B. No. 1353, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1463 and H.B. No. 1353, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT, 1920, AS AMENDED," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1464) recommending that S.C.R. No. 65 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1464 and S.C.R. No. 65, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO HONOR JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī BY DECLARING AUGUST 3, 2007, AS JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī DAY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1465) recommending that S.R. No. 39 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1465 and S.R. No. 39, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR TO HONOR JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī BY DECLARING AUGUST 3, 2007, AS JOHN PAPA 'Ī'Ī DAY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Nishihara, for the Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1466) recommending that S.C.R. No. 60 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1466 and S.C.R. No. 60, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE NAME 'MOKOLI'I ISLET' AND DISCOURAGE THE USE OF ITS

POPULAR NAME 'CHINAMAN'S HAT,'" was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Nishihara, for the Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1467) recommending that S.R. No. 36 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1467 and S.R. No. 36, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THE NAME 'MOKOLI'I ISLET' AND DISCOURAGE THE USE OF ITS POPULAR NAME 'CHINAMAN'S HAT,'" was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Fukunaga, for the Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1468) recommending that S.C.R. No. 62, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1468 and S.C.R. No. 62, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF HOW OTHER STATES AND JURISDICTIONS ENSURE THAT WARRANTIES AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS ARE EITHER EXEMPTED FROM PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAXES OR TAXED AT THE WHOLESALE RATE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1469) recommending that S.C.R. No. 155, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1469 and S.C.R. No. 155, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A KAPAA QUARRY ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DEVELOP AND RECOMMEND TRAFFIC SAFETY MEASURES FOR KAPAA QUARRY ROAD IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE DANGEROUS ROAD CONDITIONS AND REDUCE HAZARDOUS DRIVING PRACTICES," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1470) recommending that H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1470 and H.B. No. 1529, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1471) recommending that H.B. No. 1289, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 3, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1471 and H.B. No. 1289, H.D. 2, S.D. 3, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1472) recommending that H.B. No. 567, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1472 and H.B. No. 567, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR SPORTS FACILITY," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1473) recommending that H.B. No. 1403, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1473 and H.B. No. 1403, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1474) recommending that H.B. No. 869, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1474 and H.B. No. 869, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A STUDY ON ENERGY EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1475) recommending that H.B. No. 18, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1475 and H.B. No. 18, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1476) recommending that H.B. No. 15, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1476 and H.B. No. 15, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1477) recommending that H.B. No. 1372, H.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1477 and H.B. No. 1372, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1478) recommending that H.B. No. 1477, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1478 and H.B. No. 1477, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRAINING," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1479) recommending that H.B. No. 149, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1479 and H.B. No. 149, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1480) recommending that H.B. No. 575, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1480 and H.B. No. 575, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCIES," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1481) recommending that H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 2, as amended in S.D. 1, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1481 and H.B. No. 1005, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the majority of the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1482) recommending that H.B. No. 24, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1482 and H.B. No. 24, H.D. 1, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHERS," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1483) recommending that H.B. No. 767, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended in S.D. 2, pass Third Reading.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1483 and H.B. No. 767, H.D. 2, S.D. 2, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE RUNNING START PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION," was deferred until Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Menor, for the Committee on Energy and Environment, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1484) recommending that H.B. No. 1376 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 H.B. No. 1376, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PETROLEUM-CONTAMINATED SOIL," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1485) recommending that H.B. No. 1225 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 H.B. No. 1225, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO

SALARY PAYMENTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Nishihara, for the Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1486) recommending that H.B. No. 345 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 H.B. No. 345, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOLIDAYS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1487) recommending that H.B. No. 1207, 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 H.B. No. 1207, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DISHONORED PAYMENTS," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1488) recommending that H.B. No. 513, 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 H.B. No. 513, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GRANTS-IN-AID," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1489) recommending that H.B. No. 1931, 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 H.B. No. 1931, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR PROJECTS ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Nishihara, for the Committee on Tourism and Government Operations, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1490) recommending that H.B. No. 1103, 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 H.B. No. 1103, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ASIAN LUNAR NEW YEAR COMMEMORATION," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator Baker, for the Committee on Ways and Means, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1491) recommending that H.B. No. 1227, H.D. 1, 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 H.B. No.

1227, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR RISK MANAGEMENT," passed Second Reading and was placed on the calendar for Third Reading on Thursday, April 5, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1492) recommending that S.C.R. No. 138 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1492 and S.C.R. No. 138, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT XERISCAPING TO DECORATE ROADWAYS, MEDIAL STRIPS, ROUNDABOUTS AND OTHER AREAS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1493) recommending that S.R. No. 92 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1493 and S.R. No. 92, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT XERISCAPING TO DECORATE ROADWAYS, MEDIAL STRIPS, ROUNDABOUTS AND OTHER AREAS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the majority of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1494) recommending that S.C.R. No. 89 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1494 and S.C.R. No. 89, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS NATION-BUILDING PLAN, HO'OU LU LĀHUI ALOHA, TO RAISE A BELOVED NATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the majority of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1495) recommending that S.R. No. 53 be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1495 and S.R. No. 53, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS NATION-BUILDING PLAN, HO'OU LU LĀHUI ALOHA, TO RAISE A BELOVED NATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1496) recommending that S.C.R. No. 102, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1496 and S.C.R. No. 102, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY LABELING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE USE OF HAWAII-GROWN COFFEE NAMES AND STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO INSPECTION, CERTIFICATION, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR HAWAII-GROWN COFFEE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1497) recommending that S.R. No. 62, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1497 and S.R. No. 62, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY LABELING REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE USE OF HAWAII-GROWN COFFEE NAMES AND STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO INSPECTION, CERTIFICATION, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR HAWAII-GROWN COFFEE," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1498) recommending that S.C.R. No. 103, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1498 and S.C.R. No. 103, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE INCENTIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1499) recommending that S.R. No. 63, as amended in S.D. 1, be adopted.

By unanimous consent, action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1499 and S.R. No. 63, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE INCENTIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1500) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CAROL H. MCNAMEE to the State Highway Safety Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 351.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1500 and Gov. Msg. No. 351 was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator English, for the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1501) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of MARIE H. WEITE to the State Highway Safety Council, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 352.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1501 and Gov. Msg. No. 352 was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1502) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Hawaiian Homes Commission of the following:

DONALD S.M. CHANG, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 340; and

TRISH K. MORIKAWA, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 341;

PERRY O. ARTATES, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 519.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1502 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 340, 341 and 519 was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

Senator Kokubun, for the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, presented a report (Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1503) recommending that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council of the following:

DAVID A. KRUPP PHD, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 357;

BONNIE K. KAHAPEA-TANNER, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 470;

ANGELA HI'ILEI KAWELO, in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 471; and

ARTHUR B. MACHADO JR., in accordance with Gov. Msg. No. 472.

In accordance with Senate Rule 37(6), action on Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1503 and Gov. Msg. Nos. 357, 470, 471 and 472 was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

ORDER OF THE DAY

ADVISE AND CONSENT

MATTER DEFERRED FROM MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1367 (Gov. Msg. No. 278):

Senator Fukunaga moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1367 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Baker and carried.

Senator Fukunaga then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of KURT K. KAWAFUCHI as Director of the Department of Taxation, term to expire December 6, 2010, seconded by Senator Baker.

Senator Fukunaga rose in support of the nominee as follows:

"Madam President, I rise to speak in support of the reappointment of Kurt Kawafuchi as Director of Taxation.

"It's especially gratifying to vote on this governor's message today as we celebrate Science and Technology Day in the Capitol, since Mr. Kawafuchi has played a pivotal role in helping these tech businesses grow and expand Hawaii's economic future. He has served as Director of Taxation since February 2003 and is responsible for all aspects of tax administration including audits, collections, criminal tax investigations, legislation, administrative guidance, operations, taxpayer services, and research and planning. He has brought to this job a strong tax background both in government and in the private sector. He supervised the tax division in the Department of the Attorney General before Governor Lingle appointed him to this position and he has extensive experience as a tax

attorney with two Hawaii law firms. He has also served as a trial attorney with the tax division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

"Mr. Kawafuchi has an LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center, and a J.D. and M.B.A. from Santa Clara University. Not only is he licensed to practice as an attorney, but he is also a certified public accountant in both Hawaii and California and serves as a Certified Specialist in Taxation Law in California.

"In our joint hearing with members of the Committees on Economic Development and Taxation and Ways and Means, we received testimony in strong support of Kurt's professional qualifications from dozens of Hawaii tax practitioners. They stressed his commitment, his integrity, and his willingness to work with them in implementing new or revised tax law provisions. We also heard many favorable comments from former and current employees about his role as a mentor, educator, and 'cheerleader' for staff who work under stressful conditions with an often unhappy taxpaying public.

"I might add that Kurt recently provided me and our Senate Majority Tax Consultant, Rick Kahle, with a personal tour of his department. We began in the mailroom where we saw literally tons of paper being manually handled in an effort to keep up with tax filing deadlines this month. If I was not a proponent of electronic filing before, I certainly am now, and I hope that my colleagues will embrace technology to this extent.

"While Senator Baker and I may not always agree with Kurt on some of the tax policies that he advocates, we do commend him for his accessibility and his commitment to the collaborative process of crafting tax laws for the benefit of all Hawaii taxpayers.

"Madam President, I urge my colleagues to advise and consent to the reappointment of Kurt Kawafuchi as our Tax Director. Thank you."

Senator Baker rose to speak in support of the nomination and said:

"Madam President, I, too, rise in support of this nominee.

"As a taxman he's certainly not your typical, gruff, unapproachable, hard-to-get-along-with individual. He is eminently qualified to continue in this position as well as an individual who really takes his customers to heart and tries very much to make tax policy human, understandable, and easy to implement.

"I wanted to let him know that my dad was one of those tax assessor/collectors and it seems that for a select few, they do have compassion, a caring heart, and a jovial personality.

"For all of those reasons, in addition to his high degree of intelligence and commitment and training in this area, I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting him. Thank you."

Senator Slom rose in support and stated:

"Madam President, as a member of the EDT Committee and on behalf of the Minority, I, too, rise in very strong support of Gov. Msg. No. 278.

"As the two Chairs just attested, not only does the nominee have the background, the experience, not only is he able to communicate effectively to solve problems that have long been standing, but he does a wonderful job of supporting his employees and his department. That's why in his spare time we

know that he'll be able to take over the Department of Public Safety as well and take care of those duties. (Laughter.)

"I never thought I would stand, Madam President, and say how can you love the taxman, but this man is truly lovable. He's like the energizer bunny – he keeps going, and going, and going. He works hard. He is the perfect example for the work ethic. He instills that in his department and in customer service as the good Chair of Ways and Means said.

"It is a thankless job but he has gotten kudos and he's gotten unanimous support because of the way he conducts himself. He is a humble man. He is a responsible man. He is a creative man, and he goes the extra mile. There is the running joke that he gives out his personal cell phone number and people use it at all hours of the day and night, on holidays and everything else.

"I understand that the good Tax Director will soon engage in nuptials, having completed the audit of his fiancé so that will go through. And we're just wondering whether she will agree to allow him to continue to be the man of the people and to answer all of the questions that we have.

"He has been a real inspiration. But more than that, he has been very effective. He has closed the gaps for revenue loss within the state. He has modernized the technology, and he is always open to new ideas. His accessibility, I think, amazes and confounds all of us. We are truly grateful to have an individual like this in public service, so I, too, urge all my colleagues to support Kurt Kawafuchi.

"Thank you, Madam President."

Senator Gabbard rose to support the nominee as follows:

"Madam President, I rise in support of the nomination of Mr. Kawafuchi.

"I've been especially impressed, colleagues, with Mr. Kawafuchi's leadership in collecting taxes that are owed to the state. Just this last year the state brought in an additional \$263 million through the efforts of his department. So I'm hopeful that Mr. Kawafuchi will continue using innovative ways to make sure that Hawaii's citizens and businesses pay their fair share of taxes.

"Thank you very much, Madam President."

Senator Ige rose in support and said:

"Madam President, I also rise to speak in support of the nominee.

"I just wanted to add on a personal note. For all of the times that Senator Fukunaga and Senator Baker and I beat up on the tax department to get more and more information, the thing that always impressed me about Mr. Kawafuchi is he always stood up for his staff and the people working for him and always pushed back on us to make sure that we either provided for them or allowed some additional time so that they could do their work in a professional manner. That always reflected well on him. Thank you."

Senator Kim rose to support the nominee as follows:

"Madam President, I, too, rise in support of Mr. Kawafuchi.

"I just have to say that he is one of the few directors that live in my district in Kalihi, and that's why he is so humble. (Laughter.) So I urge everyone to support him.

"Thank you."

Senator Taniguchi rose in support of the nominee and said:

"Madam President, I rise in support.

"I guess I just wanted to add my support to Kurt. He is very accessible. He's worked hard. He's supportive of his staff, and I think he's always trying to work on solutions to problems that we face. In the four years in my previous Chairmanship, I will always remember the day he first came in to be confirmed. It was, I think, in the high 50s in the Ways and Means conference room, but Kurt was sweating profusely and everybody else had frostbite. (Laughter.) I'll always remember that, and again, I urge the members to support his nomination."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 24. Noes, none. Excused, 1 (Tsutsui).

At this time, Senator Fukunaga introduced Mr. Kawafuchi and his family to the members of the Senate.

At 12:12 o'clock p.m., the Senate stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 12:20 o'clock p.m.

ADVISE AND CONSENT

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1431 (Gov. Msg. No. 524):

Senator Fukunaga moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1431 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Espero and carried.

Senator Fukunaga then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of CAROLEE K. ARICAYOS to the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission, term to expire June 30, 2011, seconded by Senator Espero.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1432 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 481, 482 and 499):

Senator Fukunaga moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1432 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Espero and carried.

Senator Fukunaga then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations of the following:

ALBERT WARREN STIGLMEIER to the Board of Taxation Review, 4th Taxation District (Kaua'i), term to expire June 30, 2011 (Gov. Msg. No. 481);

MANOJ P. SAMARANAYAKE CPA to the Board of Taxation Review, 1st Taxation District (Oahu), term to expire June 30, 2011 (Gov. Msg. No. 482); and

CAROL P. WEIR to the Board of Taxation Review, 3rd Taxation District (Hawai'i), term to expire June 30, 2011 (Gov. Msg. No. 499),

seconded by Senator Espero.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1433 (Gov. Msg. No. 329):

Senator Ige moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1433 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Ige then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of DANIEL J. VARGAS to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, term to expire June 30, 2011, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1434 (Gov. Msg. No. 342):

Senator Ige moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1434 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Ige then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of PAULA A. Y. ARCENA to the Board of Health, term to expire June 30, 2011, seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1435 (Gov. Msg. Nos. 346 and 347):

Senator Ige moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1435 be received and placed on file, seconded by Senator Fukunaga and carried.

Senator Ige then moved that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation of the following:

ANDREW DON MD, term to expire June 30, 2011 (Gov. Msg. No. 346); and

ROSANNE C. HARRIGAN EDD, term to expire June 30, 2011 (Gov. Msg. No. 347),

seconded by Senator Fukunaga.

The motion was put by the Chair and carried on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1410 (S.C.R. No. 56, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 56, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII

EDUCATIONAL POLICY CENTER TO REPORT ON THE RETENTION AND CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1411 (S.R. No. 32, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 32, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII EDUCATIONAL POLICY CENTER TO REPORT ON THE RETENTION AND CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1412 (S.C.R. No. 95, S.D. 1):

Senator Ige moved that Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1412 and S.C.R. No. 95, S.D. 1, be adopted, seconded by Senator Whalen.

Senator Hemmings rose in opposition to the resolution as follows:

"Madam President, I rise to speak against S.C.R. No. 95.

"I think it's very important to recognize the sincere attempt of this resolution to preserve a culturally sensitive crop here in Hawaii. But I wonder if we really think it through, if we're really doing the right thing for protecting the crop, protecting taro, the Hawaiian variety, and protecting the future welfare of taro in the State of Hawaii. I would suggest that we genetically modify all forms of life through something called evolution. In many times when modern science can step in and enhance the process to the betterment of all, it might make sense, in this particular case, that the genetically modified taro would preserve this native plant for future use rather than have it be destroyed because of blight or unknown biological problems it may face in the future.

"We know, for instance, that races with small gene pools oftentimes are subject to terrible problems because of their lack of genetic diversity. Genetic diversity is the hallmark of strength in an ever-changing genetic world, and gene modification through science is leading to untold benefits for the poor, the wretched, the disease laden peoples of the world. I might suggest that in the future, taro that has been genetically modified may stand a chance to survive in Hawaii from the blight that, for instance, has destroyed papayas and other crops that otherwise would have been thriving more prolifically here.

"So with all good intent of this legislation, I suggest it may do just the opposite of what it's intended to do, and I would further suggest that we should certainly keep an open mind and look to see if we can marry the great traditions of the past culturally with the great opportunities of the scientific future to see if we can get the best of both worlds. This does not, so I would urge my colleagues to give it a second thought and vote 'no.'

"Thank you, Madam President."

Senator Kokubun rose in support of the measure and said:

"Madam President, I stand in support of this measure, specifically S.C.R. No. 95.

"I want to point out that in the committee report certain amendments were made to this measure. Specifically, it does provide for the continuing research through genetic modification on non-Hawaiian varieties of taro. I think

currently the experimentation is going on with Chinese taro. So this resolution does provide an opportunity for the university to continue that work. It also just really asks the university to refrain from doing any sort of GMO work on just the Hawaiian varieties of taro.

"I would also like to point out to the members that we have a subsequent Senate concurrent resolution No. 206 that also talks about requesting the Department of Agriculture to develop a taro security and purity research program. This really stemmed from input from the Department of Agriculture that said what we really need to do is prevent any sort of disease from coming into Hawaii that would negatively affect our taro production.

"So I think putting these two measures together really gives us the best safeguard in trying to protect not only our native Hawaiian taros, but our taro industry in general.

"Thank you, Madam President."

The motion was put by the Chair and carried, the joint report of the majority of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 95, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COLLEGE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE AND HUMAN RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE HAWAII AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTER TO REFRAIN FROM DEVELOPING, TESTING, PROPAGATING, CULTIVATING, RAISING, OR GROWING GENETICALLY MODIFIED TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN TARO VARIETIES IN THE STATE OR CONDUCTING ANY TYPE OF RESEARCH THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT TRADITIONAL HAWAIIAN TARO VARIETIES," was adopted with Senators Hemmings, Sлом, Trimble and Whalen voting "No."

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1413 (S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 78, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT ON CURRENT INITIATIVES AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR FUTURE AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1414 (S.R. No. 45, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 45, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REPORT ON CURRENT INITIATIVES AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR FUTURE AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1415 (S.C.R. No. 67):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 67, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE P-20 COUNCIL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REPORT ON EARLY COLLEGE AWARENESS PROGRAMS FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1416 (S.C.R. No. 166):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 166, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TEMPORARY LOCATION FOR THE MANOA PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE COMMUNITY AND STUDENTS DURING THE LIBRARY'S TWO-YEAR CLOSURE," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1417 (S.C.R. No. 79):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 79, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REPORT ON THE LINKING OF FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUAL CAMPUSES WITH PERFORMANCE GOALS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1418 (S.R. No. 46):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 46, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REPORT ON THE LINKING OF FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUAL CAMPUSES WITH PERFORMANCE GOALS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1419 (S.C.R. No. 73, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 73, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SUBMIT A REPORT WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THE SALARIES OF UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1420 (S.C.R. No. 23):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 23, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING EACH COUNTY TO EXAMINE ITS CURRENT ZONING LAWS, BUILDING CODES, AND SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS AND ELIMINATE ENCUMBRANCES TO FAMILY CAREGIVING AND AGING IN PLACE," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1421 (S.C.R. No. 69):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 69, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO REMOVE DESIGNATED BUILDINGS AT KALIHI VALLEY HOMES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1422 (S.R. No. 42):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.R. No. 42, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO REMOVE DESIGNATED BUILDINGS AT KALIHI VALLEY HOMES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1423 (S.C.R. No. 10):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the joint report of the Committees was adopted and S.C.R. No. 10, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE JUDICIARY TO IMPLEMENT A PILOT FAMILY COURT PARENTING PLAN MODEL PROGRAM IN THE FIRST CIRCUIT FAMILY COURT," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1424 (S.C.R. No. 21):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 21, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CHILDCARE AND ELDERCARE COMMUNITIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN BY SUPPORTING POLICIES AND SERVICES THAT ARE CONDUCIVE TO THAT FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1425 (S.R. No. 9):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 9, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE CHILDCARE AND ELDERCARE COMMUNITIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN BY SUPPORTING POLICIES AND SERVICES THAT ARE CONDUCIVE TO THAT FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1426 (H.C.R. No. 25):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and H.C.R. No. 25, entitled: "HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE CHILDCARE AND ELDERCARE COMMUNITIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN BY SUPPORTING POLICIES AND SERVICES THAT ARE CONDUCIVE TO THAT FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1427 (S.C.R. No. 3, S.D. 1):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 3, S.D. 1, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RATE STRUCTURES OF PRIVATE ENTITIES THAT FURNISH WATER USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1428 (S.C.R. No. 206):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 206, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DEVELOP A TARO SECURITY AND PURITY RESEARCH PROGRAM," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1429 (S.C.R. No. 192):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.C.R. No. 192, entitled: "SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO EFFECTIVELY PROTECT THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN HAWAII," was adopted.

Stand. Com. Rep. No. 1430 (S.R. No. 122):

On motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the report of the Committee was adopted and S.R. No. 122, entitled: "SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO EFFECTIVELY PROTECT THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY IN HAWAII," was adopted.

THIRD READING

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007

H.B. No. 17, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

By unanimous consent, action on H.B. No. 17, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

H.B. No. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

By unanimous consent, action on H.B. No. 987, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE OFFICERS," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

H.B. No. 1153, S.D. 1:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, H.B. No. 1153, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRECURSORS TO THE MANUFACTURE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

H.B. No. 1157:

On motion by Senator Hee, seconded by Senator Kokubun and carried, H.B. No. 1157, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO DANGEROUS DRUGS," having been read throughout, passed Third Reading on the following showing of Ayes and Noes:

Ayes, 25. Noes, none.

THIRD READING

H.B. No. 1358, H.D. 1, S.D. 1:

By unanimous consent, action on H.B. No. 1358, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled: "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE HAWAII YOUTH CORRECTIONAL FACILITY," was deferred until Wednesday, April 4, 2007.

RE-REFERRAL OF A HOUSE BILL

The Chair re-referred the following House bill that was received:

House Bill Referred to:

No. 257 Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture
and Hawaiian Affairs

**RE-REFERRAL OF
SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

The Chair re-referred the following Senate resolutions that were offered:

Senate Resolution	Referred to:
No. 106	Committee on Judiciary and Labor
No. 107	Jointly to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Senator Inouye, Chair of the Committee on Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for S.C.R. No. 154 and S.R. No. 107.

Senator Inouye noted:

“Madam President, these measures request the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs and the House of Representatives Committee on Transportation to convene a joint hearing with the participation of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu to consider the likely impacts on traffic by the proposed Turtle Bay Resort expansion and mitigative measures that may be required by the expansion.”

The Chair then granted the waiver.

Senator Taniguchi, Chair of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. Nos. 116 and 1456.

Senator Taniguchi noted:

“Madam President, we received a request from our colleagues in the House if we could proceed to have bills into Conference on these matters.”

The Chair then granted the waiver.

Senator Kokubun, Chair of the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, requested a waiver of the notice requirement pursuant to Senate Rule 21 for H.B. No. 257.

Senator Kokubun noted:

“Madam President, the reason for the waiver is because we are approaching the deadline for passage of bills on Third Reading and the amendment that’s going to be proposed for this measure will include a Majority package measure regarding sustainable communities.”

The Chair then granted the waiver.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 o’clock p.m., on motion by Senator Ige, seconded by Senator Whalen and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 o’clock a.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2007.